



EEAC Energy and Climate Change Workshop

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The EEAC Working Group on Energy and Climate Change will organize a second workshop dedicated to the role and functioning of national and sub-national climate laws and committees. The workshop will take place during the European Sustainable Energy Week 2017 in Brussels (at the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Union) on Monday 19 June 2017.

Background

The implementation of national and sub-national climate laws and the establishment of climate committees are among the tools used by governments to fulfil their commitments under the Paris Agreement. In various European countries and regions, climate laws have been drawn up and implemented. The details of these laws and the experiences gained in their implementation differ from country to country and region to region. This rich variety of best practices and experiences should be shared in order to enable all parties to learn from one another, and to strengthen our knowledge base.

Therefore, the EEAC Working Group on Energy and Climate Change is organizing a workshop that focuses on the latest insights with regard to the role, implementation and functioning of national and sub-national climate laws and committees, in the light of relevant policy developments related to the Paris Agreement and the Energy Union, as well as the latest developments at EU level.

Who will attend, and what will you be taking home?

As was the case last year, this workshop will bring together a variety of participants from different fields and backgrounds. The invitees include scientists, national and EU experts, and civil society and government representatives in the fields of law, the environment and climate change.

Based on the experiences gained last year, the set-up of the workshop will again facilitate the asking of specific questions and the submission of issues for discussion as much as possible. This will ensure that you will be taking home the best practices of a specific member state, a discussion on a specific aspect of the Energy Union, etc.

How will the workshop be conducted?

We will invite several experts to kick-start the workshop by reflecting on the potential role of climate legislation vis-à-vis the results of these laws so far, touching upon the obstacles faced and the

relevant questions which are now on the table. (How important is the architecture of climate laws and committees to policy implementation?) Furthermore, the floor will be given to participants to reflect on the impact of EU policy initiatives like the Energy Union on national and regional climate laws. (What will be the function of climate laws and committees in the light of the Commission proposals on the governance of the Energy Union?)

The tentative workshop programme is being developed and will be shared with you in due time.