

INVITATION

Charting a path towards climate neutrality in turbulent times

Tools and institutions that can support stable long-term climate policy

A hybrid expert conference

jointly organised by the [ARIADNE](#) and [Climate Recon 2050](#) projects

30 November 15:30 – 17:30 CET

followed by a reception for on-site participants

Does the EU have the tools to steer a course towards a net zero emissions future?

The EU's toolbox on climate action has been significantly expanded since the adoption of the Paris Agreement: targets have been increased and the climate neutrality goal is legally binding. New planning processes have been started and new institutions created. And with FitFor55 the core policies are being updated. Many Member States have enacted their own framework climate laws to establish clear procedures for managing their own policy-making and established dedicated independent scientific advisory councils. At EU level, a new European Scientific Advisory Board has been formed to provide additional and independent input to the institutions on the green transition.

However, first the economic impacts of the pandemic and now the energy crisis triggered by both the Russian invasion of Ukraine and a particularly hot summer in Europe are creating a difficult environment, with a complex mixture of supportive and blocking impulses. Does the EU have the means to stay the course towards climate neutrality in such turbulent times?

This event will discuss how long-term policy direction can be maintained despite uncertainties, and in this context will zoom into the role of **long-term strategies** and **scientific climate advisory councils**.

To exchange views on these tools with each other and the audience, Climate Recon 2050 and ARIADNE have brought together several experienced practitioners (in order of confirmation).

- **Ottmar Edenhofer**, chair of the [European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change](#) and spokesperson of the ARIADNE project (confirmed)
- **Vicky Pollard**, acting Head of Unit, DG CLIMA, European Commission (confirmed)
- **Marie Donnelly**, chair the [Climate Change Advisory Council](#) of Ireland (confirmed)
- **Gwenaël Podesta**, Deputy Head of the Emissions, Projections and Modelling Department, Ministry of Ecological Transition, France (confirmed)

Throughout the event, the audience in Brussels and online will be asked to provide their opinion with the use of online polling tools – and can engage equally through an electronic Q&A system.

If you would like to join the conversation, **kindly register by 28th November** at the following link to indicate your interest in participation (online or on site): <https://forms.ecologic.eu/cr2050-brussels>

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Onsite: [Hotel Martin's Brussels EU](#), Boulevard Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels & via [Zoom](#)

Agenda

30 November 2022	
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>
15:30 – 15:40	Welcome and agenda: tools for steering the course towards climate neutrality <i>Ewa Iwaszuk & Matthias Duwe (Ecologic Institute)</i>
15:40 – 16:25	<p>Taking stock of the EU's path to climate neutrality. Part 1: the state of long-term strategies</p> <p>A key function of long-term strategies should be to inform the formulation of stable policy towards net zero – but in order to do so they require sufficient level of detail and regular updating, especially in response to crises. And they need to be given appropriate political attention. Can the strategies in place in the EU at present deliver? Where and how do they need to be improved, considering the shortcomings? And: in what form and when might the EU LTS be revised? Initial discussants for these questions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicky Pollard, acting head of unit A2, “Foresight, Economic Analysis & Modelling” at DG CLIMA, European Commission (confirmed) • Gwenaël Podesta, Deputy Head of the Emissions, Projections and Modelling Department, Ministry of Ecological Transition, France (confirmed) <p>Framing by the moderator, Matthias Duwe, followed by discussion with the experts, combined with options for participation by the audience on site and online.</p>
16:25 – 17:20	<p>Taking stock of the EU's path to climate neutrality. Part 2: scientific input to policy-making</p> <p>Scientific advisory councils can bring additional transparency and accountability to policy-making, through regular progress checks and by providing an independent, fact-based input to public discourse. Many Member States have created such advisory bodies to support their national processes. With the new European Advisory Board, a new institution has been created to support. What enables such councils to play their role? What can the ESABCC do for EU policy – and its national siblings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ottmar Edenhofer, Chair of the European Scientific Advisory Board (confirmed) • Marie Donnelly, chair of the Climate Change Advisory Council of Ireland (confirmed) <p>Framing by the moderator, Ewa Iwaszuk and discussion with the experts, combined with interactions with the audience (online and on-site).</p>
17:25 – 17:30	Wrap up and outlook: insights for future EU climate policy Matthias Duwe, Ecologic Institute
<i>from 17:30 there will be a networking reception on site for participants joining in Brussels</i>	