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## Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition

### Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr Antón GÓMEZ-REINO and other members of the Assembly

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

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The huge civilisation challenge ahead of us as regards the fight against the climate crisis and its disastrous consequences for the conservation of ecosystems and their biodiversity, must be an essential part of all legislative and governance actions of each member State of the Council of Europe.

The transition to a sustainable and socially fair economy and the decarbonisation of the economy, of productive activity and of the activities stemming from human actions is essential for our sustainability as a species and the sustainability of the planet.

Hence, we need to guarantee that the search for green, clean and renewable energies does not collide with natural ecosystems and with the social and human realities of our territories, particularly rural areas.

The negative consequences for human life and ecosystems that might stem from activities such as the extraction of essential materials for the ecological transition (such as lithium for batteries), as well as the negative impact that might stem from the establishment of mega wind farms all around the European territory, are two examples of how we have to find a balance between the essential transition and the need to protect the planet, its biodiversity and the human communities, which inhabit it.

Some of examples of social opposition to projects such as offshore wind in the natural areas of Øyfjellet in Norway, the lignite mine in Garzweiler, in Germany, the implantation of mega onshore wind farms in Galicia and the Cantabrian coast in Spain, give an overview of the problem.

For this reason we consider it absolutely necessary to conduct a comparative study with an European approach of the social and environmental impact of the aforementioned activities, as well as to draft a set of general guidelines of good practices for the transition in the Council of Europe member States.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



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