

# Social Outreach



## European Commission's Conference on: “Competition Policy Contributing to the European Green Deal” February 2021

The European Green Deal aims to transform the EU into a fairer and more prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy. **By helping to achieve efficient and competitive market outcomes, competition policy contributes, by its very nature, to the effectiveness of green policies.** It is not in the lead when it comes to fighting climate change and protecting the environment – there are better, much more effective ways, such as regulation and taxation. However, competition poli-

cy can complement regulation and the question is, how could it do that most effectively?

With the purpose of shedding light to this question, the European Commission organized an online event that gathered ideas and proposals from competition experts, academia, industry, environmental groups and consumer organisations. Natalia Fabra participated in the panel “What the current State aid rules deliver, and what they don’t...”.

More info at [eugreendealcompetition.eu](https://eugreendealcompetition.eu).

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## OECD's Workshop on “The Supply of Essential Goods”

March 2021

The COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated the importance of preparing for pandemics and other catastrophic events that require the quick availability of some essential goods and services. Relying only on private incentives and market forces would be insufficient. Instead, **governments and preferably supranational institutions should design and implement prevention, detection and mitigation measures.** This requires putting in place competitive mechanisms to

accumulate essential goods, establishing rationing protocols, and facilitating the ramping up of production when the crisis hits. In particular, **public institutions should secure the provision of essential goods in sufficient quantity and quality at a reasonable cost.**

Natalia Fabra gave the keynote lecture at the workshop that the OECD organized to discuss how to secure the provision of essential goods.

# UC3M's Climate Strategic Initiative

Universidad Carlos III has just launched its UC3M Climate Strategic Initiative.

This initiative was born with the mission of fulfilling the commitment of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid to promote research to fight climate change, fostering the creation of interdisciplinary groups, information exchange, specialized education and public outreach, thus promoting innovation and



transfer to society in the area of climate policy.

The Climate Strategic Initiative develops four main lines of action to achieve its goals:

- Carry out research on all aspects of climate change, always from an interdisciplinary perspective allowing the members to achieve insights beyond what a purely disciplinary approach would permit.
- Communicate those insights and the results through scientific publications.
- Inform the society at large about them through specifically prepared text of a more disseminative character.
- Organize courses, seminars and other events to discuss the work both with stakeholders and decision makers, and also with citizens in general.

EnergyEcolab is a member of this initiative. More info at [climate.uc3m.es](https://climate.uc3m.es).

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## Special Issue of SERIES: The Economics of the Energy Transition

The Energy Transition is underway. An increasing number of countries—with Europe, and now the USA, leading the way—have committed to drastically reducing their emissions during the coming decades. The European Green Deal, that was announced in Madrid in December 2019 just before the COVID-19 hit our economies, was the first of a series of commitments to reach carbon neutrality no later than 2050. **The European Recovery and Resilience Plan, with its green and digital conditionality, has backed this ambition** by providing funds which will accelerate the achievement of this goal. All sectors of the economy—with no exception—will be impac-

ted by this challenge: power, transportation, construction or agriculture, to name just a few, will go through profound structural changes which will bring in opportunities, but also risks and challenges. Likewise, **the Energy Transition will have deep socio-economic implications, which will broadly depend on the set of regulatory and tax policies that will be put in place.**

Natalia Fabra and Xavier Labandeira have edited a Special Issue of SERIES on “The Economics of the Energy Transition” that covers a variety of topics that arise in this context.

More info can be found [here](#)

# Academic and Social Outreach

Our members have also participated in the following research events, among others:

Association for Competition Economics (ACE) Virtual Conference 2020. 19-20/11/2020

2020 RIDGE Virtual Forum. 8-10/12/2020

EconPol Annual Conference 2020. 25-26/12/2020

CESifo Area Conference on Energy and Climate Economics 2021. 4-5/03/2021

The 19th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference. 30/04-02/05/2021

26th EAERE Annual Conference. 23-28/06/2021

EEA-ESEM Virtual 2021. 23-27/08/2021

48th Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE). 27-29/08/2021

## Outreach news

### AERE Mentoring Program

Mateus Souza has been accepted as a mentee in the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Scholars Program! This new mentoring program aims to engage a diverse group of early career environmental and natural resource economists in AERE while providing invaluable career guidance, skill development, and networking opportunities. The full list of mentors and mentees can be found here: <https://www.aere.org/aere-scholars-program>.

### Spanish Economic Association

Natalia Fabra has been elected as the new Vice-president of the Spanish Economic Association.

### EARIE

Natalia Fabra has been selected as President-elect of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics.

And they have presented their works at various institutions, including:

“The implicit cost of carbon abatement during the COVID-19 pandemic”, presented by Mateus Souza at EAERE Conference 2021, Summer Workshop on “Empirical Methods in Energy Economics” 2021, and EEA-ESEM Virtual 2021.

“Storing Power: Market Structure Matters”, presented by David Andrés at 9th Mannheim Conference on Energy and the Environment, 2021 Virtual Meeting of the International Industrial Organization Conference, CESifo Area Conference on Energy and Climate Economics 2021, Energy Workshop (TSE-Carlos III, Madrid) and University of Mannheim.

“Market Power and Price Exposure: Learning from Changes in Renewables Regulation”, presented by Natalia Fabra at NYU, Wharton (University of Pennsylvania) Cambridge University, PUC Chile, CREST (Paris), SciencePo (Paris), Dauphine (Paris), Imperial College (London), and CEPR VIOS.

“Energy Tax Exemptions and Industrial Production” has been presented by Stefan Lamp at VfS Annual Conference 2021: Climate Economics.

“Technology-Neutral vs Technology-Specific Procurement”, presented by Natalia Fabra at ZEW (University of Mannheim), University of Montpellier, TILEC (Tilburg University), EconPol Annual Conference, SITE (Stockholm School of Economics), Paris School of Economics, Virtual Market Design, UC Davis, ARENA. Presented by Juan Pablo Montero at 2020 RIDGE Virtual Forum (Workshop on Environmental Economics), Centro UC Cambio Global and University of Miami.

“Clean Energy Access: Gender Disparity, Health, and Labor Supply”, by Imelda at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Paris School of Economics, Université Paris-Dauphine, and Universidad de Navarra.