**Public Debate**

**A Debate on Flexibility in the EU's**

**Transportation Decarbonization Policies**

**Date**: March 4, 2025

**Time**: 15:00 - 16:30

**Location**: Hybrid

While electrification is seen and considered by the EU to be a pivotal decarbonization strategy for transportation, it may not be a one-size-fits-all solution. Hard-to-electrify sectors—such as aviation, maritime shipping, and certain industrial processes—require complementary approaches to achieve full decarbonization. This debate aims to discuss the different approaches available, including an electrification-only approach, as well as explore the role of sustainable fuels, and promote a discussion to develop a balanced policy framework.

The discussion will also address the importance of implementing technology-neutral policies, ensuring market competition and accelerating innovation across all viable decarbonization pathways.

**15:00 Welcome and introduction**

* Andrei Marcu, Director of ERCST
* John Cooper, ERCST

**15:15 Panel discussion**

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| Speakers will have ten minutes each to address the following questions:   1. What are the technical, economic, and social challenges in deciding on a policy approach for the decarbonization of transportation? 2. Sustainable fuels and electrification: complementary or competitive?   A moderated debate with the audience will follow. |

* Cillian O’Donoghue – Eurelectric
* Aleksander Rajch – Polish New Mobility Association
* Lars Hummel – eFuel Alliance
* Alessandro Bartelloni – FuelsEurope
* Stefano Murace – Eurogas
* Ana Alvarez – Repsol

**16:30 End of meeting**