Climate Recon 2050: Dialogues on Pathways and Policy

Side event at COP24 Wednesday December 12, 2018 11:30 - 13:00 in Room 2 Pieniny

SIDE EVENT

Momentum on Long-Term Climate Strategies: where are we in Europe?

organized by the Climate Recon 2050 project - www.climatedialogue.eu

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CONTEXT: Achieving the Paris Agreement's objectives requires a transformation of our economies in the space of a few decades. Existing policy structures and election cycles are not set up for taking such long-term perspective of conscious change. Long-term strategies, envisaged in Article 4.19 of the Paris Agreement, can be a useful instrument to create a coherent plan for the necessary transformation. They can be used to create awareness, engage stakeholders and chart a clear course towards the long-term goals – to help identify and activate the triggers to set the decarbonisation in motion.

In the EU, the development of such 2050 strategies has become a legal obligation on all Member States. Many countries have already engaged in such planning exercises and have gained a wealth of experience. This event aims to create a space to communicate some of the insights from long-term planning in individual EU countries and engage in an exchange with interested UNFCCC participants.

| 11:30-11:35 | Welcome and introduction to ClimateRecon2050 Yves Marignac, Association négawatt Chair: Istvan Bart, EnergiaKlub |
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| 11:35-11:45 | Background: Common Features of Long-term Strategies Matthias Duwe, Ecologic Institute |
| 11:45-12:30 | Member State Experience Panel: Estonia, Germany, Portugal ➤ Getlyn Denks, Head of Climate Department, Ministry of the Environment Estonia ➤ Eduardo Santos, Director of Climate Change Dep't., Environment Agency Portugal ➤ Ilka Wagner, Dep. Head of Delegation UNFCCC, German Ministry of the Environment Reports on key topics relevant to long-term strategy development and implementation |
| 12:30 - 12:55 | Discussion with the audience |
| 12:55 – 13:00 | Wrap-up |

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