

Franco-German Energy Forum: Europe post-COVID-19 – political and economic agendas for the energy transition and climate change mitigation

Tuesday, November 3rd 2020

Online Conference

The conference will be moderated by Barbara Kostolnik and Angela Ulrich, correspondents in the ARD-studio in Berlin. It will be translated in French, German and English.

FROM 09.00

OPENING OF STREAMING CHANNELS

09.30-10.10

Welcoming Address

- Niels Annen, Minister of State, German Federal Foreign Office
- Anne-Marie Descôtes, French Ambassador to Germany
- Andreas Feicht, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

10.10-10.15

Introduction to the Conference

- Sven Rösner, Director, Franco-German Office for the Energy Transition

10.15-13.00

THE EVOLUTION OF THE EU'S ENERGY SYSTEM UNTIL 2050 – NATIONAL PLANS, TRANSNATIONAL COORDINATION

10.15-10.35

The European Green Deal – Decarbonisation through energy technologies, economic recovery, just transition

- Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Head of the Directorate General for Energy, European Commission

10.35-10.55

Industry and climate change mitigation – reducing emissions, maintaining competitiveness

- Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Director for Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks, International Energy Agency

10.55-11.15

Electricity grids as central element of the energy transition in Europe

- Vera Brenzel, Associate Director Public Affairs & Communications, TenneT

11.15-11.45

VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

11.45-13.00

Panel: Challenges and perspectives of energy policy cooperation in the Weimar Triangle

- Adam Guibourgé-Czetwertynski, Undersecretary of State, Polish Ministry of Climate
- Stephanie von Ahlefeldt, Director-General Energy Policy – Electricity and Grids, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- Sophie Murlon, Director for Energy, Directorate-General for Energy and Climate, French Ministry for Ecological Change

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- 13.00-14.00 VIRTUAL LUNCH BREAK**
- 14.00-15.30 POTENTIALS AND LEVERS OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN PRACTICE**
- 14.00-14.15 **Between small steps and big goals – Pragmatism as a catalyst for climate protection**
— Yves Marignac, Spokesman, Association négaWatt
- 14.15-14.30 **A CO₂-neutral heat supply for Berlin – Goals, approaches, obstacles**
— Georg Friedrichs, Programme Manager Coal Phase-Out, Vattenfall
- 14.30-14.45 **Q&A Session**
- 14.45-15.00 **The European Battery Manufacturing Alliance as a pioneer of an environmentally friendly reindustrialisation of the EU?**
— Jean-Baptiste Pernot, Chief Operational Officer, Automotive Cells Company
- 15.00-15.15 **Wind and PV projects in Poland – Potentials for transnational cooperation and the emergence of new markets in the Weimar Triangle**
— Grzegorz Wisniewski, Director, Polish Institute for Renewable Energy
- 15.15-15.30 **Q&A Session**
- 15.30-16.00 VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK**
- 16.00-17.45 FINANCING THE ENERGY TRANSITION – WAYS TO RENEW THE ECONOMY**
- 16.00-16.15 **Keynote: Green growth as a way out of the crisis? Economic perspectives of decarbonisation post-Covid-19**
— Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert, Head of the Department Energy, Transport and Environment, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)
- 16.15-17.15 **Panel: Promotion possibilities and added value of climate-friendly investments – good practices, trends and opportunities**
— Sandrine Croset, Director of the Operations Directorate for the Baltic Sea and Northern Europe, European Investment Bank
— Erich Rauch, Global Head of Climate & Public Sector Business Development, Munich Re
— Yann Lagalaye, General Partner, Demeter Partners
— Alexandra Palt, Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer & Executive Vice President, L'Oréal Group
- 17.15-17.30 **Conclusion and Outlook**
— Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Environmental Politics Expert, former German Minister for Environment and former Executive Director of UNEP
- 17.30-17.40 **Closing Statement**
— Dr. Hinrich Thölken, Ambassador, Director for International Climate and Energy Policy and Digital Transformation, German Federal Foreign Office
- 17.45 END OF THE CONFERENCE**

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