
EU climate and energy policy in the decisive decade

Wednesday, 24.1.2024, 9:00–16:30 | In-person event with live stream (Session 1+3 only)

Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union
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Greenhouse gas pollution is a cumulative problem, every avoided tonne of emissions counts. Scientists worldwide are sending increasingly stark warnings that only a fast peaking of global emissions followed by rapid year-on-year reductions in greenhouse gas emissions can prevent large parts of the globe from becoming uninhabitable for humans. Climate action is entering its decisive decade – in Europe and globally. With European elections in June 2024 quickly approaching and the appointment of a new European Commission scheduled for November 2024, there is increasing political debate on what should be the EU's climate and energy policy-making priorities in the 2024–2029 cycle.

Effective implementation of the Fit for 55 package will be a major focus, regardless of the election results. However, the focus of new climate policy initiatives in the 2024–2029 cycle will strongly be influenced by the election. Compared to five years ago, concerns about social justice, industrial competitiveness and security will likely play a much stronger role. Also, new policies for the post-2030 period will need to deal with a different set of issues and challenges compared to pre-2030 policies.

On **24 January 2024**, Agora Energiewende will publish recommendations on climate and energy for the 2024–2029 policy cycle. Building on 18 months of research and dialogue, the new report titled "EU policies for climate neutrality in the decisive decade" pulls together insights from across the Agora Think Tanks. Preliminary findings have been discussed with decision-makers and stakeholders from across the political spectrum. The **20 recommended policy initiatives for the incoming EU Commission** address all sectors and aim to advance solidarity, competitiveness and sovereignty in Europe's transition to climate neutrality.

After a high-level opening (with live stream), conference participants will be able to attend – depending on their individual preferences – several interactive breakout discussions led by different Agora experts (**attention: this part will not be live streamed**). To round off, a high-level panel will discuss key issues and messages arising from this interactive part of the conference (with live stream).

The primary audience of this conference are Members of the European Parliament and their assistants, civil servants of EU Member States and the EU institutions, as well as climate and energy stakeholders and experts.

Registration

Participation at this event is free of charge. You can register by <https://www.agora-energiewende.org/news-events/eu-climate-and-energy-policy-in-the-decisive-decade>

Live stream (Session 1+3) & recording

We will record the event and also offer a live stream of the two plenary settings.

Programme

9:00 Registration, coffee & croissants

Moderation: **Matthias Buck**, Director Europe, Agora Energiewende

Session 1 Welcome (live stream starts)

9:30 **Rainer Steffens**, Head of Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the EU

9:35 Setting the stage

Frauke Thies, Executive Director, Agora Think Tanks

9:45 Keynote speech followed by Q&A

Jos Delbeke, Professor at the European University Institute, Florence

10:15 Policy challenges and projects for the next European Commission

Andreas Graf, Programme Lead, Agora Energiewende

10:45 Coffee break (live stream stops)

Session 2 Marketplace: Policy initiatives (3 breakout sessions of 35 min with two 10 min breaks)

10:55 **Kaisa Amaral**, Press and EU communications Lead, Agora Think Tanks

Claudio Baccianti, Senior Associate, Agora Energiewende

Marco Giuli, Project Manager, Agora Energiewende

Andreas Graf, Programme Lead, Agora Energiewende

Michaela Holl, Senior Associate, Agora Energiewende

Kerstin Meyer, Senior Associate, Agora Verkehrswende

Nikolai Pushkarev, Manager EU Policy, Agora Agriculture

Oliver Sartor, Senior Advisor, Agora Industry

13:00 Lunch-break

Session 3 Policy initiatives (live stream starts again)

14:00 Debriefing from the marketplace

14:20 High-level panel on challenges and priorities for the 2024-2029 policy cycle

Monique Goyens, Director General BEUC – European Consumer's Association

Thomas Pellerin-Carlin, EU Programme Director, Institute for Climate Economics (I4CE), Paris

Kristian Ruby, Secretary General, Eurelectric

Joanna Maćkowiak-Pandera, President, Forum Energii, Warsaw











15:50 Wrap-up

Matthias Buck, Director Europe, Agora Energiewende

16:00 Cake & coffee

Marketplace: Policy initiatives

Overview of the breakout sessions

	Plenary room	Breakout room 1	Breakout room 2
10:55	 <p>1: Fostering public support and active engagement</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating & Cooling • Mobility • Rural areas • Misinformation 	 <p>2: Greening Europe's industrial base</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial resilience & competitiveness – Lead markets 	 <p>3: Scaling clean power and net-zero infrastructure</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energies • Infrastructure
11:30	Break (to move to next session)		
11:40	 <p>4: Closing policy gaps</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food policy • Biomass • Carbon removals • Shipping/Aviation 	 <p>5: Greening Europe's industrial base</p>  <p>Adapting to a changing geopolitical landscape</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global value chains • Energy security 	 <p>6: Scaling climate investments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU climate spending • Fiscal risks
12:15	Break (to move to next session)		
12:25	 <p>7: Scaling climate investments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU climate spending • Fiscal risks • State aid 	 <p>8: Greening Europe's industrial base</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Industrial resilience & competitiveness - Direct electrification</p>	 <p>9: Closing policy gaps</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fossil fuel phase-out • Low-carbon gases • Energy security

During this session attendees can choose one topic per line to join a maximum of three sessions. After each session there is a 10-minute break to give attendees time to move to the next topic/room. The last session finishes at 13:00 when a light lunch will be served.