

Workshop:
Future Options for EU Climate Policies and their Public Acceptability
22 October 2014 (Charles University in Prague)

Objective:

The CECILIA2050 research project is entering its last and third year and is preparing to focus on its ultimate goal of formulating near-term and medium-term policy recommendations: how could and should the EU climate policy mix evolve to put the EU on track towards a low-carbon economy? What is the role for economic instruments (carbon pricing) in the policy mix, and for which decisions are planning tools necessary? How should climate and energy policy should interact?

It is one thing to analyse which policies appear most efficient and effective. Yet, to be implemented successfully, any policy mix will also need public acceptance – in the current political and economic climate even more so than in the past. In this context, the objective of this workshop will be to explore the acceptability of different types of climate policies, in order to understand how the design of policy instruments affects their acceptability. This will be explored both at the EU level and at the Member State level, such as the Czech Republic.

Format:

The workshop is meant to provide a forum to discuss different approaches and policy instruments (market based vs. technology focused vs. behavioural), looking also at public preferences for different policy approaches and, therefore, their acceptability.

Schedule:

The workshop will last a full day (9-17:30), **October 22nd, 2014**. It will take place at Charles University in Prague (Rectorate Building, Ovocný trh 3, Praha 1).

The day before, CECILIA 2050 consortium is hosting an internal meeting, presenting and debating current analysis on climate policies in Europe beyond 2020, which will bring non-Chez experts into town that could also participate in the workshop.

Audience:

The workshop targets an audience of 30-40 participants, including experts from academia, from government, think tanks and civil society. This small group will allow for a targeted debate and will give everyone the opportunity to contribute directly to the conversation.

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INTRODUCTION

09:00 Welcome and Introduction

Benjamin Görlach, Ecologic Institute (coordinator CECILIA2050)

09:20 Survey on stakeholder's preferences for policy attributes

Vojtěch Máca (Charles University Prague)

SESSION I: FUTURE OPTIONS FOR EU CLIMATE POLICIES

9:30 Keynote Lecture:

Interactions between climate and energy policies

Pablo del Río (CSIC, Spain)

10.10 Sustainable Climate and Energy Policy in the Czech Republic

Petr J. Kalaš (Chief Advisor of Czech Minister of the Environment, Head of Sustainable Energy Committee of Sustainable Development Council of the Czech Republic)

Discussion

10:50 Coffee Break

11:20 Climate instrument scenarios for the EU

Mikel Gonzalez-Eguino, BC3 (Work package and task leader, CECILIA2050)

11:40 Pros and cons of the climate policy main scenarios

Benjamin Görlach (Ecologic Institute)

11.55 How should the EU climate policy mix evolve to reach the 2050 targets?

Round Table:

Moderator: Matthias Duwe (Ecologic Institute, Germany)

- Paul Drummond (UCL, United Kingdom)
- Mikel Gonzalez-Eguino (BC3, Spain)
- Gjalt Huppes (CML, Netherlands)
- Petr J. Kalaš (Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic)

Discussion with the participants

13.00 Lunch



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SESSION II: ACCEPTABILITY OF EU CLIMATE POLICIES

13:45 Towards a low carbon competitive economy through innovations. The role of banking and (green) finance

Massimiliano Mazzanti (University of Ferrara, Italy)

14.15 Preference for micro-generation energy technologies: Are Czechs ready to pay for MGTs?

Hana Škopková (Charles University Prague)

14:30 Ancillary Benefits of climate change mitigating policies: Are there any benefits from reducing carbon?

Jan Melichar / Milan Ščasný (Charles University Prague)

Discussion

15.00 Coffee Break

15.30 What Influences Public Acceptance of the Current Policies to Reduce GHG Emissions? A Review

Milan Ščasný (Charles University Prague)

15:45 Acceptability of Climate Change Policies by Czechs

Iva Zvěřinová, Milan Ščasný, Eva Kyselá (Charles University Prague)

16.10 The acceptability of efficiency-enhancing instruments

Steffen Kallbekken, CICERO - Center for International Climate and Environmental Research

16:45 Choice on optimal instrument design and public acceptance of policies?

Round Table:

Moderator: Benjamin Görlach (Ecologic Institute, Germany)

- Martin Bursík (Liberal Ecologic Party, former Minister of the Environment, Czech Rep.)
- Steffen Kallbekken (CICERO, Norway)
- Massimiliano Mazzanti (University of Ferrara, Italy)
- Bernd Meyer (GWS - Institute of Economic Structures Research, Germany)
- Milan Ščasný (Charles University Prague, Czech Rep.)

Discussion with the participants

17:45 Cocktail Reception