THE 61ST GRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMME REPORT: “Forging a Just Transition: Towards Green Jobs and Rights-Based Futures”

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Key Findings

- **Demographic indicators:**
  - age distribution;
  - growth rate;
  - net migration;
  - employment makeup; and
  - education

- **Macroeconomic indicators:**
  - commodity market prices;
  - foreign direct investment;
  - composition of GDP; and
  - GDP per capita growth.

- **Geographical indicators:**
  - surface area of a region;
  - average temperature, air quality and sunny days per year;
  - availability of natural resources; and
  - hydro-geological information.

- **Political indicators:**
  - Institutional strength;
  - existing legal framework and flexibility;
  - political setting; and
  - strength of civil society.

- **Technical indicators:**
  - Energy mix;
  - domestically generated supply;
  - exported supply;
  - R&D;
  - grid connectivity;
  - energy demand and supply;
  - energy access; and
  - technical capacity to change.
Key Recommendations

- Develop comprehensive just transition plans
- Target investments and infrastructure upgrades
- Promote transparent decision-making & land use planning
- Implement targeted policies and incentives
- Foster regional development plans
- Encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing
- Adapt the education system
Next Steps

• More research needs to be undertaken to identify skill-based gaps in the UNECE region.

• Future projections of how big the current workforce will grow are needed.

• There is a need for investments in vocational training schools (Poland for example has a large student population who attends vocational schools).

• A stakeholder map identifying interested and influential actors in the just transition process needs to be developed for each member State.

• An index needs to be developed to assess countries’ readiness based on which part of the scale they are at for each indicator. Criteria need to be developed for each point in the scale.
Thank You

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