

Developing the EU Long-Term Climate Strategy

Overall impact of sectoral roadmaps:

A dialogue between business and think tanks

Some speakers are being confirmed

Date: September 18, 2018

Time: 10:30 - 4:15 pm

Location: University Foundation, rue d'Egmont 11, Brussels

Background

In March 2018, the European Council invited the Commission to present by the first quarter of 2019 “a proposal for a Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reduction in accordance with the Paris Agreement, taking into account the national plans”. This new climate strategy of the EU will arguably underpin the EU’s submission to the UNFCCC and justify future EU and national climate policies.

During the past year, Bruegel and the European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ERCST/ICTSD) conducted a series of stakeholder workshops in seven member states to discuss the new EU Climate Strategy. This project had two deliverables: a technical document, describing a wide array of potential choices and a policy document, presenting a number of inherently consistent sets of choices that may serve as basis to build the new climate strategy.

In the discussions with stakeholders and officials, it became clear that the key challenge will be to ensure decarbonisation, but done in a way which benefits Europe and the European economy. This requires a holistic approach, based on a smart combination of policy vectors.

It also requires transparency and intellectual contribution from all sectors of society. This event is meant to generate input and ideas from a dialogue between think tanks and the business sector before the Commission releases its paper before COP 24.

Agenda

10:30 – 10:45

Welcome and Introduction

- **Andrei Marcu (ICTSD) and Georg Zachmann (Bruegel)**

10:45 – 11:10

Presentation of ICTSD and Bruegel project: Developing the EU Long-Term Climate Strategy

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11:10 – 11:30 **State of play**

- A. Runge-Metzger, EC & S. Andoura, EPSC

11:30 – 12:00 **Presentation and discussion on extensive scenario analyses of technical and economic options for ambitious GHG emission reductions in Germany**

- J. Hein, BDI

This session will start with a presentation by J. Hein on the German industries association (BDI) decarbonization pathway report. The extensive study models an 80% and a 95% decarbonization scenario for Germany by 2050 and is based on assumptions/scenarios that were coordinated among German business players.

The second part will consist of short interventions from sectoral representatives, who will contrast their sectoral knowledge (often backed by dedicated sectoral roadmaps) with the top-down German report. These presentations will be done in a format that will allow a discussion on how they mesh together and what they will achieve together.

The final part of the session will be a discussion between the think tanks and business representatives present on the overall achievements outlined in the German study, the methodology used to determine overall impact and how that methodology can be used to determine the overall impact of the EU sectoral roadmaps. It will start with interventions from think tanks reacting to the BDI presentation, and the interventions from business, followed by a roundtable discussion with participants

Representatives of the European Commission will be invited to comment during the discussion.

12:00 – 13:30 **Presentation and discussion of EU sectoral roadmaps**

- **Electricity:** M. Labatut, Eurelectric
- **Fuels:** J. Cooper, Fuels Europe
- **Cement:** R. van der Meer, Heidelberg Cement
- **Paper:** N. Rega, CEPI
- **Steel:** J-T. Ghenda, Eurofer
- **Chemicals:** W. Garcia, CEFIC

13:30- 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-16:00 **Interventions from think tanks**

- C. Mathieu, IFRI
- R. Dudau, Energy Policy Group
- E. Jensen, Danish Climate Council

16:00 – 16:15 **Concluding remarks from the Chairs**

16:15 **End of meeting**