



Conference programme

# A future-proof European Green Deal: Overcoming crises, increasing ambition

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## Wednesday 29 June

- 13:45 **Start of the conference**  
Participants arrive
- 14:15 – 14:30 **Opening**  
Opening remarks by
- **Ben Allen**, Interim Executive Director at the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
  - **Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director at the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- 14:30 – 15:00 **The European Green Deal: A snapshot of progress made**  
Launched by way of a 2019 communication from the European Commission, the Green Deal covers several environmental objectives, with the ultimate aim to make the EU climate neutral by 2050. Now that numerous proposals are on the table and it's time for European Parliament and Council to have their say, panellists discuss the state of the Green Deal. The first results of the European Green Deal Barometer – a publication based on a survey of more than 300 sustainability experts – will feed into the discussion. The Barometer analyses the progress made and identifies gaps and opportunities, serving as a “confidence barometer” on Green Deal implementation.
- Keynote by
- **Diederik Samsom**, Head of Cabinet to European Commission Executive Vice President Frans Timmermans
- Presentation of first Barometer results by
- **Faustine Bas-Defossez**, External Impact Director at IEEP
- Moderated by
- **Jo Sullivan**, IEEP Associate

15:00 – 16:15

### **Making the Green Deal a reality: Halfway there?**

Now that the current European Commission is at the halfway mark, it is time to take stock of where the Green Deal is at and what the next steps are. Ever since European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen first presented the European Green Deal in December 2019, the project has faced crisis after crisis – first COVID-19, now the war in Ukraine. The first edition of the European Green Deal Barometer, however, found that 47% of respondents think that the pandemic has accelerated the green transition. As EU leaders grapple with the impact of the war on energy and food security, the bloc must once again stick to the Green Deal as the central answer. The Trio Presidency and Spain's subsequent EU Presidency have a vital role to play in keeping up the ambition and ensuring that the proposals currently on the table are swiftly finalised. Building on the results from the European Green Deal Barometer, this debate assesses Green Deal implementation thus far and highlights where action is most urgent in the next years.

Video intervention by

- **Virginijus Sinkevičius**, European Commissioner for the Environment

Speakers include

- **Pascal Canfin**, Chair of the European Parliament Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee
- **Jan Dusík**, Czech Deputy Minister for the Environment
- **Barbara Pompili**, former French Minister for the Ecological Transition

Moderated by

- **Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director at IDDRI

16:15 – 16:45

### **Coffee break**

16:45 – 17:45

### **From 2024 to 2050: The Green Deal after the EU elections**

While the European Climate Law legally enshrines the EU's ambition to become climate neutral by the middle of the century, the road to 2050 will be long and winding. One of the next checkpoints for the Green Deal is 2024, when EU elections will herald a new European Parliament and the new European Commission will also start its mandate. As the power balance shifts, it is imperative that the intention of the Green Deal does not get lost. The climate and biodiversity crises need to remain top of the agenda, and companies need a long-term regulatory framework to shift to green production. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change highlights the urgency of acting, this

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debate asks how the EU can keep up – and preferably increase – the ambition of the Green Deal after 2024.

Speakers include

- **Ester Asin**, Director of the WWF European Policy Office
- **Joe Elborn**, Secretary General of the European Youth Forum
- **Charlotte Halpern**, Tenured Researcher at Sciences Po, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics
- **Lars Holmquist**, Executive Vice President at Tetra Pak

Moderated by

- **Luc Bas**, Head of Coordination and Strategy at the European Environment Agency

17:45 **Closing of the first day**

17:45 – 19:00 **Networking cocktail**

## Thursday 30 June

08:30 **Start of the second day of the conference**  
Participants arrive

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening of the second day**  
The second day of the Think2030 conference will look at key thematic areas of the Green Deal and refine policy recommendations targeted at the Trio Presidency, the European Parliament and the European Commission.

Video intervention by

- **Mathias Vicherat**, Director of Sciences Po Paris

Opening remarks on the SDGs and the Green Deal by

- **Jorge Laguna-Celis**, Head, One Planet Network, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Moderated by

- **Jo Sullivan**, IEEP Associate

09:30 – 09:45 **Transfer to roundtable rooms**

09:45 – 11:00 **First set of parallel roundtables**

- **Delivering climate targets: How can EU policy support a just transition?**

To reach its new climate target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, the EU is currently discussing an ambitious revamp of its climate and energy legislation: the Fit for 55 Package. The overall benefit for EU societies of tackling climate change is clear. Mitigation measures do however have distributive consequences that could disproportionately weigh on vulnerable citizens and exposed workers in fossil fuel industries. Participants will discuss the distributive impact of the current policy package and explore whether it should be adapted or complemented with additional measures and policies to ensure a just transition for all.

Speakers include

- **Daniel Engström Stenson**, Senior Policy Advisor, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- **Leonie Hass**, Policy Officer, Emissions Trading System, European Commission Directorate General for Climate Action
- **Mikel González-Eguino**, Senior Researcher at the Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) and Associate Professor at the University of the Basque Country
- **Julien Viau**, Head of Carbon Market Unit, French Energy Transition Ministry

Moderated by

- **Nicolas Berghmans**, Lead European Affairs and energy and climate expert at IDDRI

- **Towards an EU Sustainable Food Systems Legislative Framework**

The European Commission will put forward a proposal for a Sustainable Food Systems Legislative Framework in 2023. Building on the work done on sustainable food systems by Think Sustainable Europe (TSE), this roundtable will discuss recommendations on the objectives and design of the legislative framework. In particular, it will look at the relationships with the current EU and national agri-food laws and policies and explore the need for multi-level governance. Participants will also discuss the political pathways to achieve an ambitious Sustainable Food Systems Law.

Speakers include

- **Wim Debeuckelaere**, Policy Officer, Farm to Fork Strategy, European Commission Directorate General for Health and Food Safety
- **Johan Krallis Anell**, National Export Coordinator, Swedish Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation
- **Jennifer Lewis**, Executive Director at the International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association (IBMA)
- **Nikolai Pushkarev**, Senior Policy Manager for Healthy Environments and Policy Coordinator at the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)

Moderated by

- **Estelle Midler**, Senior Policy Analyst for CAP and Food at IEEP

11:00 – 11:30

### Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45

### Second set of parallel roundtables

- **State of the EU CBAM after the French Presidency: A reality check**

The French Presidency has made the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) a political priority, but design and implementation issues continue to raise major tensions between Member States – but also at the level of political groups in the European Parliament and between interest representation groups in Brussels. At the end of the French Presidency, this roundtable will take stock of progress made, both at the level of the Parliament, and at that of the Council, which agreed on a general orientation at the ECOFIN Council in March.

Speakers include

- **Camilla Bausch**, Scientific and Executive Director of Ecologic Institute
- **Laura Berthet**, Head of Office, Climate, Environment and Agriculture, DG Trésor (French Treasury)
- **Isabelle Garzon**, Director of Studies and Development at Europe Jacques Delors
- **Markus Gehring**, Professor of International Law and Director of the Centre for European Legal Studies at the University of Cambridge

Moderated by

- **Pierre Leturcq**, Senior Policy Analyst for Global Challenges and SDGs at IEEP and Coordinator of the Green Trade Network

- **Restoring EU ecosystems: Recommendations for the successful implementation of the proposed EU Nature Restoration Law**

The European Commission will put forward a proposal for an EU Nature Restoration Law, including legally binding restoration targets. This roundtable will focus on the opportunities presented by the upcoming law, given the manifold benefits of restoration to nature, people, and the economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation. Participants will discuss what is needed to ensure that the restoration targets are achieved by Member States, in terms of governance arrangements, monitoring framework, technical and scientific support, and funding. The objective of the roundtable is to fine-tune a series of recommendations for Member States and the EU institutions to facilitate the successful implementation of the upcoming law.

Speakers include

- **Denis Couvet**, President, Foundation for Biodiversity Research (FRB)
- **Aveliina Helm**, Professor at Tartu University, Estonia and Board Member of the Society for Ecological Restoration Europe

Moderated by

- **Evelyn Underwood**, Head of Programme for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at IEEP

12:45 – 14:00

### **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:15

### **Passing the baton: Next steps for Green Deal implementation**

30 June is the final day of the French Presidency, after which the Czech Republic will take over the helm of the Council of the European Union. Combining the outcomes of the roundtable discussions, the closing debate suggests ways forward for ambitious Green Deal action led by the upcoming EU Presidencies.

Speakers include

- **Sirpa Pietikäinen**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Artur Runge-Metzger**, Fellow of the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change and former European Commission Climate Negotiator
- **Saïd El Khadraoui**, Brussels Representative and Institutional Expert at the European Environment Agency (EEA)

Moderated by

- **Jo Sullivan**, IEEP Associate

15:15 – 15:30

### **Closing of the conference**

Concluding remarks by

- **Aranca Gonzalez**, former Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs and Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po
- **Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director at IDDRI



## About Think2030

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