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Social and Civic Mobilisation for Climate Action

Message from the Guest Editors

To implement energy transition, effective climate protection and the European Green Deal (EGD), in addition to changes in technology and financial investments in renewable energy, social commitment and behaviour change are needed at the civic level. Without social dialogue, the participation of civic initiatives and the involvement of local grassroots movements, the implementation of EGD will face many barriers. Creating a new green deal must be of a more civic, bottom-up nature. Climate action is based on horizontal social structures. Therefore, it is particularly important to analyse interactions between climate movements and the implemented energy and climate policy. It is also vital to explore how climate protection demands are translated into the social practices of people and communities in their everyday lives. Effective actions for climate cannot take place without a democratic green wave spreading in the public sphere, without social network structures linking the local and global levels, and without a strong embedding of climate protection in civil society.

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