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1. **Experience the Future of Energy - EFEX Conference 2019**

On 24 September 2019, the Energy Future Exchange (EFEX) Program is hosting a dynamic, don't-miss conference in Brussels (Belgium) to explore the power and potential of the transatlantic relationship between the US and the EU for jointly creating clean, climate-friendly economies. Participation is free of charge, but registration is requested to help us ensure adequate space and avoid waste.

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2. **Knowledge for Future - The Environment Podcast**

Together with detektor.fm, Ecologic Institute launches the environment-focused podcast "Knowledge for Future". The first three episodes focus on sustainable agriculture and

nutrition. It introduces people who push something in their area, initiating change with conviction and passion. The episodes of the podcast can be streamed online.

<https://ecologic.eu/knowledge-for-future> [2]

3. **Food Waste Valorisation - Online Quiz**

The production of food results in by-products. Instead of disposing them as waste, they can also be valorised into new products. This quiz lets you find out what new products can be made from food waste. Ecologic Institute developed and programmed the quiz within the project REFRESH. The quiz is available in ten languages.

<https://eu-refresh.org/quiz> [3]

4. **Sustainable Development in the European Union - Publication**

This publication is the third of Eurostat's regular reports monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in an EU context. The monitoring report provides a statistical presentation of trends relating to the SDGs in the EU over the past five years ('short-term') and, when sufficient data is available, over the past 15 years ('long-term'). Ecologic Institute's authors covered the chapters on SDG2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), SDG 15 (Life on Land) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The monitoring report and a reader-friendly 'light' version are available for download.

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5. **Development of an Assessment Framework on Environmental Governance in the EU Member States - Publication**

This report arises from the European Commission's Environmental Implementation Review process, a biennial assessment of Member State performance on implementation of EU environmental law and policy. It addresses an issue identified in the 2017 review as a root cause of implementation weaknesses; poor environmental governance. The authors from IEEP, Ecologic Institute and the Central European University outline the development of, and the rationale for, a standard assessment template, the Environmental Governance Assessment (EGA). The report

provides information from a first application of the EGA to the Member States and outlines an approach to categorisation of Member State performance on a subset of the questions addressed in the EGA. It then draws some general lessons and offers recommendations, both for the future development of the EGA process and on environmental governance itself. The report is available for download.

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6. Planning for 2050 - shifting the focus towards long-term climate objectives - Publication

Setting ambitious long-term climate objectives for the EU has become a core strand of debate in the EU. In parallel, all EU Member States must develop national long-term climate strategies of their own by the end of 2019. This policy brief summarizes the insights collected throughout Climate Recon 2050, a dialogue platform for governmental and scientific experts involved in the creation of national long-term climate strategies. It provides insights into the key elements of existing long-term strategies and dives into practical examples, collaboration opportunities and challenges by Member States. The policy brief is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/16718> [6]

7. Optimal Soil Management to Ensure Yield Capacity - Workshop

In June 2019, the stakeholder workshop "Optimal soil management to ensure yield capacity & acceptance analysis of measures to upgrade the subsoil" took place in Moltzow (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Germany). This workshop is part of a series of workshops to discuss and gather prevailing opinions on subsoil management measures with the help of an acceptance analysis. Ecologic Institute researchers discussed with farmers and other ecological actors the conditions under which they would implement or support these measures. The workshop protocol is available for download.

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8. Co-Design of Economic Assessment of Climate Change Impacts - Presentations

Ecologic Institute researchers presented interim results of the project: CO-designing the Assessment of Climate Change Costs (COACCH) at the European Climate Change Adaptation

Conference (ECCA) 2019 in Lisbon (Portugal). The presentations covered first experiences from the COACCH Co-Design process, as well as a recently prepared synthesis of Economic costs of climate change and adaptation in Europe. The synthesis is available for download.

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9. **The Role of Social Media in Communicating Climate Change - Panel Discussion**

Environmental journalism has always been a cross-cutting topic. There are journalists in many countries who specialise in environmental topics. However, environmental topics mostly do not have their own department at media outlets. Hence, publishing such media pieces often highly depends on current political processes and above all on current, public discussions. Ecologic Institute's Marius Hasenheit discussed the role of media, especially social media, in communicating environmental issues in Egypt, at the 61st Cairo Climate Talks.

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