



EVENT INVITATION


Climate neutrality: is the European Union on track?

Launch of the European Climate Neutrality Observatory

When? 26th June 2023 10:00 – 12:00 CET

Where? Townhall Europe, Square de Meeûs 5-6, 1000 Brussels
& online streaming via Zoom

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Launch of the European Climate Neutrality Observatory

June 26 in Brussels

We need new tools to monitor the transition

With the adoption of the EU climate law, achieving climate neutrality by 2050 is a binding obligation for the European Union. To ensure the continent is and remains on track to achieve this goal a dedicated monitoring and accountability framework is needed – one that captures the urgency, scale, and complexity of the transition, and that can inform course corrections in a timely and accurate manner. Measuring headline targets is not enough.

A one-stop shop for independent, data-driven progress monitoring

The European Climate Neutrality Observatory (ECNO) will provide comprehensive, regular, reliable, and clear analysis of EU progress towards climate neutrality, and of the functioning of the related governance systems (e.g., the quality of transition plans and strategies). ECNO will be a new, trusted voice in the European climate policy discourse that functions as an independent, external monitor for the EU’s climate neutrality target. It is being brought to life by a partnership of scientific institutes, funded by the European Climate Foundation.

Launch and first indicator-based progress report on 26 June 2023 in Brussels

ECNO’s first annual flagship report on the EU’s progress to net zero will be presented on 26 June 2023 at the official Brussels launch of the initiative. It will be based on a vision of a climate neutral future composed of 13 essential sectoral and horizontal net zero “building blocks”. The analysis of progress among over a 100 carefully chosen indicators, which together look at both headline objectives as well as their enabling conditions, will provide an unprecedented, integrated view into where and how the EU economy is advancing on its transformation to climate neutrality, and where attention needs to be most urgently placed.

To participate on June 26th, please register at <https://forms.ecologic.eu/ECNO-launch>.



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Agenda **26th June 2023** **10-12 CEST**

Time	Programme
10:00	<p>Opening and welcome</p> <p>Why do we need a European Climate Neutrality Observatory?</p> <p><i>Laurence Tubiana, CEO, European Climate Foundation (confirmed)</i></p>
10:15	<p>Keynote</p> <p>In Europe's own interest: a climate neutral future is possible</p> <p><i>Claude Turmes, Minister for Energy and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg (video)</i></p>
10:30	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Where is Europe on the path to climate neutrality? Key findings from the first ever in-depth progress assessment by ECNO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eike Velten, Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute</i> • <i>Niklas Höhne, NewClimate Institute</i> • <i>Zofia Wetmanska, Reform Institute</i>
11:00	<p>Discussion</p> <p>How can the EU better steer towards climate neutrality?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Yvon Slingenberg, Director, DG CLIMA, European Commission (confirmed)</i> • <i>Joško Klisović, Committee of the Regions (confirmed)</i> • <i>Florie Gonsolin, Director Industrial Transformation Projects, European Chemical Industry Council - Cefic (confirmed)</i> • <i>Robert Jeszke, CEO, Centre for Climate and Energy Analysis (CAKE) at the National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBiZE) (confirmed)</i>
11:55	<p>Outlook</p> <p><i>Moderator: Erica Hope, European Climate Foundation</i></p>

A light sandwich lunch will be provided on the premises for in-person participants.

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