

Workshop

A JUST TRANSITION TO A CLIMATE NEUTRAL EUROPE: GETTING THE BASIS RIGHT

Tuesday 4 February 2020

EPC Conference Centre, 14-16 Rue du Trône, 1000 Brussels

PROGRAMME

9.40 *Registration (coffee)*

10.00 *Welcome and introduction*

Annika Hedberg, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre

Andrei Marcu, Director, European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition

10.10 *Tour de table*

10.20 *Overview of the state of play and current developments*

Cécile Hanoune, Deputy Head of Unit, Strategy & Economic Assessment, DG for Climate Action, European Commission

Hubert Strauss, Lead Economist, Projects Directorate, Regional Development Division, European Investment Bank

10.40 *Case studies from European countries and beyond: the most important issues to be addressed and lessons learned*

Lucy Geoghegan, Head of the Green New Deal Unit, Scottish Government – *Overview of the work of the Just Transition Commission, challenges and lessons learned*

Andrei Marcu, Director, European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition – *Presentation on the study on the impact on mitigation measures in Chile*

11.00 *The role of the EU and member states*

Benjamin Denis, Policy Advisor, IndustriAll

Mirko Armiento, Senior Researcher, ENEL Foundation

Patricia Benchenna, Philanthropy Director, Schneider Electric Foundation

Katie Treadwell, Energy Policy Officer, WWF

Sébastien Strome, Senior Advisor, Just Transition Centre

11.40 *Discussion*

12.30 *End of workshop*

Questions to be addressed at the workshop:

- How should the EU-wide framework and coordination on Just Transition policies look like?
- Defining a Just Transition: rationale and elements to be considered?
- Achieving climate neutrality: How to accelerate the transition in an inclusive way?
- Is there (need) for an EU-wide framework and coordination for Just Transition policies?
- Examples of Just Transition: from theory to lessons learned. E.g. What are different EU member states doing to promote action on Just Transition? How do member states handle regional policy and sectorial transition? What are they doing to ensure that citizens are on board?
- What does the current EU policy framework for a Just Transition consist of? What are the available financing tools? What additional tools may be required?
- Will the Just Transition be funded with additional and “fresh money” from the EU budget? To what extent will the cohesion policy budget suffer cuts at the expense of the Just Transition?
- Is the design and governance of the Just Transition mechanism fit for purpose?
- What knowledge gaps exist when it comes to the up to date discussions and evaluating the lessons learned?