

Reforming the EU: What Role for Climate and Energy Policies?

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Bucharest, Romania

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and Introduction

Oana Popescu, Director GlobalFocus Center (Romania)

Louisa Slavkova, Director Sofia Platform

Cristian Buchiu, Deputy Head of the EC Representation in Romania

10:15 – 11:45 Panel I: Romania's vision for and role in a reformed EU – what part for energy and climate policies?

In response to the financial crisis, Brexit and the overall disagreement over migration policies, EU institutions and national governments have engaged in an all-encompassing conversation about reforming the EU. Irrespective of the policy field, the question we need to ask ourselves is: *How much integration do we want and what are we willing to do for it, both as nation states and collectively as a union?*

Climate and energy are exhaustive global policy fields that cannot be kept within the limitations of national borders and strategies. Therefore, any debate on the reform of the EU will impact climate actions and energy policies, and vice versa. While some member states are taking the lead in the conversation, others are merely mirroring the specificities of their national and regional context. **In this panel, we will discuss the Romanian vision for EU reforms in general and when it comes to energy and climate specifically.**

Nils Meyer-Ohlendorf, Head, International and European Governance, Ecologic Institute (Germany)

Felicia Răcășanu, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Energy

Julian Popov, Goodwill Ambassador on climate and energy for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018 (UK/ Bulgaria)

Moderator: Oana Popescu, Director GlobalFocus Center

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Panel II: Climate and Energy Security in a reformed EU: role and impact at home

Ambitious climate and energy policy goals at EU level have triggered national and regional debates along with the unfolding of an unprecedented energy transition that will ultimately change the way we produce and consume energy. More interconnectedness and cross-border cooperation is particularly needed in this field, even though some states are reluctant to tackle such an approach. In a fast-changing environment, with new emerging energy sources and low carbon prosperity goals, what is the impact on energy stability and security, both at home, in the region and in the EU? **This panel aims to shed some light on the local impact of EU reforms in the climate and energy field, with a particular focus on oil and gas exploitation in the region and energy security at home.**

Răzvan Nicolescu, Former Minister of Energy

Mihnea Crăciun, Deputy Director EBRD

Corina Popescu, Executive Director Transelectrica

Moderator: Victor Grigorescu, Former Minister of Energy

13:30 – 13:45 Final remarks

Oana Popescu, Director GlobalFocus Center (Romania)

Nils Meyer-Ohlendorf, Head, International and European Governance, Ecologic Institute (Germany)

13:45 Lunch