# Climate Recon 2050:

**Dialogues on Pathways and Policy** 

Planning for 2050 23 May 2019 – Brussels

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### Conference

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## **EU experience with long-term climate strategies**

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Venue: bip – Rue Royale 2-4

At the end of 2019, all EU Member States must have a national long-term climate strategy. Around half of them Member States have already undertaken such 2050 planning exercises in recent years to help put them on a path towards drastic emission reductions. In fact, some are already reviewing existing strategies – increasing their ambition in the wake of the Paris Agreement.

In November 2018, **the Commission published a proposal for the EU-wide long-term strategy**, calling it a "European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy". This proposal is now under debate among Member States – and is expected to be a topic of conversation at the "Future of Europe" summit in Sibiu in May. The European Parliament has already endorsed the vision in a resolution adopted mid-March.

The conference "Planning for 2050" is **taking stock of the experience gained in Europe and presents lessons learnt** as well as challenges encountered in different Member States – and seeks to connect them to the EU's own overall 2050 vision. It is based on insights, conversations and contacts made through a set of dialogue meetings held under the "Climate Recon 2050" project, which brought together policymakers and technical experts involved in long-term strategies from around the EU.

The conference will bring together a range of relevant stakeholders (governments, civil society, business) in an innovative setting, with space for interaction and feedback.

Participation is limited – early registration is advised. https://registration.ecologic-events.eu/planning-2050

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### AGENDA

Time	Agenda item	
09:30	Registration and coffee	
10:00	<ul> <li>Welcome and introduction</li> <li>Welcome and outline of the day <i>Camilla Bausch, Director, Ecologic Institute</i></li> <li>A framework for thinking about 2050 plans: insights from Climate Recon 2050 <i>Matthias Duwe, Head, Climate, Ecologic Institute</i></li> </ul>	
10:20	<ul> <li>Spotlight session: "Why should you plan for 2050 – the benefits of long-term planning"</li> <li>This dynamic interview session on stage will focus on the added value generated through the process of long-term planning and the implementation processes – followed by brief Q&amp;A with the audience</li> <li>Silke Karcher, Head of Unit, EU Climate Policy, Ministry for the Environment, Germany (confirmed)</li> <li>Getlyn Denks, Head, Climate Department, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia (confirmed)</li> <li>Moderator: Camilla Bausch, Ecologic Institute (confirmed)</li> </ul>	
10:50	<ul> <li>Spotlight session: "Beyond forecasting: towards the zero-carbon dream"</li> <li>The second panel explores how to develop meaningful plans for a distant future, beyond economic forecasting. How to more from projections to visions?</li> <li>Experts <ul> <li>Katarina Trstenjak, Jozef Stefan Institute, LIFE project ClimatePath2050, Slovenia (confirmed)</li> <li>Yves Marignac, Director, Association négaWatt, France (confirmed)</li> <li>Moderator: Lola Vallejo, Climate Programme Director, IDDRI (confirmed)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11:20	Introduction to Deep Dive topics session	

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#### 11:30 Coffee break

#### 12:00 Deep Dive: exploring key topics for 2050 planning

Participants will be able to join two different topics for in-depth discussion. The conversations will be organised in parallel sessions of up to 10 people each – with two rounds of 25 minutes each.

Themes (final list to be confirmed)

Net-zero emissions as a long-term goal	Lukas Emele (Öko Institut) - confirmed; Gwenaël Podesta (France) - confirmed
Just transition: proactive strategies	Lola Vallejo (IDDRI) - confirmed; Maciej Bukowski (WiseEuropa) - confirmed
EU-MS interactions on climate – NECPs and LTSs	Erica Hope (ECF) - confirmed, Quentin Genard (E3G) - confirmed
Stakeholder engagement in 2050 planning	Judith Voss-Stemping - confirmed;
Climate laws: a legal framework for 2050	Matthias Duwe (Ecologic Institute) - confirmed
Don't be afraid of sufficiency: broadening mitigation options	Yves Marignac (Association Négawatt) - confirmed
Decarbonisation of industry	Tomas Wyns (IES) - confirmed

#### 13:00 Lunch break

#### 14:00 Deep Dive: country specific details

This session features presentations from a diverse set of European countries on their 2050 planning experience, with their respective highlights and lessons learned

- Country experts
  - France: Gwenaël Podesta, Climate change mitigation policy adviser, General Directorate for Energy and Climate, Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (confirmed)
  - Latvia: Elina Baltroka, Head of Division, Climate Change and Adaptation Policy Division, Ministry of Environmental protection and Regional Development (confirmed)
  - *Finland*: Laura Aho, Senior Specialist, Climate issues, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU (invited)
- Moderator: Istvan Bart, Energiaklub (confirmed)

Presentations followed by Q&A with the audience

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15:00	<b>EU perspective: a net zero vision of the future?</b> Format: High-level conversation between key thinkers of the #EU2050 debate. Panellists are in charge: they pose each other questions to create a lively and engaging debate. The session includes active, facilitated interaction with the audience.		
	Panellists:		
	<ul> <li>Tom van Ierland, Head of Unit C.1. "Strategy &amp; Economic Assessment", DG CLIMA, European Commission (confirmed)</li> </ul>		
	Florie Gonsolin, Manager Energy and Climate, European Chemical Industry     Council (CEFIC) (confirmed)		
	<ul> <li>Robert Jeszke, Head of Strategy, Analysis and Auction Unit, National Centre for Emissions Management (Kobize), Poland (confirmed)</li> </ul>		
	Moderator: Matthias Duwe, Ecologic Institute		
16:00	Summary and closing		
Followed by informal networking reception with tea, coffee and cake. And Belgian chocolate. This is Brussels, after all.			