



LIFE PlanUp Ministry Officials virtual roundtable: Planning for 2030 – EU and Member States' experiences with the first NECP cycle

This event is by invitation only

Background

In the framework of the EU Energy Union Governance Regulation, Member States were required to prepare National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) to collectively contribute to the achievement of the 2030 energy and climate targets. As of summer 2020, all EU countries had submitted their final NECPs to the EU Commission.

In view of the upcoming implementation of the NECPs starting in 2021, this event will take stock of this first NECP drafting process in Member States, discuss the involvement of stakeholders such as local authorities and civil society organisations in this regard, and further provide an outlook on the next steps ahead for these plans, in light of the delivery of the EU Green Deal and national recovery policies.

Following the format of a facilitated exchange on these issues, this event will harness the experience gained among the 5 focus countries of the LIFE PlanUp project: Italy, Spain, Hungary, Poland, Romania. Ministry officials from these 5 countries will present lessons learnt, as well as challenges encountered in this first NECP cycle. By bringing together these different Member States alongside EU Commission representatives and the LIFE PlanUp project, a space for interaction and feedback will be provided in an informal online setting.

The LIFE PlanUp project tracks the development of national energy and climate plans in 5 EU Member States: Spain, Italy, Poland, Romania, Hungary. To support rapid decarbonisation in Europe, the project promotes good practices in the transport, agriculture and building sector and fosters dialogue on low-carbon policy-making between local, regional and national authorities, civil society organisations and academia.

Final Agenda

Date: 1 December, 09:30 – 12:15

Timing	Topic	Speaker
09:30 - 09:40	Welcome and outline of the day by moderator	Sabine Frank, Director, Carbon Market Watch
09:40 – 09:50	Presentation of the EU Commission assessment of the final NECPs	Leonardo Zannier, Energy Policy Coordination, DG Energy

09:50 - 10:35	<p>Panel discussion 1: Taking stock of the first NECP drafting process</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main challenges encountered in the process • Impact of the process on the internal governance and cooperation between Ministries • Impact of the process in terms of policy innovation • How the NECP interlinks with other strategic planning documents in energy & climate policies • The collaboration process with other Member States (i.e. regional cooperation) • The collaboration process with the EU Commission 	<p>Moderator: Sabine Frank</p> <p>Spain = Lucía Blanco and Aurora Recio, Ministry for Ecological Transition</p> <p>Italy = Luca Benedetti, Head of Energy Studies, Statistics and Sustainability, GSE</p> <p>Hungary = József Lezsák, Strategic Advisor, Ministry for Innovation and Technology</p> <p>Romania = Elena Popescu, Director-General in the Ministry of Energy</p> <p>Poland = Representative from Polish Permanent Representation (tbc)</p> <p>EU Commission: Leonardo Zannier, Energy Policy Coordination, DG Energy</p>
10:35 – 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45 - 11:25	<p>Panel discussion 2: Multi-level governance and stakeholder participation in the NECPs</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement process with stakeholders such as local authorities and civil society organisations • Delivery of the multilevel energy & climate dialogue platform process 	<p>Moderator: Sabine Frank</p> <p>Spain = Lucía Blanco and Aurora Recio, Ministry for Ecological Transition</p> <p>Italy = Alessandro Caretoni, Director in Ministry of the Environment</p> <p>Hungary = József Lezsák, Strategic Advisor, Ministry for Innovation and Technology</p> <p>Romania = Elena Popescu, Director-General in the Ministry of Energy</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the NECP process change relations with these stakeholders in designing energy & climate planning? • Transposing the NECP experience for other strategic energy and climate plans - long-term strategies 	<p>Poland = Representative from Polish Permanent Representation (tbc)</p> <p>EU Commission: Leonardo Zannier, Energy Policy Coordination, DG Energy</p>
11:25 - 12:05	<p>Panel discussion 3: Looking ahead - NECPs implementation in view of the EU Green Deal and national recovery policies</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of NECP - what will be key at the different governance levels • NECP investment needs connection with national recovery & resilience plans • Impact of higher 2030 GHG emission reduction target on the NECPs • Impact of COVID-19 • Impact of the sectoral directives revisions under the Green Deal on update of NECPs 	<p>Moderator: Sabine Frank</p> <p>Spain = Lucía Blanco and Aurora Recio, Ministry for Ecological Transition</p> <p>Italy = Luca Benedetti, Head of Energy Studies, Statistics and Sustainability, GSE</p> <p>Hungary = Viktor Horváth, Head of Department, Ministry for Innovation and Technology</p> <p>Romania = Elena Popescu, Director-General in the Ministry of Energy</p> <p>Poland = Representative from Polish Permanent Representation (tbc)</p> <p>EU Commission: Leonardo Zannier, Energy Policy Coordination, DG Energy</p>
12:05 - 12:15	Final remarks & conclusions	David Donnerer, LIFE PlanUp project manager at Energy Cities network

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