



The European Green Deal: “On Track or In Trouble”? Program & Speakers’ bios

17h00: Welcome (Sirpa Pietikäinen)

17h10: Introduction (Jean-François Hulot – Associate, Institute for European Environmental Policy)

17h20: EGD’s Impact on Climate Change (Pete Harrison – Executive Director, European Climate Foundation)

17h30: EGD’s Impact on Resource Efficiency (Carsten Wachholz – Senior Policy Manager, Ellen MacArthur Foundation)

17h40: EGD’s Impact on Biodiversity (Luc Bas – Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature)

17h50: Discussion on EDG Implementation and Measuring Impact of all Policies Combined (moderator: Jean-François Hulot)

18h20: Conclusions (Sirpa Pietikäinen)

18h30: End



Jean-François Hulot is an associate of the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) in Brussels. His main subject of research is on fostering sustainable development within planetary limits, with a special focus on agriculture and food systems.

Prior to that, he had a long career at the European Commission, as a middle manager in DG AGRI and in DG RTD for the last 20 years, making him a specialist of the Common Agricultural Policy in every dimension, as well as the EU Research & Innovation programs Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe.

In 2010, he was central in boosting the organic farming and food sector by getting the EU adopting a new organic farming logo to be compulsory apposed on all organic food.

Jean-François holds a diploma of Agronomist from AgroParisTech and other degrees in economy, management, and international relations. He teaches in several agro-management schools in France on the topics of European policies, notably the CAP.



Pete Harrison is the Executive Director for EU Policy, overseeing the ECF's programmes for sectors including transport, buildings, energy systems and industrial decarbonisation. As such, his main focus is on the policy reforms that will be needed to ensure Europe makes a fair and prosperous transition to an economy that is smart, efficient and mainly powered by renewables. This follows 7 years leading the ECF's work towards achieving a clean mobility system.

Prior to joining the ECF, Pete was the EU Energy & Environment Correspondent for the international news agency Reuters, responsible for covering all aspects of European energy policy and geopolitics. This followed on from a decade at Reuters and other international news organisations, covering equity, debt and commodity markets. He also serves on a number of corporate advisory boards on sustainability and has published several books and papers on ecology.



Carsten Wachholz is a Senior Policy Manager with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation in the Institutions, Governments, and Cities team. Based in Brussels, he supports the development of circular economy policies at EU and international level, in close collaboration with the Foundation's systemic initiatives.

Before joining the Foundation, Carsten worked for the European Investment Bank on Corporate Responsibility, engaging with civil society organizations and other

stakeholders on the EU Bank's role in tackling climate and environmental challenges. Prior to that, he worked both for European and German NGOs as well as different management consultancies. His expertise covers a broad range of policy areas, including climate change, energy policy, natural capital, circular economy, urban development, demographic change, and sustainable finance. Carsten studied environmental science at the University of Lüneburg in Germany and participated in an international executive program on Sustainable Business organized by the University of St. Gallen and Business School Lausanne in Switzerland.



Luc Bas is the Director of the IUCN European Regional Office in Brussels, representing IUCN towards the EU Institutions and providing leadership and guidance for all activities undertaken by IUCN Government and NGO members within the European context. This includes informing decision-making through IUCN's knowledge on topics such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Red Lists, Protected Area management, Natural Capital and promoting the use of nature-based solutions across different sectors. Luc has worked as an adviser on international sustainable development policies for both the Belgian Federal and Flemish Governments. He was a representative for the

Government at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's national Sustainable Development experts' panel, and the Belgian Federal Council, as well as at various interregional networks on sustainable development. Luc also represented The Climate Group in Brussels as their European Director working with business and government to reach more ambitious EU-climate policy and kick off a true energy transition.