

*****all speakers to be confirmed*****

EU Think Tank Platform for Paris 2015 (TT2015):

The COP21 outcome: what does it mean for the EU?

January 22, 2016 – CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, Brussels

On the evening of December 12, 2015 COP21 came to a successful conclusion with the adoption of the Paris Agreement. In the run-up to Paris, the members of TT2015 held numerous events on how Europe could benefit from a strong agreement in Paris, and the role of the EU in developing it.

In this closing event of TT2015 we will reflect on the COP21 outcome together with key EU negotiators. We will ask our speakers to comment on what the implications are for EU climate and energy policy, as well as on international climate policy going forward.

The members of TT2015 will reflect on how the outcome compares to their thoughts as outlined in the joint TT2015 paper "Paris 2015: What's in it for the EU?", focusing in particular on topics such as EU soft power, climate action, transition of the energy system, and carbon markets.

Chair: Andrei Marcu, CEPS

09:30

Registration & coffee

10:00

Welcome by Andrei Marcu, CEPS

10:05

Views from EU negotiators on the Paris Agreement:

Questions for speakers:

- How does the Paris Agreement align with the EU's position defined ahead of Paris?
- Perspectives on Europe's role in shaping the final Paris outcome
- What are the implications of COP21 for domestic EU climate and energy policy?
- How will the EU position itself in international climate policy in the future?

Speakers:

- **Tomasz Chruszczow, Poland**
- **Jake Werksman, EU**
- **Nicole Wilke, Germany**

11:30

Round Table discussion with TT2015 members.

Topics to be discussed may include:

- How can the EU move on key processes driven by provisions in the Paris Agreement? [e.g. EU ratification; alignment with EU policies]
- Does Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on carbon markets impact carbon prices in the EU and the governance of EU ETS?
- Does the Paris Agreement affect competitiveness pressures in the EU due to climate change mitigation measures?
- Is Europe's climate and energy policy fit for purpose to align with the Paris outcomes on the long-term goal, ambition mechanism and an aspirational 1.5 degree pathway?

12:15

Discussion with audience

13:00

Wrap up & Lunch