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1. **A European Climate Law - What Should It Look Like? - Publication**

Ursula von der Leyen, the new President of the European Commission, took office on 1 December 2019. One of her first promises was to propose a European Climate Law in the first 100 days of her term in office. This 'Law' is a critical step to make Europe climate neutral. It can close gaps in existing EU climate rules that impede the EU from becoming climate neutral before 2050. A new paper by Ecologic Institute discusses what a European Climate Law should look like, and how it could close existing gaps. The paper is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/17050> [1]

2. The Economic Cost of Climate Change in Europe - Publication

This policy brief synthesises the latest results from the COACCH project on the economic costs of climate change in Europe and identifies areas of possible discussion to explore with stakeholders at the second COACCH workshop. The policy brief is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/17057> [2]

3. Carbon Leakage Risks in the Post-Paris World - Publication

With the adoption of the Paris Agreement, the world of climate policy has changed, with important implications for the debate on carbon leakage. This report by Ecologic Institute looks at how the risk of carbon leakage changes for different constellations of climate policy targets, how the incentives for countries have changed, and what carbon leakage entails for global emissions under these constellations. The report is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/17066> [3]

4. Investing in Nature for European Water Security - Publication

This report outlines a strategic vision to mobilise greater investments in nature to address Europe's outstanding water security challenges. Ecologic Institute and EMVIS Consultant Engineers supported The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in the preparation of this report, by outlining the key water challenges in Europe and the types of Nature Based Solutions that are applicable for addressing these challenges. The report is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/17059> [4]

5. Information Platform for the Restoration of Rivers - Publication

Ecologic Institute and partners developed an information platform about the restoration of rivers including ten examples of selected restoration projects. The aim is to increase attention and acceptance for restoration measures and communicate their need and benefits. Films are used to introduce and explain the information, and infographics help to illustrate in an accessible manner. An English excerpt of the information is available online.

<https://ecologic.eu/17034> [5]

6. Fourth Meeting of Climate Recon 2050's Policymaker Platform (PMP4) - Workshop

By 1 January 2020, all EU Member States need to submit long-term climate strategies. How will these be implemented? What are possible positive narratives about the future that they can describe? These were key themes of the fourth meeting of the Policymaker Platform - a dialogue workshop for government officials and experts organized by Ecologic Institute under its Climate Recon 2050 project. A detailed account of the workshop and all presentations are available online.

<https://ecologic.eu/17071> [6]

7. Climate Change Law - Overview of the Legal Frameworks - Presentation

On 4 November 2019, Dr. Stephan Sina, Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute, held a lecture on "Climate Change Law - Overview of the Legal Frameworks at the International, European and National Level" at the Berlin School of Economics and Law. The lecture was part of a lecture series during the International Students' Week. The aim of the lecture was for students to gain an understanding of the legal frameworks at the different levels and their interaction.

<https://ecologic.eu/17062> [7]

8. Climate Change in the Arctic - Moderation

The Arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the world. Led by German research institutions, international researchers from 20 countries are now engaged in the largest Arctic exploration of all time: the MOSAiC Expedition. Research approaches, findings and the impact of the Federal Arctic Guidelines were presented and discussed in a packed high-level evening event at the Bremen State House in Berlin. Dr. Camilla Bausch of Ecologic Institute moderated the event.

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9. Climate Protection in the Pankow District - Presentation

On 20 November 2019, Doris Knoblauch of Ecologic Institute was invited as an expert to a hearing on "Climate Protection

in the Pankow District" at the Pankow District Assembly in Berlin. The expert's presentation dealt with possible climate protection measures in terms of content (e.g. how the change in mobility or nutrition can succeed), but focused on organisational aspects, such as how climate protection can be anchored as a cross-sectional task in the district administration and within the population.

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10. **Introduction to Global Plastic Pollution and the Discussions at the International Level - Presentation**

On 2 December 2019, Doris Knoblauch and Dr. Stephan Sina, Senior Fellows at Ecologic Institute, held a presentation on "Tackling Plastic Pollution - Introduction to Global Plastic Pollution and the Discussions at the International Level" for 21 experts from ministries, authorities, local government, and non-governmental institutions of low-income countries, including newly industrialized economies, at Ecologic Institute in Berlin. The presentation was part of the 79th UNEP/UNESCO/BMU International Short Course on Environmental Management: Resource Efficiency - Circular Economy and Waste Management organized by the Centre for International Postgraduate Studies of Environmental Management (CIPSEM) at the Technical University Dresden.

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