

On the Agenda

How fit is “Fit for 55” to achieve the Green Deal objectives?

Zoom Webinar

02 September 2021, 14:00 – 15:00 (CEST)

About the event

In a push towards a climate-neutral Europe by 2050 and as part of the European Green Deal action plan presented with (COM(2019)640) in 2019, President von der Leyen pledged to put forward a comprehensive plan to increase the EU’s emissions reduction target for 2030. In the State of the Union Speech (19/09/2020), she proposed the reduction target be set at 55% alongside a revision of the EU’s climate and energy legislation, a target of spending 37 % of the €750 billion NextGenerationEU recovery fund on Green Deal objectives, and the intention to raise 30 % of the NextGenerationEU budget through green bonds. This “Fit for 55 Energy and Climate Package” was published by the European Commission on July 14 with a range of revised legislative measures. On Commission’s Agenda, the revision of the Emission Trading System Directive (ETS), the Effort Sharing Regulation (ERS), the Energy Efficiency Regulation (EER) or the Renewable Energy Directive (RED), and many others.

Reaching a target is, however, quite different from setting it. Such proposals will impact many national policies, and member states may have different views, interests and starting points. Maybe, we should talk about a “compromise” to reach absolute neutrality.

This *On The Agenda* event will be the opportunity to discuss the content of the package, what it means for industries and what comes next in the fight towards climate neutrality. Will it help achieve the Green Deal objective of climate-neutral Europe by 2050, or will bolder measures will be needed? Is the industry in the EU ready for a climate-neutral future? How can we exploit cutting edge technologies for sustainable tomorrow?

Event Schedule

13:55 Participants connect to the Zoom event

14:00 Introduction

Milosz Hodun, PhD, Second Vice President, European Liberal Forum & Member, Climate Justice Committee, Liberal International

Moderator: **Sam Morgan**, EU Affairs Reporter

14:05 First Intervention

Speaker: **Lukas Köhler**, PhD, Member of the Bundestag, FDP Spokesperson on Climate Policy

14:10 Second Intervention

Speaker: **Walburga Hemetsberger**, CEO, SolarPower Europe

14:15 Third Intervention

Speaker: **Viktoriya Kerelska**, Head of Advocacy & Messaging, WindEurope

14:20 Fourth Intervention

Speaker: **Pascal Buehrig**, Advocate for Citizens' Climate Europe & LYMEC Advisor

14:25 Moderated discussion

15:00 End of the event

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