

European framework for innovation: how to design efficient instruments?

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Location: European Climate Foundation, 23 Rue de la Science, 1040 Brussels

In line with European commitments to global decarbonisation, the European Commission released on the 28th November 2018 its long-term strategy that aims at shaping EU policy for the coming decades towards carbon neutrality in 2050. If Europe is to be serious to move the EU economy on the right path through 2030 and towards 2050, policy makers not only have to enable sufficient funding for climate and clean energy innovation but the design of innovation funding instruments also need to be enhanced. The European Commission recently introduced new tools to address European emerging challenges in a cross-cutting manner. Those should translate in the next Framework Program for Research and Innovation, together with the future priorities of the R&D&I agenda. This workshop aims at gathering evidences and facts on possible ways to effectively implement the long-term strategy in a timely manner, and build a strong consensus to enhance the European R&D&I landscape.

8:30 – 9:00 Welcoming participants and registration

Facilitation: **Adeline ROCHET**, Associate for Clean Energy Innovation, ECF

9:00 – 9:15 Introduction and context setting

Greg ARROWSMITH, Policy Adviser, EUREC

9:15 – 10:15 From the broad LTS framework to concrete work programmes

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What are the facts and data needed by policy makers to identify how to translate general climate and energy objective in concrete propositions? What should be the accurate timing to anticipate the legislative needs, and what should be the decision-making process?

Exchange with the group

10:15 -11:15 What are the instruments required for tomorrow's innovation ?

- Presentation of the report "Funding innovation to deliver EU Competitive Climate Leadership"
Peter SWEATMAN, Chief Executive and Founder, Climate Strategy (author)
- Discussion with **Thomas PELLERIN-CARLIN**, Head of the Energy Centre, Institut Jacques Delors, on potential for synergies between EU funds

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Innovation in legislation: how to focus on the challenges rather than the process?

Focus on the "how" rather than the "what" may result in time loss, rigidity, and ultimately put a brake to efficiently tackle climate change. The Commission seems ready to think out of the box when it comes to law making in an innovative way. Several questions remain however. How to carefully select and prioritise cross-cutting issues that will be tomorrow critical challenges ? How to align these issues between European and global levels when addressing global challenges? What kind of governance could be the most efficient?

- Presentation and discussion around the report "The consumer-facing energy innovation challenge: designing a "Mission" for the EU's clean energy innovation strategy"
Simon SKILLINGS, Senior Associate, E3G (author)
- Discussion with **Guillaume GILLET**, Director, InnoEnergy KIC, on Innovation governance

12:30 – 12:45 Wrap-up and conclusion

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch and networking

For the registration, please contact EU-innovation@europeanclimate.org by 5th March.