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The Role of Climate and Energy Policies

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The Conference on the Future of Europe begins on 9 May 2021. The conference has great importance for EU climate policies. As a contribution to the start of the conference, think tanks from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, and Poland make recommendations on how EU climate policy and the Conference on the Future of Europe can be mutually beneficial.

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Introduction

How can climate and energy policies support the CFE?

In times of crisis, the EU climate and energy policies build bridges between EU Member States.

Climate and energy policies are a role model for a more transparent and participatory EU.

Climate and energy policies provide lessons that can help strengthen EU foreign policy.

EU climate and energy policies show that the EU is flexible and able to address the different needs and circumstances of its Member States.

How can climate and energy policies benefit from the CFE?

The CFE could help make climate and energy policies a hallmark of the EU.

The CFE can help make EU funding, state aid, and the financial sector more beneficial for climate and energy policies.

Using the Treaty's passerelle clause, the CFE could help expand the ordinary legislative process in EU climate policies.

Strengthening the European Parliament is good for both democracy in the EU and effective climate policies.

The European Council has at times engaged in the details of climate and energy legislation; the CFE can help clarify the mandate of the European Council.

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