

Climate Recon 2050: Dialogues on Pathways and Policy

Planning for 2050

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Conference

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EU experience with long-term climate strategies

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Venue: bip – Rue Royale 2-4

At the end of 2019, all EU Member States must have a national long-term climate strategy. Around half of them Member States have already undertaken such 2050 planning exercises in recent years to help put them on a path towards drastic emission reductions. In fact, some are already reviewing existing strategies – increasing their ambition in the wake of the Paris Agreement.

In November 2018, **the Commission published a proposal for the EU-wide long-term strategy**, calling it a “European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy”. This proposal is now under debate among Member States – and is expected to be a topic of conversation at the “Future of Europe” summit in Sibiu in May. The European Parliament has already endorsed the vision in a resolution adopted mid-March.

The conference “Planning for 2050” is **taking stock of the experience gained in Europe and presents lessons learnt** as well as challenges encountered in different Member States – and seeks to connect them to the EU’s own overall 2050 vision. It is based on insights, conversations and contacts made through a set of dialogue meetings held under the “Climate Recon 2050” project, which brought together policymakers and technical experts involved in long-term strategies from around the EU.

The conference will bring together a range of relevant stakeholders (governments, civil society, business) in an innovative setting, with space for interaction and feedback.

Participation is limited – early registration is advised.

<https://registration.ecologic-events.eu/planning-2050>

We are grateful for the support and encouragement from the many people involved in the project and this event, the dedication of the project team and the financial support from the **European Climate Initiative (EUKI)** of the **German Ministry for the Environment** and the **Stiftung Mercator**.

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09:30	Registration and coffee
10:00	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and outline of the day <i>Camilla Bausch, Director, Ecologic Institute</i>• A framework for thinking about 2050 plans: insights from Climate Recon 2050 <i>Matthias Duwe, Head, Climate, Ecologic Institute</i>
10:20	Spotlight session: “Why should you plan for 2050 – the benefits of long-term planning” <p>This dynamic interview session on stage will focus on the added value generated through the process of long-term planning and the implementation processes – followed by brief Q&A with the audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Silke Karcher, Head of Unit, EU Climate Policy, Ministry for the Environment, Germany (confirmed)</i>• <i>Getlyn Denks, Head, Climate Department, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia (confirmed)</i>• <i>Moderator: Camilla Bausch, Ecologic Institute (confirmed)</i>
10:50	Spotlight session: “Beyond forecasting: towards the zero-carbon dream” <p>The second panel explores how to develop meaningful plans for a distant future, beyond economic forecasting. How to move from projections to visions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Experts</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Katarina Trstenjak, Jozef Stefan Institute, LIFE project ClimatePath2050, Slovenia (confirmed)</i>○ <i>Yves Marignac, Director, Association négaWatt, France (confirmed)</i>○ <i>Moderator: Oliver Sartor, Senior Research Fellow Climate and Energy, IDDRI (confirmed)</i>
11:20	Introduction to Deep Dive topics session
11:30	Coffee break

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12:00 Deep Dive: exploring key topics for 2050 planning

Participants will be able to join two different topics for in-depth discussion. The conversations will be organised in parallel sessions of up to 10 people each – with two rounds of 25 minutes each.

Themes (final list to be confirmed)

Net-zero emissions as a long-term goal	<i>Lukas Emele (Öko Institut) - confirmed; Gwenaël Podesta (France) - confirmed</i>
Just transition: proactive strategies	<i>Oliver Sartor (IDDRI) - confirmed; Aleksander Śniegocki (WiseEuropa) - confirmed</i>
EU-MS interactions on climate – NECPs and LTSs	<i>Erica Hope (ECF) - confirmed, Quentin Genard (E3G) - confirmed</i>
Stakeholder engagement in 2050 planning	<i>Judith Voss-Stemping (GIZ) - confirmed; Katarina Trstenjak (JSI, ClimatePath2050) - confirmed</i>
Climate laws: a legal framework for 2050	<i>Matthias Duwe (Ecologic Institute) - confirmed</i>
Don't be afraid of sufficiency: broadening mitigation options	<i>Yves Maignac (Association Négawatt) - confirmed</i>
Decarbonisation of industry	<i>Tomas Wyns (IES) - confirmed</i>

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Deep Dive: country specific details

This session features presentations from a diverse set of European countries on their 2050 planning experience, with their respective highlights and lessons learned

- *Country experts*
 - **France:** *Gwenaël Podesta, Climate change mitigation policy adviser, General Directorate for Energy and Climate, Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (confirmed)*
 - **Latvia:** *Elina Baltroka, Head of Division, Climate Change and Adaptation Policy Division, Ministry of Environmental protection and Regional Development (confirmed)*
- *Moderator: Istvan Bart, Energiaklub (confirmed)*

Presentations followed by Q&A with the audience

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15:00 **EU perspective: a net zero vision of the future?**

Format: High-level conversation between key thinkers of the #EU2050 debate. Panellists are in charge: they pose each other questions to create a lively and engaging debate. The session includes active, facilitated interaction with the audience.

Panellists:

- Tom van Ierland, Head of Unit C.1. “Strategy & Economic Assessment”, DG CLIMA, **European Commission** (confirmed)
- Florie Gonsolin, Manager Energy and Climate, **European Chemical Industry Council** (CEFIC) (confirmed)
- Robert Jeszke, Head of Strategy, Analysis and Auction Unit, National Centre for Emissions Management (**Kobize**), **Poland** (confirmed)

Moderator: Matthias Duwe, Ecologic Institute

16:00 **Summary and closing**

**Followed by informal networking reception with tea, coffee and cake.
And Belgian chocolate. This is Brussels, after all.**