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Race to Zero:

Bolstering whole of society engagement for climate neutrality and sustainable recovery



04/12/2020 | Online Event | 10:00 – 13:30

To mark the fifth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, the EESC and the German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organise an online event bringing together the EU Institutions, COP26 UK Presidency, High-Level Climate Champions and climate actors to discuss opportunities to strengthen engagement and climate action.

As the climate emergency intensifies, the world also experiences a health and economic crisis following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the European commitment to a transformation towards a resource-efficient, resilient, climate-neutral, and sustainable economy must be reaffirmed. Realizing such a transformation will require unprecedented engagement by citizens, non-state and local actors, such as businesses, workers, local governments, researchers, youth, and other communities.

Following a high-level opening plenary, participants will join break-out sessions to discuss with leading experts the following themes:

- Mobilizing non-state and subnational actors for EU climate neutrality
- Strengthening youth voices: engaging the underrepresented/affected
- When climate action bites: conflicts between sustainable development and climate goals and the need for a 'race for resilience'
- Strengthening climate action through the COVID-19 crisis response: finance, technology and capacity

More information and registration

The online event will take place on 4 December 2020, 10:00 – 13:30 CET. For more information please visit the [event website](#) and the detailed [programme](#).

Please register [here](https://bit.ly/2UYyukA) (<https://bit.ly/2UYyukA>) to participate in the event.

Please don't hesitate to contact Dr Sander Chan (Sander.Chan@gca.org) or Johannes Brehm (Johannes.Brehm@die-gdi.de) if you have questions.

We look forward to welcoming you on 4th December 2020!