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1. **Carbon Farming Schemes in Europe - Roundtable**

What are the most promising options for result-based carbon farming schemes and what mechanisms can we apply to scale up these schemes in Europe? More than 75 stakeholders explored these questions at a roundtable on 9 October 2019 in Brussels. A video recording of the event, organized by Ecologic Institute, is available.

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2. **Policy-relevant Findings from the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land - Webinar**

The IPCC published a special report on 'Climate Change and Land' (SRCCL) in August 2019. The Federal Environment Agency presented selected findings of the SRCCL in a 90-minute webinar. Ecologic Institute supported the UBA in formulating the core messages. The political implications for improving the governance of land-based climate protection

and mitigation measures were presented by Heino von Meyer. The webinar recording is available online.

<https://ecologic.eu/16914> [2]

3. Smarter, Greener, more Inclusive? - Publication

On 7 October 2019, Eurostat published its most recent flagship publication 'Smarter, greener, more inclusive?'. The report assesses the EU's progress in implementing the Europe 2020 strategy. Commissioned by Eurostat, Katharina Umpfenbach and Amely Gundlach of Ecologic Institute edited the chapter on climate change and energy. It discusses progress towards the so-called 20-20-20 targets which aim at cutting EU greenhouse gas emissions, increasing renewable energy supply, and improving energy efficiency. The publication is available for download.

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4. Facing Hydrometeorological Extremes - Publication

Extreme hydrometeorological events could lead to water scarcity and droughts in Europe in the future. The associated environmental impacts can only be countered by forward-looking and sustainable water management. Within three chapters of the book 'Facing hydrometeorological extremes: a governance issue', Ecologic Institute scientists present case studies on how to deal with extreme hydrometeorological events. Based on studies from several EU research projects, successful examples of multi-level governance in response to these events are presented. In addition, an overview of important institutions and actors of European environmental policy in relation to water scarcity and droughts is provided.

<https://ecologic.eu/16882> [4]

5. The Evolving Role of Cities as Non-state Actors in the International Climate Regime - Publication

In light of concerns about the inability of national governments to agree on and achieve sufficient emissions reductions, cities and transnational city networks are often seen as actors that could fill that gap. While hardly anyone would argue against the importance of cities and local governments in the implementation of climate policies, what remains contested is their role in the international climate

regime. This analysis by Ecologic Institute's Linda Mederake, Ewa Iwaszuk, and Doris Knoblauch uncovers how the activities of cities and transnational city networks, which have been evolving over the years, have gradually broadened the international climate regime, although cities are not subjects of international law. The analysis is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/16893> [5]

6. **Policy-relevant Findings from the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and the Cryosphere in a Changing Climate - Webinar**

On 25 October 2019, the Federal Environment Agency will present selected findings of the IPCC Special Report on 'The ocean and the cryosphere in a changing climate' (SROCC) in a webinar. The background to the special report, key messages and political implications from the report are discussed in respective content blocks. The webinar is aimed at experts from Germany with prior knowledge of climate protection, the ocean and the cryosphere, who are active in informing and advising decision-makers in science, politics, business and civil society.

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7. **Security Implications of Climate Change - Panel Discussion**

While Greta Thunberg was delivering her impassioned speech at the UN Climate Action Summit and during a time in which Germany occupies a seat in the UN Security Council, the Study Group on Strategic Issues of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) discussed the climate-security nexus. Dr. Camilla Bausch (Ecologic Institute) contributed her insights on the interface between climate and security, how it is addressed in the international climate context and highlighted some policy recommendations.

<https://ecologic.eu/16919> [7]

8. **Bio-based Economy - Innovations in practice - Panel Discussion**

In September 2019, the European Commission organized the 'European Research & Innovation Days' to shape the EU's future research and innovation policy. Holger Gerdes, Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute, had been invited to take part in a panel discussion, which focused on the challenges and

potentials of bio-based products and innovations. The video recordings from the session can be watched online.

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9. Meat of the Future - Workshop

Consumption levels of meat are high in Germany and increasingly become the subject of controversial public debates around environmental problems, health effects, animal welfare and the climate impact of food and diets. In this context, meat alternatives are discussed as an alternative. At Ecologic Institute's expert workshop "Meat of the Future" it was discussed what role these trends and products can play for sustainable diets which environmental policy options exist for shaping these trends.

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