

EU-Turkey Climate Policy Dialogue:

Opportunities for articulating Turkish climate policy and deep dive into EU CBAM and EU Just Transition policies

Agenda

Date: 6 October 2021

Time: 10:00 -15:30 (Brussels time, CEST)

Hybrid Meeting:

- In-person: Cattier Room, University Foundation, Rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium
- Online: [Zoom](#)

This workshop is part of the project **EU – Turkey Climate Policy Dialogue**, financed by the European Union within the scope of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme between EU and Turkey and which is coordinated by the Directorate for EU Affairs. The objective of the project is to establish a sustained dialogue between Turkish and EU civil society organizations (CSOs), private actors and public institutions on the articulation of Climate Change policy between the EU and Turkey and climate policy development in general.

The opening session, which was held in July, focused on introducing the project to stakeholders, presenting the first results of the research, and highlighting the most recent climate policy developments under the European Green Deal.

As part of the project activities, we also conducted interviews with a wide range of Turkish CSOs from which we were able to better understand their needs and realities. Furthermore, this stakeholder-driven approach enabled us to identify the main EU climate policies that are priority for Turkish CSOs.

During this workshop the project team will give an in-depth presentation on Turkish and EU climate policy developments focusing on the Turkish Green Deal Action Plan, the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and Just Transition policies in the EU. A number of CSOs have been invited to engage in a panel discussion in order to get a better understanding of what those developments mean for EU and Turkish stakeholders.

Lastly, it will be an opportunity for Turkish and European CSOs to establish a dialogue and to highlight additional elements they would like to see as part of this project, and what kind of format and topics they would like to touch upon in the next workshops.

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- 10:00 **Welcome remarks**
- A. Marcu, Director, ERCST
- 10:10 **Keynote speeches**
- B. Brunet, Head of Unit relations with Turkey DG NEAR, European Commission
 - B. Guclu, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Trade

Session 1: Opportunities for articulating Turkish climate policy

In July 2021, the Turkish Ministry of Trade released its Green Deal Action Plan with the aim facilitate a sustainable transition of the Turkish economy and align with ambitious climate policies that are emerging across the world. One main goal of the Action Plan is to prepare Turkey for comprehensive changes envisaged by the EU Green Deal in order to address associated risks and turn them into opportunities for Turkish stakeholders.

The session will start with an introductory presentation on the Turkish Green Deal Action Plan, covering the different priorities and roadmaps for stakeholders to support a green transformation. This will be followed by a panel discussion with representatives of 5 different Turkish CSOs to get a better understanding of what the Action Plan means for Turkish stakeholders. Finally, there will be an opportunity for Q&A with attendees.

- 10:30 **Presentation of the Turkish Green Deal Action Plan**
- B. Guclu, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Trade
- 11:00 ****Coffee Break****
- 11:15 **Panel discussion moderated by K. Demirkol**
- S. Baban, TOBB
 - T. Sabuncu, WWF Turkey
 - M. Eröz, TUREB
 - Ü. Şahin, Istanbul Policy Center
- 12:00 ****Lunch Break****

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Session 2: Deep dive into the EU CBAM and EU Just Transition policies

- 13:00** **Introductory speech**
- A. Batu, Turkonfed

During previous phases of the EU-Turkey civil society dialogue, two issues were identified as priorities for Turkish CSOs when considering climate policy:

1. Carbon leakage and competitiveness
2. The Just Transition

With the fit for 55 package that was recently proposed by the European Commission, the EU put forward specific policies to address these issues while maintaining the envisaged level of climate ambition. The EU CBAM and the Just Transition Mechanism address risks related to these issues and ensure broad support of EU stakeholders. As such these policies are considered to be essential for the implementation of the European Green Deal.

This session will provide an in-depth analysis of the EU CBAM and EU Just Transition policies. Two panels of EU and Turkish CSOs are invited to discuss the priority issues and present their views on the EU policies.

1. Carbon leakage and competitiveness

- 13:10** **Presentation of EU CBAM and economic implications for Turkey**
- A. Maratou, ERCST

- 13:30** **Panel discussion moderated by A. Marcu**
- J.W. Van de Ven, EBRD
 - E. Voyvoda, Middle East Technical University
 - E. Brutin, CEMBUREAU
 - N. Numanoğlu, TÜSİAD

- 14:15** ****Coffee Break****

2. The Just Transition

- 14:30** **Presentation of Just Transition in the EU**
- P. Cesaro, ERCST

- 14:50** **Panel discussion moderated by A. Marcu**
- E. Gündüzyeli, CAN Europe
 - G. Sak, TEPAV

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- C. Zierold, industriAll
- E. Vardar, YUVA

15:35

Next steps in the EU-Turkey civil society dialogue

- A. Marcu, ERCST

15:45

End of meeting

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