

THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN ECONOMY AS A TOOL TO STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT IN ROMANIA

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This paper aims to assess the potential of green employment, especially in renewable energy by analyzing data at global level, and it delivers suggestions to address the employment issues in Romania through policies that promote green economy. The core of this paper reveals the mechanisms through which green jobs are created presenting that green employment will generate new jobs, but this is only one side of the reality, as green economy is perceived in shades of green. Stimulating green employment means creating of new jobs, but the majority of jobs will be transformed or substituted, thus preserving the number of actual jobs, and also some will be lost.

The green employment is found to be one of the solutions to tackle unemployment generated by the present crisis, but currently the sector is underdeveloped in terms of employed persons and innovations, that are considered the main drivers of green economy. Green jobs appear to be the engine of sustainable development and a fundamental part of the solution to current financial crisis, therefore investments in new green jobs is a must condition in these economic times that trigger unemployment and poverty.

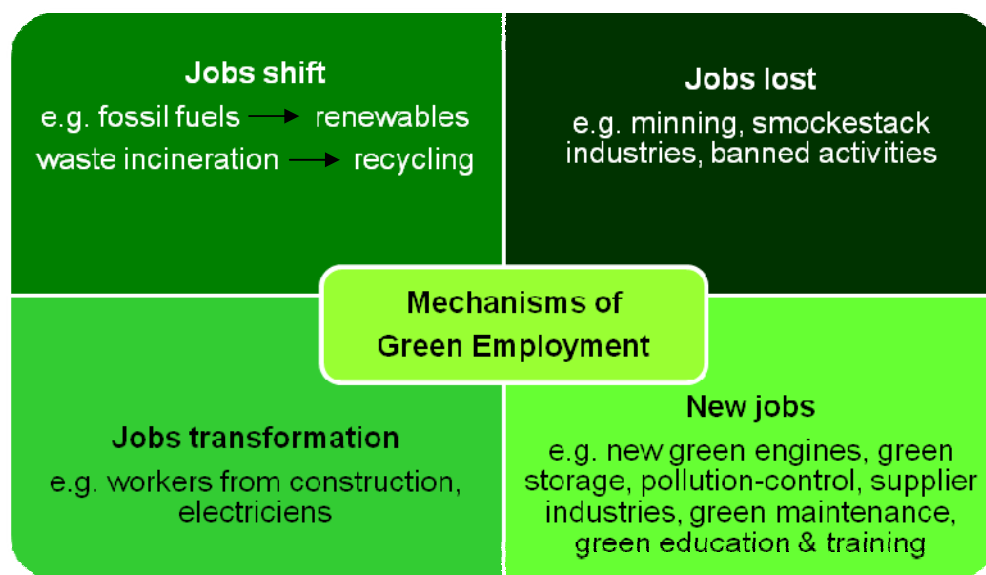


Figure 1. The mechanisms by which green employment acts on labor market.

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