



Towards a climate-neutral EU via its National Energy & Climate Plans for 2021- 2030



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As a key component of the European Green Deal, Member States have been asked to present their revised [National Energy and Climate Plans \(NECPs\)](#), setting out ambitious national contributions to EU-wide targets. While NECPs are 10-year integrated energy and climate action plans for the period from 2021 to 2030, they have to ensure that the EU 2030's targets towards energy efficiency, renewable energies, greenhouse gas emissions' reductions, electricity interconnections and research and innovation are met. This will feed into the process of increasing climate ambition for 2030, for which MEPs have asked to reduce emissions' target to 60%.

While on 17 September 2020, the European Commission published a [detailed EU-wide assessment of the final NECPs](#), moreover [individual assessments](#) of each of the national plans as a follow-up and as part of the 2020 energy union report, the timely nature of this online event is of key importance, given also the need to boost the green transition and ensure a sustainable recovery. As a result, this webinar aspires to address the above developments by bringing together policy-makers from the EU and Member States, private sector and NGOs, to jointly discuss how the EU can advance climate neutrality and energy efficiency, while building on a sustainable, fair and inclusive society.



DRAFT AGENDA

- 13:30 - 13:40** Welcome remarks by MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri and MEP Maria Spyraiki, EP Intergroup co-chairs
- 13:40 - 13:55** Keynote address by Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy
- 13:55 - 14:25** Examples of NECPs from Member States:
- Finland: Krista Mikkonen, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
 - Germany: Ariane Richter, Energy Attaché, Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union
 - Portugal: Bruno Sousa, Energy and Atomic Questions Attaché, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union
- 14:25 - 14:30** Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Secretary General, Hydrogen Europe
- 14:30 - 14:35** Antonio Almagro, Director for Energy, Projects Directorate, EIB
- 14:35 - 14:40** Wendel Trio, Director, Climate Action Network Europe
- 14:40 - 14:50** Reactions from MEPs:
- MEP Petros Kokkalis
 - MEP Jutta Paulus
- 14:50 - 15:25** Q&As' session
- 15:25 - 15:30** Closing remarks by MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, EP Intergroup co-chair