

The EU's 2040 climate targets

Getting the right policy mix for the Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector



Date: 4 December 2024

Time: 8.00–9.30 CET (in person only)

Co-hosted by MEPs Pär Holmgren (The Greens/EFA), Anna Strolenberg (The Greens/EFA) and Elsi Katainen (Renew Europe)



Location: European Parliament, Room SPINELLI 5G1

The Breakfast Briefing is open to all interested MEPs, APAs and policy advisors.

A light breakfast will be served from 7:45

[IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy](#) organises a series of breakfast briefings for MEPs on European environmental policies. With these events, IEEP wants to create a safe space where MEPs can gain insight into environmental topics relevant to the work of the European Parliament in the coming months.

The review and potential revision of the 2030 Climate Target Plan, as well as the expected publication of an EC proposal on the **framework for 2040 Climate targets**, both scheduled for 2025, will set the tone of the EU climate ambition on the path to net-zero by mid-century. The EU Commission's [impact assessment](#) accompanying the 2040 target communication demonstrates **that agricultural emission cuts and increased land-based carbon sinks are needed to achieve this goal**. The European Scientific Advisory Board has emphasised the need for reforms to the current policy framework for the [AFOLU sector](#). This includes possible revisions to the Common Agricultural Policy, the Governance Regulation, the Soil Monitoring Directive, the Carbon Removal Certification Framework, the Renewable Energy Directive, the Nitrates Directive, and the Industrial Emissions Directive – as well as, potentially, a revival of the commitments under the Farm to Fork Strategy. New policy tools, such as carbon pricing mechanisms or regulatory measures like livestock-to-land ratio should also be considered. Additionally, payment for ecosystem services (PES) schemes could be employed to protect and conserve carbon stocks in old-growth and primary forests.

This briefing will be organised by IEEP around the following questions:

- Is the current policy framework enough for 2040?
- What reforms will need to be made to the current policy framework to enhance climate ambition in the AFOLU sector?
- Is there a need for new policy instruments? If so, which kind?

Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
8.00	<u>Welcome</u>	Eero Yrjö-Koskinen, Executive Director IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy
8.10	<u>Introductory remarks</u>	MEP Anna Strolenberg
8.15	<u>Presentation</u> on <i>The EU's 2040 climate targets – Getting the right policy mix for the Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector, IEEP</i>	Julia Bognar, Head of Land use and climate programme IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy
8.30	<u>Discussion</u> among MEPs (Chatham House rule)	Moderated by Melanie Muro, Head of CAP & food programme IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy All participants
9.20	<u>Closing remarks</u>	MEP Pär Holmgren
9.30	<u>End of the meeting</u>	

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Who might benefit from attending this event?

MEPs, EP advisors, APAs

What is the format of the event?

- In person
- 90 minutes
- PowerPoint presentations & Q&A session - Chatham House rule discussion
- Post-event: downloadable PowerPoint with voiceover on IEEP's website & briefing note

Who are the organisers?

This event will be organised by [IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy](#). IEEP is a Brussels-based sustainability think tank promoting impact-driven and science-informed policy recommendations in order to advance EU environmental policies.

For more information about the event, please contact IEEP events officer, Marianna Lianantonaki, at events@ieep.eu