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Aim of the Workshop:

The aim of the Workshop is to provide guidance so as to increase the ambition and further development on the implementation challenges of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) ahead of the upcoming Conference of the Parties (COP) 26 to be held on 31 October to 12 November 2021.

The Workshop will focus on connecting the Paris Agreement climate neutrality and resilience targets with the NDC updates. Advice on the underlying implementation challenges including mainstreaming and integration of a climate lens and corresponding measures, finance, sectoral implications, as well as the harmonisation, consistency, comprehensiveness and conformity of NDCs with the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) will be provided.

EU MS Speakers:

- Mr. Robert **Jeszke**, Head of Strategy, Analysis and Auction Unit & coordinator of the LIFE Climate CAKE Project The National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBiZE), Poland
- Ms. Marzena **Chodor**, Gender Focal Point, former Co-Chair of the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) a constituted body of the UNFCCC serving the Paris Agreement, The National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBiZE), Poland
- Ms. Elisabeth **Rigler**, Head of Unit Climate Mitigation & Emission Inventories, Environment Agency Austria

Other Speakers:

- Mr. Haris **Doukas**, Associate Professor, Energy Policy Unit, National Technical University of Athens & Consortium Leader of Paris Reinforce H2020, Greece
- Ms. Ala **Druta**, National Adaptation Plan expert, UNDP, Moldova
- Mr. Viktor **Rácz**, senior modeller, REKK Foundation, Hungary
- Mr. Prof. Dr. Niklas **Höhne**, founding partner, NewClimate Institute, Germany
- Mr. Zsolt **Lengyel**, Tratolow Senior National Key Expert (NKE), Environment Agency Austria
- Mr. Vlasios **Oikonomou**, Managing Director, Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy (IEECP), The Netherlands
- Ms. Violeta **Philippitsch**, TRATOLOW Team Leader, Environment Agency Austria
- Ms. Stine **Rasmussen**, Policy officer Directorate-General for Climate Action, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- Mr. Artur **Runge-Metzger**, former Director, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- Mr. Jan-Willem **van de Ven**, Head of Climate Finance and Carbon Markets, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

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DAY 1: Wednesday, 22 September 2021

Chair: Ms. Violeta **Philippitsch**

09:30 – 10:00 CET	Arrival of participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
10:00 – 10:20	Welcome and introduction Ms. Violeta Philippitsch /Ms. Stine Rasmussen
10:20 – 10:45	Keynote speaker & scene setting for transformational change including Q&A with the audience Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger
10:45 – 11:15	Ambition increase and mid-century climate neutrality implications for NDCs: relevant EU lessons on reconciling long-term strategy/Green Deal and the NDC ambition increase (Fitfor55) ; including Q&A with the audience Mr. Zsolt Lengyel
11:15 – 11:45	Greece NDC & NECP: coal, gas, renewables and clashing time horizons; including Q&A with the audience Mr. Haris Doukas & Mr. Vlasios Oikonomou
11:45 – 12:15	Poland: how to integrate long-term targets and achieve climate neutrality by 2050 Mr. Robert Jeszke
12:15 – 12:45	Additional Q&A with the audience All Participants
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45 – 14:15	How modelling can evolve NDCs – LTS/NECP/NDC lessons learnt in Hungary and in Albania; including Q&A with the audience Mr. Viktor Rácz
14:15 – 14:35	Global dynamics: impacts of pledges, targets and NDCs; including Q&A with the audience Prof. Dr. Niklas Höhne
14:35 – 15:15	Discussion/Summary and outlook day 2 Ms. Violeta Philippitsch & Mr. Zsolt Lengyel

DAY 2: Thursday, 23 September 2021

Chair: Ms. Violeta **Philippitsch**

09:00 – 09:30 CET	Arrival of participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:30 – 10:00	Gender – a not to be overlooked element of NDCs; including Q&A with the audience Ms. Marzena Chodor
10:00- 10:25	Fair share and comparability of effort; including Q&A with the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets of the MSs in the EU NDCs /no-ETS targets • Mechanisms for monitoring and reporting • Methods for evaluation of compliance with the EU targets • Correlations with the NECP Ms. Elisabeth Rigler
10:25 – 10:55	HOW & WHY to incorporate adaptation into NDCs Ms. Ala Druta
10:55 – 11:20	Climate action financing - a snapshot of the challenge and the financial initiatives on climate neutrality/decarbonisation/resilience from the EBRD; including Q&A with the audience Mr. Jan-Willem van de Ven
11:20 – 11:35	<i>Comfort break</i>
11:35 – 11:50	Presentation of Kosovo* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status, involved institutions, challenges/difficulties, needs Speaker Kosovo* - Mr. Abdullah Pirçe
11:50 – 12:05	Presentation of Montenegro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status, involved institutions, challenges/difficulties, needs Speaker Montenegro - Ms. Sanja Bešović
12:05 – 12:20	Discussion and interactive exploring / elaborating of training needs to be addressed by TratoLow project during the project period Speaker All
12:20– 12:30	Wrap-up and close of workshop Ms. Violeta Philippitsch

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