

Pre-COP28: In conversation with Jacob Werksman

Public Event

Agenda

Date: 26 October 2023

Time: Starting 4:00 pm (CET)

Location: ERCST, Rue Archimède 61, 1000 Bruxelles

At the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP28), negotiations are expected to revolve around relevant issues brought up at COP27 in Egypt and discussed during the Bonn Conference in June 2023, such as the debate around reducing fossil fuels to "zero" (*phasing out*) or reducing the use of fossil fuels (*phasing down*), the effective implementation of the loss and damage fund and the urgent distribution of the amounts, as well as climate finance and the first *Global Stocktake* – the UNFCCC's review of the global progress made in implementing the Paris Agreement – which will define the progress of countries in meeting the targets set out in the *Nationally Determined Contributions* (NDCs).

Additionally, the Incoming Presidency announced, in a letter to parties dated July 2023, that COP28 will focus on four paradigm shifts: (i) fast-tracking the energy transition and slashing emissions before 2030; (ii) transforming climate finance, by delivering on old promises and setting the framework for a new deal on finance; (iii) putting nature, people, lives, and livelihoods at the heart of climate action; and (iv) mobilizing for the most inclusive COP ever.

Specifically, regarding the energy transition, the plan includes commitments to double energy efficiency, triple renewable energy capacity to 11,000 GW worldwide and double hydrogen production to 180 million tons per year by 2030.

J. Werksman, Chief Paris Agreement Negotiator and head of the UNFCCC Task Force & Principal Adviser for International Aspects of EU Climate Policy, and A. Marcu, ERCST Executive Director, will reflect on the EU strategic policy priorities in the run-up to COP28 and on the potential outcomes.

16:00 - 16:05

Welcome

- A. Marcu, ERCST Executive Director

16:05-16:45

Panel discussion

- J. Werksman, Chief Paris Agreement Negotiator and head of the UNFCCC Task Force & Principal Adviser for International Aspects of EU Climate Policy
- A. Marcu, ERCST Executive Director

16:45 - 17:15

Q&A