

# Moving towards transformative climate policy

## Options for improving EU level instruments

**UNFCCC side event on Wednesday, 12 June 2024, 16:15 – 17:30 CEST** | Room: Bonn

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Based on extensive analysis of the EU’s existing climate policy instruments and governance, scientific experts gathered by the [4i-TRACTION project](#) have identified transformation gaps across the areas of **innovation, investment, infrastructure, and integration**. With a EU legislative cycle starting this summer, the EU has the chance to close these gaps and help all relevant sectors get to a path to climate neutrality.

This side event will present key insights and policy recommendations for closing the policy gaps and discuss them with an international audience, to gather an outside perspective and identify commonalities and differences in the challenges and potential policy solutions.

## Agenda

	Time	Agenda item
1	16:15 – 16:20	<b>Welcome and about the project</b> Matthias Duwe, Ecologic Institute
2	16:20 – 16:30	<b>Context: Thinking across sectors: the “4i” challenges for the transformation</b> Flora Dicke, Ecologic Institute
3	16:30 – 16:50	<b>Panel discussion: first reaction on the transformation challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Wittoeck, head of delegation, Belgium, EU Presidency (confirmed)</li> <li>Sven Harmeling, Climate Action Network Europe (invited)</li> </ul> Moderated by Matthias Duwe
4	16:30 – 16:40	<b>Input: Recommendations for EU climate policy</b> Sebastian Oberthür, Brussels School of Governance, VUB
5	16:45 – 17:30	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Wittoeck, head of delegation, Belgium, EU Presidency (confirmed)</li> <li>EU policy expert, E3G (invited)</li> </ul> Moderated by Matthias Duwe

## About the project

4i-TRACTION – innovation, investment, infrastructure and sector integration:  
TRAnsformative policies for a ClimaTe-neutral European UnION

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To mobilise the creative, financial and political resources, the EU also needs a governance framework that facilitates cross-sectoral policy integration and that allows citizens, public and private stakeholders to participate in the process and to own the results. The 4i-TRACTION project analyses how this can be done.

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