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Deyana Kocher (née Spasova) is a Researcher at the Ecologic Institute with a thematic focus on climate change mitigation, citizens' participation in climate and energy policymaking, and renewable energy communities. Deyana Kocher is a native Bulgarian speaker, is fluent in English and has advanced knowledge of German.

In her work at Ecologic Institute, Deyana Kocher focuses on EU Member States' long-term planning towards climate neutrality.

Deyana works on [The Future of the EU](#), focusing on the Conference on the Future of Europe and its link to climate policies. In her work on the [Transitioning to Net Zero' Success Stories](#) project, she is researching best practice examples of policies that are successful in initiating progress towards climate neutrality. As part of the [EU Regions in the Transformation Towards a Climate-neutral Future](#), Deyana also conducted a case study covering strategies to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions from industry in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

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Prior to this role, she worked as a Student Research Assistant for the Energy & Climate department of [Äko-Institut](#) in Freiburg (Germany), where she contributed to the "Renewable Space Heating under the Revised Renewable Energy Directive" (European Commission, [DG ENER](#)) project. During that time, she also conducted research for her master's thesis on the topic of "Support for Renewable Energy Communities under the revised EU Renewable Energy Directive: a case study analysis of approaches in Germany and Bulgaria". She has also gained experience as an intern for the Representation of the European Commission in Sofia (Bulgaria).

Deyana Kocher completed her Tricontinental Master in Global Studies in Germany, Taiwan and Mexico. She also holds a Bachelor's degree in Journalism, which she studied in Scotland and the USA.

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Selected projects by Deyana Kocher

[EU Regions in the Transformation Towards a Climate-neutral Future](#)

Duration

Nov 2021 - Mar 2022

Funding

[European Parliament](#) (EP), International

[Transitioning to Net Zero' Success Stories](#)

Duration

Dec 2021 - Oct 2022

Funding

[Smart Energy for Europe Platform](#) (SEFEP), International
[Agora Energiewende](#), Germany

[Evidence-based Assessment for the Design of the German Energy Transition \(Ariadne\)](#)

Duration

Apr 2020 - Aug 2026

Funding

[Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (BMBF), Germany

[Implementing the European Green Deal](#)

Duration

Jan 2020 - Apr 2021

Funding

[European Climate Foundation](#) (ECF), International

Dialogue on Pathways and Policies for a Climate-neutral EU (Climate Recon 2050)

Duration

Oct 2020 - Dec 2022

Funding

[Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety](#) (BMU), Germany
[European Climate Foundation](#) (ECF), International

Selected publications by Deyana Kocher

Spasova, Deyana, and Sibylle Braungardt. 2021. "Building a Common Support Framework in Differing Realities—Conditions for Renewable Energy Communities in Germany and Bulgaria" *Energies* 14, no. 15: 4693. <https://doi.org/10.3390/en14154693>

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