



Will the Czech Presidency speed up or slow down the implementation of the European Green Deal?

The Czech Presidency started on 1 July 2022 and coincides with the halfway point of the current Commission's mandate and its plan for the European Green Deal. To mark this passing of the torch in the European Council, IEEP and IDDRI hosted the [Think2030 conference](#) to discuss how the European Green Deal could come to fruition. For a recap of what was discussed during the conference, [read the report here](#).

When Ursula von der Leyen presented one of the most ambitious political projects to date in EU history - making Europe the first climate-neutral continent - nobody could imagine that just a few months later, an unprecedented pandemic would lock down the whole EU. And yet, despite strong pushes to derail the European Green Deal agenda as an immediate reply to the crisis, the Green Deal stayed afloat and was even slightly boosted through the national recovery and resilient plans.

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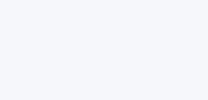
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