



## **POLIMP<sup>1</sup> Final Conference**

### **The Future of EU Climate Policy after Paris**

**Thursday, 21 April 2016, 10:00-15:30**

**Venue:** Centre for European Policy Studies, CEPS

Place du Congrès 1, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

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## **Context**

This conference is organized by the EU-FP7 funded project "POLIMP" on mobilizing and transferring knowledge on post-2012 climate policy implications. POLIMP aims to identify knowledge gaps about future international climate policy directions and what these gaps imply for policy and decision makers internationally and in the EU.

POLIMP identified what information about climate policy making and its implications is needed by the different stakeholder groups, collected this information from various different sources and offers the results to stakeholders in intuitively easy formats and clear language.

One of the key outputs of POLIMP is an online platform called "Climate Policy Info Hub" ([climatepolicyinfohub.eu](http://climatepolicyinfohub.eu)), which offers scientific evidence on climate policy options. It explores impacts and implications of international and EU climate policy for decision-makers in policy, business and civil society. The aim is to support informed science-based EU climate policy-making.

The aim of this conference is to showcase some of the results of POLIMP and to discuss them with climate experts. In particular, the conference will contribute to improved climate policy making in Europe by looking at two issues. First, by assessing opportunities for mutual learning from the design and implementation of climate policies globally, and second, by reflecting upon how EU climate policy will need to evolve after the Paris climate summit (COP21).

<sup>1</sup> POLIMP is run by a consortium led by Joint Implementation Network (JIN) with six partners, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), University of Piraeus Research Center (UPRC), Universität Graz (UniGraz), Ecologic Institute (EI), Climate Strategies (CS), and Instytut Badan Strukturalnych (IBS). For more information see [www.polimp.eu](http://www.polimp.eu).



## DRAFT AGENDA

### Draft Agenda

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#### **10:00 - 10:30    *Arrival & registration of participants***

#### **10:30 - 11:30    *Session I: POLIMP results and their policy implications***

*This session will focus on the key results of the POLIMP project in the broader context of post-Paris EU climate change policy and associated climate research needs.*

10:30 - 10:35

*Welcome*

*Arno Behrens, Head of Energy and Research Fellow, CEPS*

10:35 - 10:45

*"Climate policy research post-Paris"*

**POLIMP:**

*Peter Horvath, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission, Project Officer of POLIMP (confirmed)*

10:45 - 10:55

*"How do knowledge gaps affect climate policy in the EU?"*

*Tom van Ierland, DG CLIMA, European Commission*

10:55 - 11:05

*"The contribution of POLIMP to improving EU climate policy"*

**POLIMP:**

*Vlasis Oikonomou, JIN Climate and Sustainability, POLIMP project coordinator (confirmed)*

11:05 - 11:30

*Q & A Section*

#### **11:30 - 13:00    *Session II: Observe and Learn! – Mutual learning from global climate change policies***

*Climate change is a global concern and climate policies are developed worldwide in various countries and continents with a final global impact. As a result, there are ample opportunities for mutual learning from the design and implementation of climate policies globally, and all relevant policies that fall under the umbrella of climate change, such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, adaptation and climate financing ones. The EU, as a frontrunner in climate policy, can therefore share its experience gained. Likewise, EU stakeholders and policymakers can also extract lessons from climate policy insights from non-EU frameworks in all these climate policy fields.*



11:30 – 11:40	<i>Introduction: “Policy Transfer Opportunities for exporting EU climate policies, and adopting non-EU policies within the EU”</i>	POLIMP: Vlasis Oikonomou, <i>JIN Climate and Sustainability</i>
11:40 – 11:50	<i>“Knowledge transfer in practice”</i>	Dimitrios Zevgolis, <i>Policy Officer, DG CLIMA, European Commission (tbc)</i>
11:50 – 12:10	<i>Comments (5-7 minutes each)</i>	
	<i>“Mutual learning in the EU: Potentials for policy transfer between Western Europe and Central and Eastern Europe”</i>	Mariia Khovanskaia, <i>Climate Change and Clean Energy Topic Area, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (confirmed)</i>
	<i>“The role of markets: What potentials for harmonising climate policies globally?”</i>	Femke de Jong, <i>EU Policy Director, Carbon Market Watch, (confirmed)</i>
	<i>“The role of cities: Sharing EU Urban Solutions and Technologies with non-EU and Emerging Cities”</i>	Andreas Türk, <i>Joanneum Research, (confirmed)</i>

12:10 – 12:55

*Discussion*

12:55 – 13:00

*Concluding remarks by the chair*

**13:10 – 14:00**

***Networking lunch***

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Session III: Looking towards net zero-emissions in a 1.5°C world: How ambitious does EU climate change policy need to be post-Paris?**

*The Paris Agreement’s main aim is to keep global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius and to drive efforts to limit it even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Towards this goal parties are committed to a five-year cycle of proposing and renewing national contributions followed by a review process. This requires the EU to strengthen the 2030 energy and climate framework such as the target of at least 40% emission reductions by 2030 and to invest in transformative technologies that could enable net zero-emissions. This session takes stock of the POLIMP*



*information hub of EU policy and technology options, and invite stakeholders to commenting on how the EU can meet the long-term ambition.*

14:00 - 14:05	<i>Introduction</i>	Noriko Fujiwara, Associate Research Fellow, CEPS
14:05 - 14:15	"Overview of EU policy and technology options: POLIMP insights"	Matthias Duwe, Head, Climate, Ecologic Institute (confirmed)
14:15 - 14:25	"Which future for EU climate policy?"	Representative, DG CLIMA, European Commission (tbc)
14:25 - 14:50	<i>Comments (5-7 minutes each)</i>	
	"The 1.5°C target from the business perspective: Is it doable?"	Simone Mori, ENEL (tbc)
	Tomas Wyns, Project Researcher Environment and Sustainable Development, Institute for European Studies, VUB (confirmed)	
	"Potentials for tightening the EU's 2030 targets"	Wendel Trio, Director, Climate Action Network (confirmed)
14:50 - 15:25	<i>Discussion</i>	
15:25 - 15:30	<i>Concluding remarks by the chair</i>	
<b>15:30</b>	<b><i>End of Conference</i></b>	

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