

## Think2030 – Hungary (webinar)

### Clean Industrial Deal, COP29 and beyond: integrating competitiveness and climate commitments



Date: Tuesday 12 November 2024



Time: 10.00 – 12.00 CET (online only)

[Zoom registration link](#)

[IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy](#) launched Think2030 in 2018, a non-partisan platform and conference series focused on sustainability issues in EU policy. Think2030 convenes national dialogues in association with the Presidency of the Council of the EU twice a year. The last conference occurred in Brussels in March 2024, while previous events took place in [Stockholm in April 2023](#) and in [Madrid in November 2023](#).

These events support active exchanges to identify impactful science-policy recommendations to policymakers for a more sustainable Europe.

The webinar on 12 November will consist of two sessions. The first session will focus on some of the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency, looking in particular at the new EU competition strategy and the upcoming Clean Industrial Deal. It will highlight how such new ambitions will complement, advance or collide with the Green Deal policies and the EU climate objectives. This discussion will include reflections on the EU's role in the global net-zero industrial race and the creation of Clean Trade and Investment Partnerships. Questions will address the new proposals expected to come out in the coming months, outlined in the Commission's political guidelines and in the hearings and mission letters to the Commissioners-designate.

The second session will shift attention to the global dimension of the expected Clean Industrial Deal and the ongoing international processes which can impact, such as expectations of outcomes from COP29 and conclusions from COP16, where participants will explore the latest developments, agreements, and challenges surrounding global climate negotiations. Together, these sessions will provide a comprehensive overview of both the EU environmental policy developments and the broader international climate agenda.

## Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
10.00	<u>Welcome</u>	<b>Eero Yrjö-Koskinen</b> , Executive Director, IEEP
10.05	<u>Keynote speech</u>	<b>Janez Potočnik</b> , Co-Chair, International Resource Panel
10.20	<u>Panel discussion on the Clean Industrial Deal between competitiveness and sustainable growth</u>	<p><b>Moderated by Luc Bas</b>, Chair of IEEP Strategic Advisory Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Minister Plenipotentiary Péter BENKŐ</b>, Head of Agriculture and Environment Unit, Hungarian Permanent Representation to the EU (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>- <b>Anders Wijkman</b>, former co-Chair of the Club of Rome, Chair of the Association of Recycling Industries in Sweden</li> <li>- <b>Kata Tüttő</b>, Member of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and Deputy Mayor of Budapest (<i>tbc</i>)</li> </ul>
11.00	<u>Panel discussion on the external dimensions of the EU Green Deal, COP16 and COP29</u>	<p><b>Moderated by Pierre Leturcq</b>, Head of Programme Global Challenges and SDGs, IEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Veronika Hunt Safrankova</b>, Head of Brussels Office, United Nations Environment Programme</li> <li>- <b>Florika Fink-Hooijer</b>, Director-General, DG Environment, European Commission (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>- <b>András Huszár</b>, Co-Founder &amp; Director, Green Policy Center</li> <li>- <b>Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder</b>, Vice-President, Global Strategies and Managing Director, Europe, IISD. – <a href="#">Think Sustainable Europe</a> member</li> </ul>
11.40	<u>Q&amp;A session</u>	
12.00	<u>Closing of the webinar</u>	

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