Tracking public financial flows: 2020-21 Global Recovery Analysis

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Energy Policy Tracker: Methodology

Approach used to track public money commitments in recovery packages

- Energy Policy Tracker, a network of 29 expert organizations
- New policies or amendments of existing policies from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021
- 38 major economies, 8 multilateral development banks
- Only policies approved by national, subnational or municipal governments, central banks, majority state-owned public finance institutions, majority state-owned enterprises (SOE) or other government-related bodies
- Only policies that affect energy production and consumption, in the following sectors: resources, power, buildings, mobility, and other energy-intensive sectors
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Mechanisms tracked

“Public money commitments”:

- Public money outflows
  - Direct transfer of government funds
  - Induced transfers
  - Government revenue foregone
  - Hybrid (combination of the above and transfer of risk): equity injection or nationalisation, purchase of bonds, debt write-offs, assumption of environmental liabilities, etc.

- Public money inflows
  - Fossil fuel subsidy reform: spending cuts, elimination of tax breaks and induced transfer
  - Increased fossil fuel taxation: introduction or increase in excise and other taxes

- Unclassified (and unquantified)
Evolving trends

Evolution of public money committed in 38 major economies and 8 MDBs, 2020-2021
38 major economies in a glimpse

In 2020-2021, in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, 38 major economies have committed at least **USD 1.24 trillion** to supporting **different energy types** through new or amended policies, according to official government sources and other publicly available information.

Of which:
- at least USD 282.06 billion to oil and gas
- at least USD 79.84 billion to coal
- at least USD 9.01 billion to hydrogen based on fossil fuels
- at least USD 34.37 billion to multiple fossil fuels
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Public money commitments to all types of energy

Share of public money commitments to clean energy
G20 analysis, USD billion, 2020-2021
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