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POLIMP - Mobilizing and Transferring Knowledge on post-2012 Climate Policy Implications is a research project funded by the European Commission, under the 7th Framework Programme for Research, which initiated in May 2013 and has a duration of 36 months.

POLIMP explores, for different policy and decision making levels, knowledge gaps and needs about implications of possible directions of EU and international climate policies. The above focus on the policy and decision makers, as well as the actors who influence them, such as businesses, researchers and NGOs. Subsequently, POLIMP covers these gaps with:

- ✓ Knowledge packages derived from stakeholder consultation,
- ✓ Analysis of climate policy decision at national, EU and UN policy levels, and
- ✓ Review of ongoing research.

More information is available [here](#)



POLIMP Webinars



In the lead-up and follow-up to the international climate talks in Paris at the end of 2015, the [POLIMP Webinar Series](#) captures **live online discussions** on various topics relating to international climate negotiations with the EU's leading experts on climate policy.

The Webinar Series is moderated by **Matthias Duwe**, Head of Climate at Ecologic Institute, who is joined by carefully selected guest speakers.

POLIMP Webinar Series aims at actively engaging stakeholders and developing the POLIMP community!

Video recordings of the webinars can be viewed afterwards on our dedicated [YouTube Channel](#) and on [iTunes](#)!

POLIMP Surveys

The [POLIMP Expert Response Survey Series](#) engages a pre-selected targeted group of stakeholders and experts (**Expert Response Group - ERG**) on matters relating to EU and international climate and energy policy.

The ERG is composed of **43 stakeholders**, handpicked and invited to participate by the POLIMP partners for their expertise, engagement with topics relevant to the project and tenure in the field.

Each survey and report is organized into three parts:

1. **EU Climate 'Barometer'** – three recurring questions on a general assessment of the status quo,
2. **Main Topic** – thematic questions **linked to the topic of a corresponding Webinar**,
3. **"Buzz of the Week"** – question(s) on a relevant climate policy topic currently in the news.

Full reports of the survey results can be found on our dedicated [webpage](#)!





POLIMP 1st Webinar: “Paris 2015: lessons from the Copenhagen experience”



[Webinar 1](#), on July 7th 2015, explored the lessons that can be drawn from the experience of the negotiation process towards the 2009 Copenhagen climate summit.

Guest Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Oberthür (Institute for European Studies – IES, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels)

Wytze van der Gaast (PhD, Joint Implementation Network – JIN)

Survey No.1

ERG comment on the current state of international and EU climate policy, as well as various aspects of a possible December Paris Agreement. Experts also reflected on how circumstances have changed since Copenhagen in 2009.

Key survey results:

- ✓ Experts showed **high confidence** in EU climate policy and **positive outlook** on its economic impact.
- ✓ However, they believed that the international community **may not deliver** on the two degrees target.

Issue addressed by the experts	Mean rating	SD
Long-term EU policy confidence	4.15	1.23
EU climate policy economic impact	4.32	1.16
International outlook	2.19	1.47



POLIMP 2nd Webinar: “Reform of the EU ETS: Making it fit for 2030”

[Webinar 2](#), on September 16th, discussed the recent legislative proposal for a revision of the EU-ETS, adopted by the EC and the possible impact of such a reform on the EU 2030 Climate and Energy targets.

Guest Speakers:

Anja Kollmuss (Climate Policy Coordinator, CAN-Europe)

Andrei Marcu (Head of CEPS Carbon Market Forum, Centre for European Policy Studies – CEPS)

Survey No.2

ERG comment on the recent legislative proposal for a revision of the EU-ETS adopted by the EC and what impact the reforms could have on the EU meeting its 2030 Climate and Energy targets.

Key survey results:

- ✓ General outlook **more negative** compared to previous survey.
- ✓ Experts showed a **more pessimistic view** on reaching the two degrees goal and **lower confidence** in the EU making its long-term targets.
- ✓ However, they see **more favorably** the impact on the economy.



Issue addressed by the experts	Change	Mean rating	SD
Long-term EU policy confidence	↓	3.62	1.47
EU climate policy economic impact	↑	4.52	1.44
International outlook	↓	2.05	1.20



POLIMP 3rd Webinar: “EU climate policy for 2030: why are we talking about governance?”



[Webinar 3](#), on October 28th, explored the current state of play regarding proposals for a new EU climate and energy governance framework for 2030.

Guest Speakers:

Jonathan Gaventa (Director, E3G, London Office)

Katharina Umpfenbach (Energy Policy Coordinator, Ecologic Institute)

Survey No.3

ERG comment on the recent changes and possible future developments of the 2030 EU climate and energy governance system.

Key survey results:

- ✓ The POLIMP experts were **increasingly more pessimistic** regarding the success of long-term climate policy in the EU when it comes to meeting emissions goals.
- ✓ The impact of EU climate policy on the economy was rated **slightly more negative**.
- ✓ There was a **slight increase in optimism** concerning the capacity of the international community to tackle climate change.

Table 1 Mean rating and SD for barometer survey items			
Issue addressed by the experts	Change*	Mean rating	SD
Long-term EU policy confidence	→	3.27	1.49
EU climate policy economic impact	→	4.31	1.20
International outlook	→	2.50	1.32

*since last survey

[View the recordings of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd POLIMP Webinars](#)

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WHO WE ARE

JIN - Joint Implementation Network (NETHERLANDS)

CEPS - Centre for European Studies (BELGIUM)

UPRC - University of Piraeus Research Center (GREECE)

UNI GRAZ - Universitaet Graz (AUSTRIA)

ECOLOGIC - Ecologic Institut Gemeinnützige GmbH (GERMANY)

Climate Strategies - Climate Strategies LBG (UNITED KINGDOM)

IBS - Fundacja Naukowa Instytut Badan Strukturalnych (POLAND)



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