

## **Introductory Word from the Guest Editors**

The urgent challenges posed by climate change, environmental degradation, and the transition toward sustainable energy systems require rigorous analysis and innovative solutions. This special issue of Economic Analysis, entitled “Environmental and Energy Economics”, brings together a selection of front-line research and perspectives that address these critical areas.

Building on insights shared during the 15<sup>th</sup> Institute of Economic Sciences and the 4<sup>th</sup> PROFEEDBACK International Scientific Conference, this issue explores a spectrum of topics, including the transition to a sustainable Industry 4.0, historical aspects of hydropower, and modern sustainability reporting standards. The contributions predominantly reflect a Western Balkan perspective and contain a disciplinary diversity that ensures a comprehensive understanding of these complex topics.

We would like to thank all the authors and reviewers who have made this special issue possible and hope that the findings presented here will stimulate further dialog and inspire actionable solutions in the environmental and energy sectors.

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