



Conference by the Centre for European Policy Studies  
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## **Preparing for the European Green Deal: What Toolbox for Climate Neutrality?**

**Brussels, TownHall Europe**

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### **Context**

The ambition to reach a net-zero emitting European economy by 2050 will require to take a fresh look at the full suite of solutions needed. Changes will ultimately be triggered by developing new approaches, mind-sets and behaviours. This event will aim at providing new solutions and fresh perspectives that can facilitate the achievement of climate neutrality, i.e. options we can propose to the member states that face the biggest difficulties in meeting the target.

The event will combine *inspirational* contributions from well and lesser-known out-of-the-box thinkers with comments by high-level policy makers, industry representatives and other stakeholders.

A new approach to carbon policies is the underlying theme of the conference, that is, moving from single, often technology-specific policies (e.g. efficiency, renewables, forestry etc.) to a more encompassing framework which can make use of a complete toolbox without taboos. This toolbox's broad range of solutions span from CO<sub>2</sub> reuse, CO<sub>2</sub> removal, carbon sequestration in agricultural lands and other sinks, and temporary off-setting to more radical alternatives such as direct air capture. Some of the discussion's key words will be value chain approach, deconstruction of industries (e.g. new base chemicals), industrial symbiosis, BECCS, carbonated building elements, soil carbon or carbon removal.

The conference will emphasize the first and foremost importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while keeping in mind that as time runs out, the EU and the world cannot afford the luxury of leaving viable solutions out of the equation. There is a need to kick start a global movement to reduce and sequester as much CO<sub>2</sub> as we possibly can as fast as possible.

### **Programme**

**13:00- 14:00 Registration and coffee**

**14:00-14:05 Welcome by the Moderator**

**Sonja van Renssen**, Freelance Energy, Environment and Climate journalist, Brussels

**14:05-15:05 Session 1: Opening**

**Representative** of DG Climate Action, European Commission

**Liv Lønnum**, State Secretary, Ministry for Petroleum and Energy, Norway

**Martin Bruncko**, Founder and Managing Partner, STEAM CAPITAL, London

## Discussion with the Moderator

### **15:05-16:25 Session 2: Value chains, circularity and Ecosystem perspectives**

**Sabine Fuss**, Jubilee Professor, Chalmers University, Göteborg; Mercator Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change & Humboldt University, Berlin

**Maria van der Hoeven**, Senior Fellow at CIEP (Clingendael International Energy Program), Member of Global commission on New Climate Economy, former Executive Director of IEA, former minister of Economic Affairs and Energy, Netherlands.

**Åke Iverfeldt**, CEO, MISTRA Foundation, Sweden

**Jeroen Uytterschaut**, EU Representative & Executive Director, World Vision jointly with **Tony Rinaudo** Principal Advisor, Food Security and Natural Resources Team, World Vision Australia **via video link**.

Debate

Response: **Artur Runge-Metzger**, Director, Climate Strategy, Governance and Emissions from Non-trading sector, DG Climate Action, European Commission.

### **16:25 -16:55 Break**

**16:55-17:20 Katri Kulmuni**, Minister of the Economic Affairs & Deputy Prime Minister, Finland  
Question and answers

### **17:20-18:40 Session 3: Moving from ambition to action by enabling citizens to contribute**

**Vegar Andersen**, City Council for Business and Ownership, City of Oslo, EU Environmental Capital of 2019, Norway

Comments **Marianne Tikkanen** Co-founder of Puro.earth

**Ville Niinistö**, Member of European Parliament, Green Group, Finland

Debate

Response: **Paula Pinho**, Acting Director, Energy Policy, DG Energy, European Commission (*tbc*)

**18:40-19.00 Closing Speech: Terhi Lehtonen**, State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Finland.

End of conference, followed by drinks reception

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