

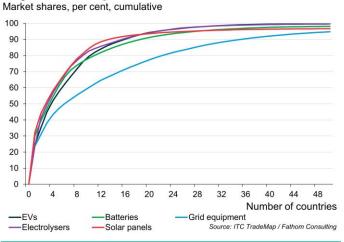
Building transition-related diversity

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- Diversifying away from the oligopolistic structure of oil and gas markets has long been touted as one possible benefit of the climate transition
- However, as data obtained from Fathom's new Energy Transition Tool reveals, the export of various key transition-related goods remains in the hands of a highly-concentrated group of suppliers, leaving countries potentially vulnerable to the threat of economic coercion
- 2021 data indicate that China the US's main geopolitical rival holds the largest export market share for four of the five key products (though in each case the market share remains well short of 50%)
- This status quo is unlikely to be palatable to policymakers in DC and, if not addressed, it could pose issues for countries' willingness or indeed ability to embrace the climate transition
- The good news is that countries do, to some extent, have the ability to either onshore (or at least friendshore) the production of climate-related technologies (both the Inflation Reduction Act and the CHIPS and Science Act include provisions for this); the bad news is that shifting the production of raw materials is even more complex

Key transition products





Top five export market shares, 2021					
	1	2	3	4	5
EVs	Germany	Japan	China	Belgium	United States
Batteries	China	Japan	Hong Kong, China	Germany	Korea, Rep. of
Grid equipment	China	United States	Germany	Mexico	Italy
Electrolysers	China	Japan	Germany	United States	Korea, Rep. of
Solar panels	China	Hong Kong, China	Singapore	Japan	Malaysia

Source: ITC TradeMap / Fathom Consulting

Fathom analysts have constructed a comprehensive dataset measuring the risks and opportunities facing 186 countries from the net-zero transition.

The dataset offers a broad overview, with the net scores for each country after risks have been balanced with opportunities; it also provides the stand-alone risk and opportunity scores, and enables a deep dive into the data with a comprehensive list of risks and opportunities broken down into categories and subcategories for each country. In addition, we project future changes to the scores in ten-year intervals to 2050.

This unique dataset is powered by 198 carefully chosen — and in some cases purpose-built — data series, which can be accessed via a dashboard. The wealth of information it provides is unparalleled and can be used in a variety of ways by policymakers and investors.

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