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# The External Dimension of the European Green Deal – Prospects for Cooperation with (Re)Emerging Powers

Online Workshop  
16-17 November 2020



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The European Green Deal is the main roadmap of the EU Commission for the energy transition and for tackling climate change. It was announced by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in December 2019, only weeks after her mandate began. The Green Deal aims at transforming the EU's economy towards sustainability and carbon neutrality. First and foremost, it defines internal plans and strategies for the EU that will also have global effects. Directed at internal transformation, this ambitious plan can make Europe a role model and a global leader, but it also involves domestic and external challenges.

For promoting the global public good, the EU will need partners to jointly work with. The Green Deal Diplomacy is in place since the end of 2019. What has changed in EU external action since the Green Deal was adopted? How is the EU perceived in matters of climate policy by its external partners since the adoption of the Green Deal?

While the communication on the Green Deal dates from before the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe, it has arguably gained more relevance with the task to get the global economy out of a deep recession. The pandemic highlighted the need for initiatives to counteract climate change and create a more sustainable way of life.

EU policies certainly affect global partners, directly and indirectly, and thus have an impact on Europe's global role. The Green Deal is a meta-initiative, providing overall direction for various strategies and measures. The identification of activities and priorities will have to be done at EU level. Yet, a joint understanding of actions towards the common good will require the EU to exchange ideas and policy plans with partners. This is all the more necessary as COVID-19 is currently changing dynamics for any planning and for global partnerships.

Based on brief input papers, the workshop will discuss

- (a) Understandings of key requirements necessary for "green leadership" globally,
- (b) Partners' perspectives on "greening" (including plans for re-building after the COVID-19 pandemic and what is known/planned already), and
- (c) Where are potential joint interests or disagreements with regard to partner countries and the EU's Green Deal? Which role should the EU have?

The event will be a preparatory workshop that is aspiring to feed into a conference in 2021.

## Programme

Date & Time

Panel

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### Monday, 16 October 2020 – first panel

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9:00 am CET

Presentation and discussion of input papers  
China and Indonesia

**Yanzhu ZHANG**

Senior Programme Manager, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center,  
Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China

**Linda Yanti Sulistiawati**

Senior Research Fellow, APCEL-NUS Law, National University of Singa-  
pore, Associate Professor of Law, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

moderated by **Niklas Helwig**

Leading Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

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10:00 am CET

Break

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10:15 am CET

Presentation and discussion of input papers  
India and Russia

**Souvik Bhattacharjya**

Associate Director, Integrated Policy Analysis Division, The Energy and  
Resources Institute, India

**Igor Makarov**

Head of World Economic Programme, National Research University –  
Higher School of Economics, Russia

moderated by **Marco Siddi**

Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

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11:15 am CET

**End** of first panel discussion

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**Monday, 16 October 2020 – second panel**

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16:00 pm CET

Presentation and discussion of input paper  
South Africa

**Alex Benkenstein**

Head, Governance of Africa's Resources programme, South African Institute for International Affairs

**Romy Chevallier**

Senior Researcher, Governance of Africa's Resources programme, South African Institute for International Affairs

moderated by **Wulf Reiners**

Head, Managing Global Governance Programme, German Development Institute

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17:00 pm CET

Break

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17:15 pm CET

Presentation and discussion of input papers  
Brazil and Mexico

**Francisco Gaetani**

Professor, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Escola Brasileira de Administração Pública e de Empresas, Brazil

**Lorena Ruano Gomez**

Professor for International Relations, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico

moderated by **Wulf Reiners**

Head, Managing Global Governance Programme, German Development Institute

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18:15 pm CET**End** of second panel discussion

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**Tuesday, 17 October 2020**

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13:00 pm CET

**Welcome** of African, Asian, European and Latin American participants  
by DIE, FIIA and KAS

13:10 pm CET

Keynote input  
EU perspectives on the aim and the external  
consequences of the Green Deal**Anthony Agotha**Senior Diplomatic Expert, Member of Cabinet, Commissioner Frans Tim-  
mermanns, European Green Deal, European Commission**Diana Montero-Melis**Member of Cabinet, Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen, International Part-  
nerships, European Commissionmoderated by **Louis Mourier**Programme Manager for Climate Policy, Energy and Global Environmen-  
tal Governance, Multinational Policy Development Dialogue, Konrad-  
Adenauer Stiftung Brussels

14:10 pm CET

Break

14:25 pm CET

Final discussion

moderated by **Sven Grimm**Head, Research Programme International- and Transnational Coopera-  
tion, German Development Institute

15:25 pm CET

**End of event**

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