AEBR Cross-Border School

**Governance of the Green Deal in the border regions**

20th October 2021

Location: Radboud University, the Netherlands / a hybrid version

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

The aim of this CBS is to provide a broad perspective to the Green Deal. Our main question is: how to target governance problems arising from managing coal, wind, water and nuclear power.

9.45-10.00 Registration / coffee / tea

**WELCOME**

10.00-10.10 Opening of the AEBR CB School

10.10-10.20 Welcome by the Dean of Radboud University

10.20-10.30 Welcome by Province Gelderland

**KEYNOTES**

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11.15-11.30 Radboud University

Moderator

**11.30-12.30 TOPIC 1: Economic transition: how to transfer industrial areas?**

Many border regions in the EU have coal mines as the primary employer. Leaving the energy transition to the market in these borders can end up with an economic and social disaster. Under the topic 1 we will address the following questions: what can be done to develop these borders to face the changes? What can a border region do by itself? Is there a possibility for an economic policy to bring the border region out of the crisis to come? What would be the right administrative level to provide the policy and approach the crisis to come?

11.30-11.45 Administrative-legal challenges for the energy transition in border regions

11.45-12.00 Socio-cultural challenges for the energy transition in border regions

12.00-12.15 Using the social networks for energy transition

12.15-12.30 Discussions

**12.30-13.30 Lunch break**

**13.30-14.30 TOPIC 2: Why in my back yard? Location of green energy facilities**

Energy transition means more nuclear and/or windmill power. These plants can be built in locations with specific characteristics. Interestingly, most of the nuclear plants and windmill parks are located in the border regions. This raises many questions: How come that the required characteristics can be mainly found in the border regions? Why border regions are the target zones for nuclear plants and windmills? Or in other words: why border areas are looked at as a peripheral waste dump? Also, what are the externalities of these technologies in border regions? And what about the visual waste?

13.30-13.45 Energy colonialism / environmental colonialism

13.45-14.00 Managing local attitude

14.00-14.15 Managing border adjacent building and transport of energy

14.15-14.30 Discussions

**14.30-15.00 Coffee Break**

**15.00-16.00 TOPIC 3: Cross-border management of sustainability**

We need to manage the Green Deal related cross-border issues. However, we have currently experiences only with CB water management. But we need to manage the Green Deal and energy across border.

15.00-15.15 Cross-border management of water

15.15-15.30 Strategies for cross-border water management

15.30-15.45 What is the role of interreg and other EU programmes in CB sustainability management?

15.45-16.00 Discussion

16.00-16.30 Conclusions of the day – Panel discussion