

## Who will pay for the green transition?

Monday, 24 June 2024, 17:30 – 19:00

@ Arena Hotel,

Nerudova 12, Košice

The green transformation of society is a necessity and a chance for a better, healthier life, but it requires considerable financial resources. However, the financial possibilities of the state are limited. Therefore, the question arises whether we require sufficient financial participation in the costs of the green transformation from those who pollute the environment the most. If we burden people with higher costs, are we doing it fairly according to their ability to manage these expenses? And to what extent does the state have well-set instruments and schemes for compensation and support for "green" investments for those households that cannot afford them themselves? What does [the European Citizens' Initiative "Tax the rich"](#) propose?

The fair or unfair distribution of the costs and benefits of the green transformation will be discussed on 24 June 2024 between 17:30 – 19:00 in Košice by the former Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the former Vice President of the Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Secretary General of the UN Economic Commission Brigita Schmögnerová, Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic Igor Šimko and socio-economic Analyst of the Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic and OZ Pracujúca chudoba Ján Košč.

17:30 – 17:40

### Opening speech

Brigita SCHMÖGNEROVÁ, President, Proforum

17:40 – 18:30

### Panel discussion

- **Brigita SCHMÖGNEROVÁ**, President, Proforum
- **Igor ŠIMKO**, Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
- **Ján KOŠČ**, Analyst, the Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic (KOZ SR) and OZ Pracujúca chudoba

Moderation: **Robert ŽANONY**, Policy Officer, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Slovakia

18:30 – 19:00

### Discussion