

Abstract

Governments and companies are taking action to combat the repercussions of climate change caused by the extensive burning of fossil fuels over the last decades. Implementing the right policy mix and adequate instruments is essential to address this issue and steer companies toward a climate-neutral future. However, introducing new climate regulations and the adoption by companies comes with challenges. Under these circumstances, intermediary roles seek to facilitate a company's shift to renewable energy sources. Energy transition intermediaries aim to encourage exchange and information sharing among actors within a country's energy transition and provide services such as energy consulting and funding opportunities. This research aims to determine the role of energy transition intermediaries and assess their level of involvement in the context of companies' energy transitions. Therefore, the present paper seeks to answer the research question: To what extent are intermediaries involved in companies' intention to use renewable energy sources? Hence, this paper adopts a qualitative data collection approach by conducting expert interviews with five participants, comprising one representative from klimaaktiv and four klimaaktiv partner companies. The results show that intermediaries provide a comprehensive network of partner companies benefiting each company by guaranteeing expert knowledge and exchange and information sharing among businesses. Intermediaries further serve as a motivating role among partner companies. Considering recent advancements, intermediaries aim to equip companies with the most up-to-date information and innovative developments in the energy transition sector. This research concludes that energy transition intermediaries play a vital role companies' intention to shift their energy systems from non-renewables to renewables by providing consultation, motivation, and exchange opportunities.