**2040 Climate Target: EU’s Climate Turning Point?**

**\*\*\*** Draft Agenda **\*\*\***

*Speakers are currently being confirmed*

**Date**: 8th July 2025

**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00 am CET

**Location:** ONLINE

|  |
| --- |
| The European Climate Law required the EU to set a 2040 climate target within six months of the first Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement—an essential milestone on the path to climate neutrality. On 6 February 2024, the EU Commission published its Communication ‘Securing our future - Europe’s 2040 climate target and path to climate neutrality by 2050 building a sustainable, just and prosperous society’, recommending a 90% net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 compared to 1990 levels. The 2040 target, once agreed, will form the basis of the EU’s new Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement, to be communicated to the UNFCCC before COP30. The Communication outlines several enabling policy conditions necessary to reach this goal, including full implementation of the 2030 climate and energy framework, safeguarding the competitiveness of European industry, prioritising a just transition that leaves no one behind, ensuring a level playing field with international partners, and launching a strategic dialogue on the post-2030 framework, particularly with industry and the agricultural sector. This proposal was informed by a public consultation held from 31 March to 23 June 2023, as well as the independent advice of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change. The EU Commission officially published the 2040 climate target on July 2, 2025.This event aims to discuss the implications of the EU’s 2040 climate target across sectors, examine the enabling conditions identified by the Commission, and assess the alignment of the target with long-term climate neutrality goals.  |

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome and introduction**

* + - * Andrei Marcu, ERCST

10:10 - 10:30 **ERCST Presentation**

The ERCST Presentation will set the scenes for an in-depth discussions with the panel and participants.

10:30 – 10:40 **Keynote**

 The keynote speaker from the EU Commission and the EU Member State will offer an institutional perspective on the 2040 Climate Target, shedding light on its implications.

* + - * Krzysztof Bolesta, Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment

10:40 – 11:30 **Roundtable discussion**

Guiding questions:

* What should the legislative framework look like in order to be able to implement the 90% target?
* Does the 2040 target strike the right balance between ambition and feasibility?
* What does the 2040 target mean for the future competitiveness of European industry?
* How do you see the role of the flexibilities introduced in meeting the EU's proposed 90% emissions reduction target by 2040?

Each speaker will have 7 min for his/her intervention.

* Daniele Agostini, ENEL
* Axel Eggert, Eurofer
* Holger Lösch, BDI
* Georg Zachmann, Bruegel

11:30 – 11:55 **Q&A, Interventions by the audience**

12:00  **End of the meeting**