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Green transition and climate change in the EU - aspects for a more sustainable and healthy future

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Socio-spatial inequalities caused by environmental changes related to climate change have increasingly come to the forefront of Hungarian social geography researches. In recent decades, the increasingly frequent extreme events of the effects of climate change (heat waves, floods, forest fires, etc.) are causing an increasing number of environmental disasters and the resulting environmental damage has enormous social costs. All this also has an impact on people's daily life, quality of life, health. In December 2019, the European Commission launched its proposal for a European Green Deal (EGD), a wide-ranging package of legislation and financial instruments to address climate change and ensure a “just, fair and inclusive” transition in the European Union. The presentation showcases the most important aspects of the EGD and its potential effects on different European countries by reviewing the most important factors, which might influence the green transition process. Three major aspects were identified, namely, socio-cultural and economic; political and administrative; environmental out of which a transition framework was set. Considering the framework three potential transition pathways were identified for the European countries, the progressive, the parallel and the pragmatic.