

## Programme

# Digitalisation and environmental justice at EU level



Date: 3 May 2022



Time: 13:30–16:00 CET

## About the event

The Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) and the [Institute for Ecological Economy Research](#) (IÖW) are co-hosting an interactive workshop to discuss the twin transitions of digitalisation and sustainability with an environmental justice perspective on behalf of the German Environment Agency (UBA). This workshop picks up on the work of the [online discussion forum](#).

The most burning challenges raised during the online forum will be the core topics of our workshop. Participants will join the breakout room of their choice and explore concrete policy solutions and exchange best practices with the presence of moderators.

The aim of this event is to provide an open space for dialogue to experts from civil society, academics and government working specifically in the field of environment, digitalisation and/or environmental justice. Participants are kindly asked to come ready to share their knowledge and experiences, and to hear the ideas of others!

The discussion will be structured around 3 main topics in 3 breakout sessions:

### **Breakout room 1: Digitalization and effective participation in environmental policy making**

What are good practical examples of incorporating digital tools into environmental decision making? How to make the process inclusive for all? Who is disadvantaged by a shift to digital tools and the digital divide? What offline options need to be preserved?

### **Breakout room 2: Digitalization and environmental rights Pollution, human rights and differential environmental effects arising from manufacturing and disposal of ICT products**

Why are there persistent problems in this area? Why are there continued breaches of international Conventions governing this area (i.e., Basel and Stockholm Conventions)? Are these gaps being addressed sufficiently in the new EU level legislations (including Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and Batteries Regulation)? What else is needed?

### **Breakout room 3: Environmental justice implications of online platforms and e-commerce**

What are the environmental justice implications of a shift toward e-commerce and online commercial platforms such as ride-sharing apps? What can be done to mitigate these concerns? Are these concerns being addressed sufficiently in the current proposals at EU level such as the Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act?

## Agenda

Time	Session
13:30	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> by <i>Dr Steffen Lange</i> , Researcher, IÖW
13:40	<b>Overview and summary of online forum</b> by <i>Thorfinn Stainforth</i> , Policy analyst, IEEP
14:00	<b>Discussions in breakout groups</b> with moderators and participants <b>Breakout room 1:</b> Governance of digitalisation and participation in environmental decision making <b>Breakout room 2:</b> Pollution, human rights and detrimental effects arising from manufacturing and disposal of ICT products <b>Breakout room 3:</b> Environmental justice implications of online platforms and e-commerce
15:00	<b>Break</b>
15:15	<b>Presentation of the breakout groups</b>
15:45	<b>Plenary and open discussion</b>
15:55	<b>Closing remarks</b>

Please click on the button below to register and indicate the breakout room you would like to join:

[Register here](#)

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## Organisers



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