

Workshop: Regional solutions for a greener and climate-neutral Europe

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MODERATOR



Dr Robert Pollock, Senior Advisor – Secretariat of the Platform for Coal and Carbon Intensive Regions in Transition, ECORYS

Dr Robert Pollock is a Senior Advisor to the Secretariat of the EC's Platform for Coal Regions in Transition. During a 25 year career, he has worked at director level in national and regional development agencies and government. He has been an advisor on regional and industrial development and energy transition to various economic actors and international bodies. He is the Chair of the Economic Development Association of Scotland, a body that promotes good practice and learning in the country's economic development profession, and was formerly a Board member of The Competitiveness Institute (TCI). He undertook his doctoral research on the subject of energy transition and the creation of new regional industries at the Centre for Urban Regional Development Studies at Newcastle University.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ms Yvon Slingenbergh, European Commission, DG CLIMA

Ms Yvon Slingenbergh is Director in DG Climate Action of the European Commission, responsible for International climate negotiations and implementation of the Paris Agreement and mainstreaming of climate issues in EU policies (eg MFF). She is also actively involved in the discussions on the EU vision for a Long-term Strategy for a climate neutral Europe by 2050 (the "Clean Planet for all" Communication of November 2018).

During the first two years of the Juncker Commission, she was Senior Adviser in the Cabinet of Commissioner Arias Cañete for Climate Action and Energy, where she contributed to the legislative framework for 2030 (climate proposals on EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), Effort Sharing and Land-use & Forestry, and energy proposals on energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and Energy Union Governance).

Until November 2014 she was Head of Unit in the Directorate General for Climate Action of the European Commission in charge of the "Implementation of the EU Emissions Trading System", a market based instrument and key tool of EU Climate Policy to drive emission reductions in the most cost-efficient manner. Previously, she was closely involved in the negotiations on the 2020 climate & energy package, and steered the adoption of numerous implementing measures necessary to enable the harmonised approach for phase 3 (2013-2020) of the revised ETS.

From 2003 to 2007 Yvon was in charge of the chemicals policy unit and negotiated the new chemicals legislation (REACH). She has also worked in the Cabinet of Commissioner Wallström on environment and climate issues (2002-2003), for the European Commission's Task-force for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 (Johannesburg), in the international climate negotiations (1998-2002) and in the "Waste Management Policy" Unit.

Yvon is a lawyer of Dutch nationality with a degree in international law (specialisation in environmental law) from the University of Amsterdam. She speaks Dutch (mother tongue), English, French, German and Spanish.

SPEAKERS



Levke Johanna Deutsch, Germany, Max Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization, MPIDS Germany, Lower Saxony

Levke Johanna Deutsch works as a project manager at the MPIDS, focusing on the ERDF funded EcoBus project headed by Prof. S. Herminghaus and Prof. M. Timme. The MPIDS is one out of over 80 research institutes of the Max Planck Society, which are dedicated to basic research in the natural science, life science, and humanities. Her tasks as a project manager include the accounting of the EU project, interacting with ministries and cooperation partners and setting up cooperation contracts.

EcoBus is a ride-pooling system with demand responsive minibuses. A dedicated algorithm calculates and combines different routes sharing similar start and destination times and locations. Perspectively offering improved public mobility services especially in rural areas, complementary EcoBus makes public transport more attractive and helps the transit authorities to a more efficient service. In three pilot phases in rural areas, the project got a great response not only from the local population but also from tourists, communal authorities and transportation planners.



Patrick Cnubben, New Energy Coalition – Hydrogen, innovation and investment The Netherlands, Northern-Netherlands

Patrick Cnubben is a Chemical Engineer and Chemist and worked as consultant and business developer with several companies such as PréConsultants, Philips, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Technology Center North Netherlands before his involvement within the Energy Valley Foundation and New Energy Coalition. In the latter domain he has been active for over 18 years now and is focused on and responsible for the realization of large scale investments in the field of Bio Energy & Gasenhancing amongst else the production and use of (biogenic) energy carriers such as Green Gas, (Bio)LNG and Hydrogen. The facilitation of business development – from idea generation through the realisation phase towards the operational phase – with and within industrial clusters on subjects such as Green Gas, (Bio)LNG, Power to Gas and Green Hydrogen in the Northern-Netherlands is key. Patrick is member of several advisory and advocacy organisations.

Patrick will present the most actual developments of the Northern Netherlands in its transition from Energy Valley to become a Hydrogen Valley.



Aleksandra Derejczyk, Head of International Programmes and Projects Section, Lower Silesia Marshal's Office Poland, Lower Silesia Region

Ms Aleksandra Derejczyk has been involved in the cross-border cooperation between Poland and Germany/Saxony and Czech Republic in the EU funded Programmes since Poland's accession to the European Union in 2004. For the past 15 years she has worked for several institutions of government and regional administration implementing INTERREG programmes where she was responsible for such tasks as programming, evaluation and monitoring of INTERREG programmes, project assessment and project selection, first level control, assistance to the applicants, project development and implementation.

Currently, she is the Head of International Programmes and Projects Section in the Regional Authority of Lower Silesia responsible for INTERREG programmes-related matters within competences of the region and supporting project partners in the region by project idea generation essential for regional development.



**Iris Flacco, Head of Department of Energy Policy, Air Quality, National Environmental Information System and Mining Resources of the Territory
Italy, Abruzzo Region**

Iris Flacco is the Director of Service of Energy Policy, Air Quality, National Environmental Information System and Mining Resources of the Abruzzo Region. She is also the coordinator of ARAEN, the Regional Energy Agency of Abruzzo Region. She has over 40 years of experience in energy, environment and climate change issues.

She coordinates the development of strategies and methods for energy policy; the development of plans and programs for the promotion of renewables and energy saving; development of regional laws, rules, tools and programs for the assessment of air quality, air emissions, electromagnetic pollution, noise pollution; development of strategies and plans on climate change and regional sustainable development issues, as well as Plans and programs for planning and mining research.

She is the coordinator of the regional governing table for the interconnection of regional plans and programs with focus on climate change and member of the national committee of the Integrated Italian Plan on energy and climate change. She is the co-editor of the regional atlas of climate change; responsible for the definition of the multilevel regional strategy of sustainable development and coordinator of the regional control table for the support to municipalities in the updating of SEAPs into SECAPs.

She is a university Professor in energy policies and promoter of the 10-year Energiochi project for the development of education in all schools and universities of the region on renewable energy sources and energy consumption savings. She is the coordinator and project manager of regional, national and international programs and projects focused on the energy, environment and climate change issues.

Member of national and international associations and bodies of the field and invited speaker in several local, national and international conferences and workshops on sustainable energy and climate change.