



# Workshop: Climate Justice and the Business of Energy Transition

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## **The integration of EU climate & energy law: a critical account**

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To address climate change and to achieve the low-carbon energy transition, EU energy and climate law are developing at an exponential pace. Acknowledging and understanding the interconnection between these two legal disciplines is necessary to achieve the dynamic and complex objectives established in EU energy law on the one hand and EU climate law on the other. However, jurisprudential analyses on the challenges and synergies that emerge from the interface between the two disciplines are still absent in legal scholarship. To address this gap in legal scholarship, the objective of this presentation is to advance the theoretical understanding of the interface between energy and climate law as legal disciplines. To achieve this objective, the presentation discusses the mutually different developmental paths that have made EU energy and climate law what they are today. It identifies the shared characteristics and common goals of the legal disciplines and recognizes the differences and conflicting elements between them. Against the results of this analysis, the presentation discusses why and how these challenges should be addressed and how law and legal scholarship could facilitate an advanced understanding between climate and energy law.

## **Regulating Climate Finance for a Net Zero Transition**

*Dr Megan Bowman*

Associate Professor in Law & Director of the Centre for Climate Law and Governance, King's College London

Regulatory strategies to address climate change now need to be contextualised in a Covid-19 impacted world. One of the most salient learnings of the pandemic is that we need to better comprehend and act upon systemic risk warnings. This includes avoiding a disorderly transition to net zero – for markets and

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society – due to foreseeable climate risk. Taking Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement as a North Star, this presentation focuses on the role of law and regulation for helping to achieve consistency of direction for *all finance* flows towards green, sustainable and resilient development globally. In particular it sets out a legal analytical framework for decision-makers in climate finance, and elucidates the potential and challenges for UK leadership in this space.

### **Transparency and engagement in COVID-19 times: Examples from the European Investment Bank**

*Giuseppe Nastasi*

European Investment Bank

This presentation will share the *European Investment Bank's* experience about upholding the rights to information and consultation of civil society, despite the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19. Concrete examples include recent stakeholder engagement initiatives on the Climate Bank Roadmap and the review of the EIB Group Transparency Policy, which have drawn interest from hundreds of stakeholders in the EU and other regions.

### **Speaking for change in global supply chains**

Dr. Charline Daelman

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Strong and trusted grievance mechanisms are a necessity to ensure efficient and immediate remediation for workers and communities. This presentation will introduce the amfori SPEAK FOR CHANGE Programme which supports companies in providing access to remedy in their global supply chains for any negative impact relating to social and environmental standards. Given the scope and diversity of the amfori membership and their business partners, the SPEAK FOR CHANGE Programme is using technology to establish different access channels feeding into a case management platform supporting the complaint handling process.

### **Public-private partnership for decarbonisation – a Danish industry case study**

*Felipe Sanchez and Dr. Gökçe Mete*

Stockholm Environment Institute

The climate crisis is complex and pathways to meet Paris aligned scenario globally requires robust multi-sector, multi-stakeholder cooperation and consultations. Many visionary governments and companies are embarking on innovative forms of collaboration. They do this not only to have a clean conscience or for lip service, but because they see a business opportunity. A recent example of this is the 13 sectoral Climate Partnerships launched by Danish government and industries. This presentation unpacks the public-private partnership model of Denmark as a pathway to industrial decarbonisation with comparative aspects to Sweden, EU and South Korea.

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