

The European Green Deal and the day after

26 November 2020, 09h30 - 10h30 (CET)

Zoom Webinar

ABOUT THE EVENT

From the reduction of pollution as a positive consequence of the lockdown measures to talks of more ambitious target plans, 2020 has seen the situation of the environment staying at the top of the leaders' agenda. Nonetheless, factors such as the departure of the USA from the Paris Agreement, and the risk of a return to normal after the lockdown without considering the lessons learnt these past years and months threaten progress on that front.

The European Green Deal, an ambitious programme of the European Commission, should be the key to Europe's transition to a cleaner economy. Including aspects such as the farm-to-fork project, or a circular economy action plan, it could help the EU revise its plan for even more progressive targets. The place of green policy in the recovery budget is still a live debate and deserves even more attention. As do the opportunities for businesses and European citizens.

Meeting the 2050 objectives requires contributions from all players, including small and large companies. However, citizens' energy consumption needs to be an important part of the equation in order to achieve the full decarbonisation of the EU's economy.

The European Green Deal leaves many outstanding questions regarding for instance the space for technology-neutral solutions or how to push our trading partners for higher standards and the respect of the Paris agreement.



EVENT SCHEDULE

09h25 Participants connect to the Zoom event

09h30 Opening Remarks

Miłosz Hodun, PhD, Second Vice President, Board of Directors, European Liberal Forum & Member, Climate Justice Committee, Liberal International

09h35 Introduction by the Moderator

Beatriz Ríos, EU Affairs reporter

09h38 First intervention

Andrzej Ancygier, PhD, Senior Energy and Climate Policy Analyst, Climate Analytics

09h45 Second intervention

Walburga Hemetsberger, CEO, SolarPower Europe

09h52 Moderated debate

10h27 Conclusions

10h30 End of event

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