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Table A1: List of 22 original semi-structured research interviews, 2020-2021

Country	Code interview	Interviewee (Anonymized)	Date of interview	Duration of interview
Netherlands	NL1	Consultant energy transition at TNO	3.12.20	1h 2 min
	NL2	Co-founder of a renewable energy focused crowdfunding platform	3.12.20	1h 53 min
	NL3	Senior Advisor for community energy	3.12.20	56 min
	NL4	Sustainable finance expert	8.12.20	45 min
	NL5	Sustainability fund manager		1h 02 min
	NL6	Co-founder crowdfunding platforms	11.12.20	1h 02 min
	NL7	Account manager sustainable project finance ASN Bank	16.12.20	1h 04 min
	NL8	Sustainability project leader at province of Overijssel and renewable energy entrepreneur	17.1.21	1h 30 min
United Kingdom	UK1	Crowd-funding Platform (Abundance)	01.12.20	1h
	UK2	Provider of Bridge Finance for Community Energy (Leapfrog Finance)	18.11.20	1h 24 min
	UK3	Academic working on alternative finance	1.12.20	1h
	UK4	Local Authority	23.11.20	1h 30 min
	UK5	Energy Cooperatives Organisation	20.11.20	1h 23 min
	UK6	Energy Finance Strategist	7.12.20	1h
	UK7	Energy Saving Trust	8.12.20	1h 28m
	UK8	Community Energy England	20.10.20	55 min
Poland	PL1	Instrat Foundation expert	04.12.2020	1 h 26 min
	PL2	Journalist specialised in energy sector	11.12.2020	1 h 08 min
	PL3	Head of RES department at NFEPWM	14.01.2021	58 min
	PL4	Consultant and evaluator	18.01.2021	1 h 05 min
	PL5	Consultant and activist	19.01.2021	55 min
	PL6	Specialist, energy consultant, NFEPWM	22.01.2021	1 h 05 min

Table A2: List of eight observational meetings and events attended, 2019-2020

Country	Event name	Event organiser or description)	Type of event	Date of event
Netherlands	Webinar finance in transition	DRIFT	Online webinar	9.7.20
	Lecture Sustainable Finance	University of Amsterdam	Lecture	18.12.20
United Kingdom	Financing climate action with positive social impact: banking a just transition	LSE, University of Leeds	Webinar	21.05.20
	Sussex Innovation Forum: Finance Innovation for Cross-Sector and Net Zero Projects	University of Sussex	Forum/dialogue session	20.11.20
Poland	II Forum Energetyki Rozproszonej Czysta Energia dla Każdego [Second Forum for Dispersed Energy - Clean Energy for Everyone]	Akademia Górniczo-Hutnicza w Krakowie	Hybrid conference (online+offline)	25.11.19
	POLECO Conference	The Ministry for Climate and Environment and partners	Online conference	9-10.11.20
	“Polityka Insight” Webinar on energy policy and just transition plans	Polityka Insight - think tank	Webinar	9.12.20
	Seminar “Regulacje prawne ułatwiające rozwój energetyki rozproszonej w Polsce” [Regulations supporting development of dispersed energy in Poland]	Akademia Górniczo-Hutnicza w Krakowie	Seminar - hybrid event	25.06.20

Table A3: Research interview questions

Interview topic guide for in-depth semi-structured interviews (guided first set of interviews; was adapted and contextualized based on document reviews in each country and depending on type of interviewees/actors):

1. About interviewee

1.1. What is your connection to the field (subsidies and financial mechanism for renewable energy)?

1.2. What kind of initiatives/ organizations are you involved linked to financial mechanisms for renewable energy?

1.3. What does your initiative/ organization work on? Aims, main activities, changed over time; geographical area of influence: local, regional, national, EU, global.

2. Key financial mechanisms for renewable energy over the past 5-10 years

2.1. What have been key (novel) financial mechanisms for sustainable energy in the UK over the past five years? Key difference between them and their potentials.

3. Your initiative/ organization and other field actors (making use of and/ or develop and/ or lobby for particular financial mechanisms)

3.1. What are other relevant actors who have played an important part for (novel) financial mechanisms for sustainable energy over the past 5-10 years? How did they enable and impede developments of the mechanisms over time?

3.2. What types of relations (alliances, networks, collaborations, etc.) have been created between actors? (formal and informal)

4. Key events, contestations, trends that have influenced the development of financial mechanisms for sustainable energy over time

4.1. If you look back, what would you say have been key points (events, contestations, trends, etc.) in the emergence and development of (novel) financial mechanism for sustainable energy over the past five-ten years?

4.2. What were the key phases in the emergence and development of financial mechanism for sustainable energy over the past 5-10 years?

5. Influence of institutional environment on emergence and developments of financial mechanism for sustainable energy over time

5.1. What were key policy, legal and regulatory developments that have influenced your organization and the field (subsidies and financial mechanism for renewable energy) over the past five-ten years?

5.2. Can you tell me about wider ‘societal’ discourses and narratives surrounding norms, values and beliefs that have influenced financial mechanism for renewable energy?

6. (Collective) activities to develop favorable financial mechanisms for renewable energy over the past five-ten years

6.1. Could you identify 3-6 important individual/ collective activities that you feel were key for the development of these mechanisms and tell me about them in more depth?

7. Changes to social relations through financial mechanisms

7.1. How has the introduction of (novel) financial mechanisms enabled/ impeded the development of social relations within renewable energy projects?

8. Other emerging questions and issues (any relevant issues that come up before/during interview; recommendations for other key actors to interview; any missing topics; questions for researchers)