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Ricarda Faber is Researcher at Ecologic Institute. Her work focuses on the design, implementation and effects of energy and climate mitigation policy, and governance systems for the just transition to climate neutrality. She is a native German speaker and fluent in English.

At Ecologic Institute, her project portfolio includes regulatory approaches that promote the green transition including renewable energies, energy efficiency, sector coupling, digitalization, and governance frameworks. Ricarda Faber supports the coordination of the EU Horizon 2020 research project "[Transformative Policies for a Climate-Neutral European Union (4I-TRACTION)](#)". As part of the project, she also conducts research on multilevel climate and energy dialogues, conceptualizes the "[CLIMATE ON AIR - Discussing the future of EU climate policy](#)" podcast series and led an ex-post study on the German smart metering rollout. Moreover, in the research project [StromNachbarn](#), which was part of the research network [Ecornet Berlin](#), Ricarda Faber analyzed the socio-economic effects of prosumerism in Berlin by means of a tenant survey. In the project [WenaMoNi](#), she uncovered barriers and opportunities for sustainable mobility in Lower Saxony (Germany).

Next to her research and writing, Ricarda Faber is co-host of the podcast and webinar series "[Green Deal - Big Deal?](#)", which examines the many facets of the European Green Deal. To foster stakeholder engagement and disseminate project output, she has led the organisation of conferences in Brussels, targeted workshops, a dinner dialogue, and webinars.

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Before joining Ecologic Institute, Ricarda Faber worked as Project Assistant at [adelphi Consult](#) in the fields of sustainable consumption and international climate policy. There, she gained experience in sustainability indicators, best practice case study research, and stakeholder engagement.

Ricarda Faber holds a master's degree in Public Policy with a focus on energy, climate, and governance from the University of Potsdam. As a scholarship holder of the Swiss-European Mobility Program, she studied for one semester at the University of Lausanne (UNIL). Under the [Climate Finance and Policy](#) and [Energy and Technology Policy](#) groups at the Swiss Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zurich, Ricarda Faber wrote her master's thesis on the politics of green financial policy by analyzing the EU Taxonomy's design process. She completed her bachelor's degree in Political Science from the Free University of Berlin (FUB), which she centred on climate change. Ricarda Faber received a grant from the [University Alliance for Sustainability](#) (UAS) to study the topic of "Societal Transformation to Sustainability" in Beijing during a student exchange with Peking University.

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Projects Publications Events

Selected projects by Ricarda Faber

[Transformative Policies for a Climate-neutral European Union (4i-TRACTION)](#)

Duration

Jun 2021 - May 2024

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Research & Innovation](#) (DG Research & Innovation), International

[Green Deal â Big Deal? Discussing Europe's Green Future](#)

Duration

Nov 2021 - Feb 2024

Funding

[Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety](#) (BMU), Germany

[Restrictions of the EEG Regulations for the Use of PV Electricity in the Building Sector](#)

Duration

Aug 2022 - Jul 2023

Funding

[Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning](#) (BBR), Germany

The EU Taxonomy as an Instrument to Reach Climate Neutrality

Duration

May 2022 - Apr 2023

Funding

Stiftung Mercator, Germany

Evidence-based Assessment for the Design of the German Energy Transition (Ariadne)

Duration

Apr 2020 - Aug 2026

Funding

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany

ElectricityNeighbours â Can tenants in Berlin's apartment buildings become prosumers through solar power projects and sector coupling?

Duration

Jan 2021 - Mar 2022

Funding

Governing Mayor of Berlin, Senate Chancellery , Germany

New Approaches to Sustainable Mobility in Lower Saxony (WenaMoNi)

Duration

Oct 2019 - Mar 2021

Funding

Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Umwelt, Energie, Bauen und Klimaschutz, Germany

Energy Prosumption in Europe

Duration

Sep 2020 - Jul 2021

Funding

European Environment Agency (EEA), International

Buildings in Recovery Plans

Duration

Sep - Oct 2020

Funding

European Climate Foundation (ECF), International

Transitioning to Net Zero' Success Stories

Duration

Dec 2021 - Oct 2022

Funding

Smart Energy for Europe Platform (SEFEP), International
Agora Energiewende, Germany

Leapfrogging to a Resilient Europe

Duration

Jul - Sep 2020

Funding

Laudes Foundation, International
Partners for a New Economy (P4NE), Switzerland

Evaluation, Monitoring and Adaptation of Existing Funding Programmes and Further Development of the National Climate Initiative (NKI) 2019-2023

Duration

Aug 2019 - Dec 2023

Funding

Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), Germany
Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Germany

[Integrated Approaches for the Renovation and Modernisation of the Built Environment](#)

Duration

Dec 2019 - Jan 2021

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Energy](#) (DG Energy), International

Selected publications by Ricarda Faber

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Ecologic Institute 2024: Regulatory Leverage: How Can the EU Foster a Green Investment Shift? Podcast. Online:Â https://www.4i-traction.eu/outputs/podcast-series-episode-4-investment

Ecologic Institute 2024: Ensuring a just transition to net-zero emissions. Online: https://greendealbigdeal.podigee.io/12-just-transition

Faber, R., Kocher, D., Duwe, M. (2023). Progress on the implementation of national Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogues: Assessing Member States' own reporting. A preliminary assessment of the implementation of Article 11 of the EU's Governance Regulation. 4i-TRACTION Procedural Governance Series. Ecologic Institute, Berlin.

Ecologic Institute 2023: Europe's race to renewables â cheaper, vaster, faster. Online: https://www.greendealbigdeal.eu/podcast/episode-11/

Ecologic Institute 2023: The EUâs Climate Neutrality Challenge: Can Infrastructure be the Game Changer? Podcast. Online: https://www.4i-traction.eu/outputs/podcast-series-episode-3-Can-Infrastructure-be-the-Game-Changer

Ecologic Institute 2023: What is the role of innovation in making the EU climate neutral? Podcast. Online: https://www.4i-traction.eu/outputs/podcast-series-episode-2-innovation

Faber, R., Dück L.M., Reichwein, D. (2023): Germanyâs delayed electricity smart meter rollout and its implications on innovation, infrastructure, integration, and social acceptance. An ex-post analysis.Â National Case Study of the 4i-TRACTION Deliverable D2.6. Ecologic Institute. Berlin

Ecologic Institute 2023: Nature Restoration Law: restoring Europe's ecosystems & protecting biodiversity. Online: https://www.greendealbigdeal.eu/podcast/episode-10/

Ecologic Institute, detektor.fm 2022: EU-Taxonomie: Ein guter Schritt für mehr Nachhaltigkeit? Knowledge for Future â Der Umwelt-Podcast. 21 December 2022. Online: https://detektor.fm/politik/knowledge-for-future-eu-taxonomie

Görlach, Benjamin, Leon Martini, Ricarda Faber, Aaron Best, Pol Fontanet Pérez (2022): Report on core instruments and avenues for transformative climate policies. 4i-TRACTION Deliverable 4.1. Ecologic Institute; Berlin.

Ecologic Institute 2023: What is transformative climate policy? Podcast. Online: https://www.4i-traction.eu/outputs/podcast-series-episode-1-what-transformative-eu-climate-policy

Ecologic Institute 2023: CLIMATE ON AIR â Discussing the future of EU climate policy. Podcast. Online: https://www.4i-traction.eu/outputs/4i-traction-podcast-climate-air-discussing-future-eu-climate-policy

Umpfenbach, Katharina et al. 2022: StromNachbarn: Reformoptionen für einen beschleunigten Ausbau von Photovoltaikanlagen auf Mehrfamilienhäusern in Berlin. Wissen. Wandel. Berlin. | Report Nr. 24. Berlin: Ecologic Institut.

Umpfenbach, K., Faber, R. (2021). StromNachbarn: Evaluation der sozialen und ökologischen Wirkungen von Mieterstromanlagen in Berlin, Berlin: Ecornet Berlin.

Velten, Eike Karola and Ricarda Faber 2020: Why the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility must prioritise investments in building renovation. A short think piece. Berlin: Ecologic Institute.

Selected events by Ricarda Faber

Digital Event:From Packaging to Microplastics: Unwrapping EU and international plastics policy

Date

29 November 2023

Location

online

Digital Event:Europe's Energy Transition â Rolling out renewables and

[infrastructure](#)

Date

23 October 2023

Location

online

Digital Event:[Nature Restoration Law: Restoring Europe's ecosystems and protecting biodiversity](#)

Date

28 June 2023

Location

online

Digital Event:[Models for the Generation and Use of PV Electricity for Multi-party Buildings](#)

Date

25 April 2023

Location

Berlin, Germany

Digital Event:[Financing Europe's Green Transition â The EU Taxonomy Regulation](#)

Date

27 April 2023

Location

online

Dinner Dialogue:[What's Next for the EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance?](#)

Date

16 January 2023

Location

Berlin, Germany

Digital Event:[What Role do Tenants Play in the Energy Transition in Berlin?](#)

Date

30 April 2021

Location

Berlin, Germany

Conference:[Leapfrogging to a Resilient Europe](#)

Date

15 - 18 September 2020

Location

online

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