

TRANSITION TOWARDS A NEW “SUSTAINABILITY PARADIGM”

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Nowadays, the whole world is being transformed by changes that impact the livelihoods and welfare of its dwellers. Such changes, although sometimes threatening present at the same time significant opportunities to innovate and shape onward looking inclusive societies and economies, while avoiding the blunders of the past and promoting an inclusive recovery that reinforces economic and social resilience. Demographic changes, digitalisation, automation, environmental degradation, the transition to a low carbon economy and globalisation all pose multidimensional, interconnected and complex social and economic challenges, being at the same time juxtaposed on: an already increase in inequality, poverty and social exclusion, a polarisation of skill needs in the labour market, and a slowdown in convergence in income and employment in most countries. Inequalities also threaten social and territorial cohesion, economic growth and wellbeing. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic has overblown the prevalent inequalities across states and societies, with significant differences in the way losses and costs of the COVID-19 pandemic and the crisis that followed are distributed. To seize the chances emerging from socio-economic transformations in a strongly connected and integrated world, these challenges need to be better understood, analysed and tackled.

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TOPICS OF INTEREST

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2. Demographic changes
3. Digitalisation, automation and AI
4. Circular economy, low carbon economy and environment
5. Poverty and social exclusion
6. Inequalities, work force and labour market
7. Geography of resilience
8. Profit and loss account of COV ID 19 pandemic
9. Smart agriculture, Food safety and quality products
10. Well-functioning energy market for sustainable and affordable energy
11. Green and digital transformation of industry
12. Biodiversity
13. Green growth and sustainable development

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