

## Berlin Seminar

on Energy, Climate Policy and Sustainable Finance

### On the road to net zero: Enhancing transition risk assessment with bank transition plans

Tuesday, 20 May 2025 | 12:00–14:00 (CET) | Ostrom–Saal (First Floor), DIW Berlin  
und via Microsoft Teams

Bank transition plans (TPs) outline the institution's resilience and readiness for a sustainable, climate-resilient economy. Globally, they are becoming an essential tool for financial institutions, regulators, and policymakers to assess and manage climate-related risks and opportunities. The EU 2024 Capital Requirement Directive 6 requires banks to develop transition plans for prudential (financial stability) purposes and mandates prudential supervisors to assess these. The European Banking Authority (EBA) recently published guidelines to help banks structure these transition plans. Together with experts from finance, policy, and academia, we will discuss the gaps in evaluating governance, risk management, and long-term financial resilience in relation to transition and physical climate change risks, as well as which regulatory frameworks are needed to effectively integrate TPs into prudential oversight.

### Registration & attendance

The event takes place as hybrid event at DIW and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Registration for on site participation via this [form](#) until 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

Registration for virtual participation via this [form](#).

### Venue

DIW Berlin, Elinor–Ostrom–Saal (1<sup>st</sup> floor) and virtually via Teams

Mohrenstraße 58 10117 Berlin

## Program

- 12:00–12:30      Networking & Snack
- 12:30–12:50      **How to integrate bank transition plans into supervisory processes? Presentation of forthcoming CETEx report<sup>1</sup>**  
*Agnieszka Smoleńska* (Senior Policy Fellow) & *Ira Poensgen* (Policy Fellow) at the Centre for Economic Transition Expertise (CETEx), Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics (LSE)
- 12:50 – 14:00      **Q&A and panel discussion with experts from politics, the financial sector, and academia**  
Speakers above as well as *Lavinia Bauerochse*, Global Head of Sustainable Finance at Deutsche Bank, *Stefan Nießner*, Head of Section “Sustainability in Banking Supervision” at Deutsche Bundesbank, *Katharina Beck*, Member of the German Parliament and Spokesperson on Financial Policy for the Green Parliamentary Group, *Beate Hollweg*, Senior Expert Sustainable Finance at the German Environment Agency

## About the event series

The **Berlin Seminar on Energy, Climate Policy & Sustainable Finance** is a seminar series at the intersection of the energy sector, climate policy and finance. The series aims at supporting decision-makers in the public and private sector to better understand the relationships between these areas, to identify current and future challenges and to develop solutions for the transition to climate neutrality. The event series is aimed at representatives from science, politics and business.

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<sup>1</sup> See also background information on page 3.

## Background information on the CETEx report

Bank transition plans (TPs) are increasingly recognised as essential tools for financial institutions addressing climate-related risks and opportunities. These plans facilitate strategic responses to climate challenges by guiding changes in business models, managing risks, and communicating commitments to stakeholders. Regulatory bodies are focusing on TPs as part of their supervisory frameworks, recognising their role in supervising how banks aim to meet climate commitments and respond effectively to environmental risks.

The integration of transition plans into prudential supervision promotes a forward-looking approach, moving beyond traditional, backward-looking methodologies through scenario analyses and tailored stress testing. This integration is vital for achieving broader public objectives, such as decarbonization and enhancing economic resilience to climate impacts.

However, the complexity of the regulatory landscape, varying widely across jurisdictions, necessitates coherence in guidance and practice. Prudential supervisors are encouraged to support banks in developing comprehensive transition plans that address multiple regulatory requirements simultaneously, thus minimizing the regulatory burden.

The forthcoming CETEx report aims to assist prudential authorities in incorporating transition plans into their supervisory processes, clarifying governance structures and common elements while paving the way to potentially expand this framework to other environmental risks as understanding advances.