

# Failing Decarbonization in the Western Balkans





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## **PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT**

**The main purpose of this document is to show the significant decarbonization challenges of the Western Balkans due to their heavy reliance on coal, outdated infrastructure, and financial constraints. While the EU has been instrumental in supporting the green transition through financial assistance and policy alignment, the existing mechanisms are often misaligned with the region's socio-economic realities, limiting their effectiveness. This policy brief highlights the key barriers and explores the potential for tailored solutions, emphasizing the need for sustainable climate finance, institutional reforms, and a just transition.**

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