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Are NECPs fit for the European Green Deal?

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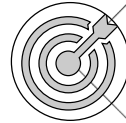


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What is E3G?



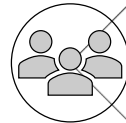
What: E3G is an independent climate change think tank.



Mission: To accelerate the transition to a climate safe world.



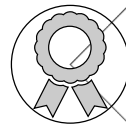
Where: London, Brussels, Berlin, Dublin and Washington D.C. and staff in seven other countries worldwide.



How: We deliver outcomes through coalitions with partners in government, politics, NGOs, science & media.



Funding: Primarily from philanthropic foundations.



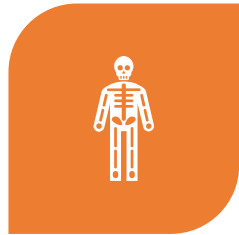
Influence: Ranked 5th most influential environmental policy think tank in the world*.

*In 2018, E3G was ranked the fifth most influential environmental policy think tank in the world for the third year running by the Global Go To Think Tank Index.

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1. The architecture built around them is a strong start

- The NECPs must
 - be based on consultation (public and neighbouring countries)
 - be based on the Energy Efficiency First principle
 - be public
 - include a view on public and private financing
 - be assessed by the European Commission
 - explore the interlinkages between Energy Union dimensions
 - be discussed in a Multilevel climate and energy dialogue
 - be updated in 2023/2024
 - be consistent with national long-term climate strategies produced by 01/01/2020
 - Be reported on via biennial progress reports
 - Trigger action if there is an ambition or a delivery gap
 - Inform the annual State of the Energy Union



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2. Everyone (really, everyone) has still some homework to do...

- **Commission**
 - Where are the final NECPs?
 - What about the ambition gaps?
 - What about Efficiency First, public consultation, the investment dimension of the plans?
- **Member States**
 - Don't play the good student. Get the other moving.
 - Croatia and Germany. Put it on the agenda.
 - Laggards. Revise your plan.
- **Parliament**
 - Start thinking about the next steps.
 - Collaborate with national Parliaments.
 - Write to the Commission and the Member States.



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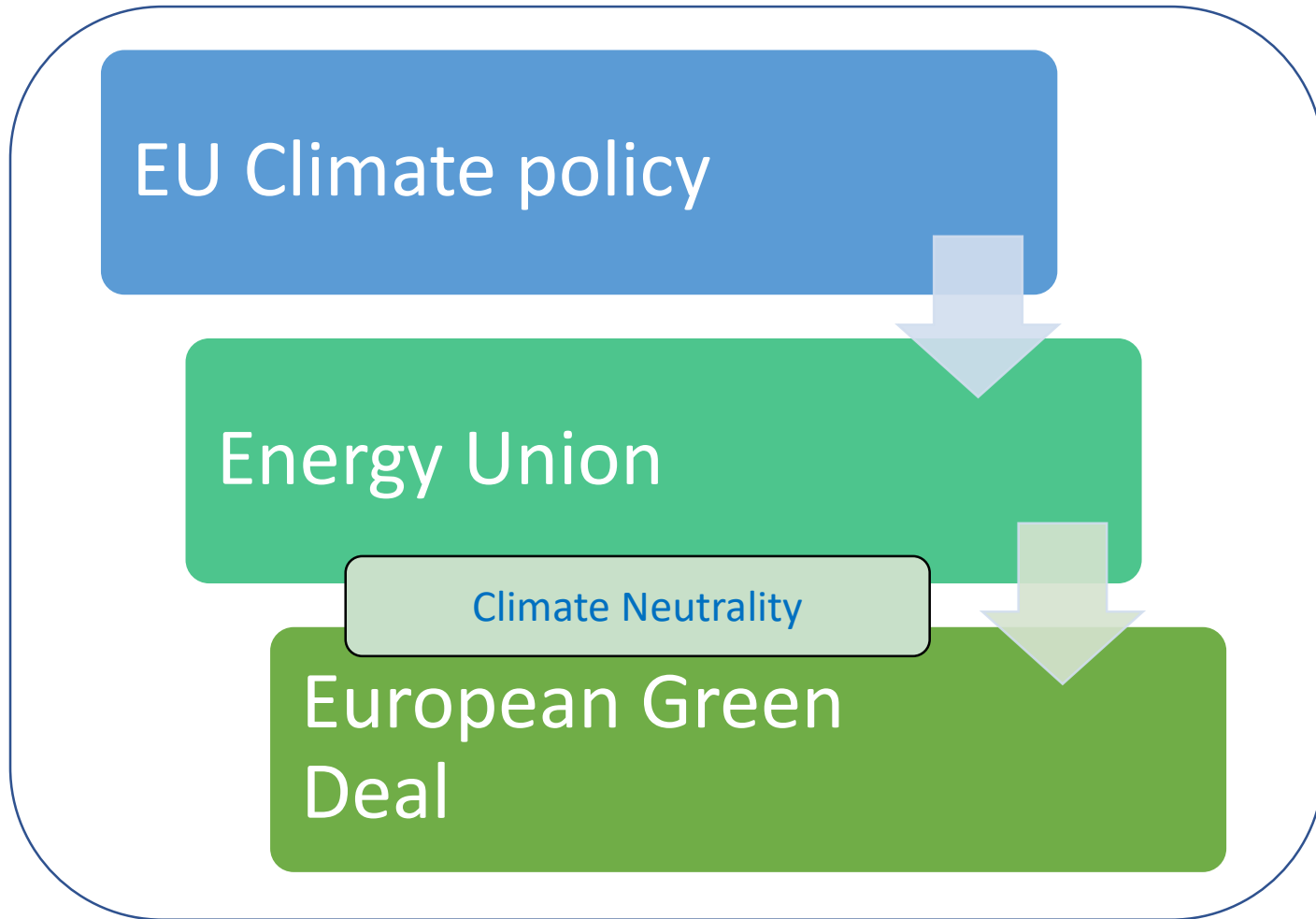
3. ...Before we start moving again

European Climate Law	Emission Trading System extension	Carbon Border Tax	Energy Taxation Directive review	Industrial and Innovation Strategy
Just Transition Fund	European Climate Pact	Strategy for Green Financing	Sustainable Europe Investment Plan and EIB reform	Increase the EU target for 2030 to 55% and lead international negotiations
Biodiversity Strategy for 2030	“Farm to Fork” Strategy	Zero pollution strategy	New Circular Economy Action Plan and Single Use Plastics Strategy	Conference on the Future of Europe

4. The Energy Union is dead. Long live the European Green Deal!

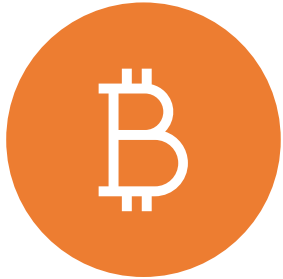


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5. So much to look forward to



Member states, let's use the architecture around the NECPs to expand their scope. Include industry and agriculture. Don't wait for the official request.



Commission, let's make sure the NECPs do their job and a rock-solid anchor in the heart of the European Green Deal. Leave no stone unturned.



Parliament, let's think horizontally. The politics of the transition will worsen if files are thought-through in their silo.



Where is the Governance of the European Green Deal? Is it the climate law?

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About E3G

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E3G builds cross-sectoral coalitions to achieve carefully defined outcomes, chosen for their capacity to leverage change. E3G works closely with like-minded partners in government, politics, business, civil society, science, the media, public interest foundations and elsewhere. In 2018, for the third year running, E3G was ranked the fifth most globally influential environmental think tank.

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