



NETGREEN Thematic Policy Workshop

“Maximizing resource efficiency throughout the EU economy”

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Venue: CEPS, Place du Congrès 1, 1000 Brussels

NETGREEN, short for “Network for Green Economy Indicators”, is an EU-funded project designed to facilitate the adoption of policies that will advance progress towards a green economy. The key output of the project is an open access, interactive website providing information on indicators that can be used to measure progress towards a green economy

Resource efficiency has been identified by the EU Commission (2011) as one of the seven flagship initiatives that are part of the “EU 2020 strategy aiming to deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive growth”. This thematic NETGREEN workshop will focus on how Europe can boost resource efficiency through the use of effective policy instruments and appropriate indicators. The workshop will cover issues such as which are the major drivers and barriers to resource efficiency and what is the role of indicators in measuring progress towards more efficient use of material resources. The discussion will start with a presentation of NETGREEN, demonstrating how it supports policy makers in measuring progress towards resource efficiency. The event will feature a panel composed of experts from policy, research, academia and business.

AGENDA¹

- 10:00 - 10:30 Arrival & registration of participants
- 10:30 - 10:35 Welcome by the **Arno Behrens**, Head of Energy and Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- 10:35 - 10:40 Welcome by **Wanda Gaj**, Project Officer, DG Research & Innovation, EU Commission

¹ As of 18 February 2015.



- 10:40 - 10:50 Presentation of the NETGREEN website and how it supports policy makers in measuring progress towards resource efficiency by the project coordinator **Lucas Porsch**, Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute
- 10:50 - 11:05 **Barbara Bacigalupi**, Policy Officer on resource efficiency and indicators, DG Environment, EU Commission
- 11:05 - 11:30 Q & A Section
- 11:30 - 13:00 Discussion panel on enhancing resource efficiency throughout the EU economy**
- Which policy tools work best to enhance resource efficiency?
 - Which are the best indicators to measure progress towards resource efficiency?
 - Which are the main challenges?
- 11:30 - 11:35 Introduction by the chair **Charles Seaford**, Senior Advisor, New Economics Foundation (NEF)
- 11:35 - 11:45 **Stephan Lutter**, Research Fellow, Institute for Ecological Economics - Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)
- 11:45 - 11:55 **Evi Ford-Alexandraki**, Eurostat
- 11:55 - 12:05 **Janneke Van Veen**, Coordinator Resource efficiency/Circular economy, Government of Flanders
- 12:05 - 12:15 **Loredana Ghinea**, Executive Director, A.SPIRE – Sustainable Process Industry through Resource and Energy Efficiency
- 12:15 - 12:25 **Carsten Wachholz**, Resources use and Product Policy Officer, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
- 12:25 - 12:55 Discussion
- 12:55 - 13:00 Concluding remarks by the chair
- 13:00 - 14:00 Networking lunch**

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