Towards a consistent framework for climate policy.
State of play and possible way forward

Stakeholder consultation
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Key challenges for transformative climate policy

- Innovation
- Investment
- Integration
- Infrastructure

EU

Climate neutrality
Implement SDGs
Low-carbon & resilient future
At a meta level the journey to climate neutrality requires several key elements:

- A clear **MISSION** commitment (integration)
- A **MAP** of how to get there (strategy)
- A **TEAM** effort to get to destination (participation)
- A **COMPASS** to know where we are (monitoring)
- The **VEHICLES** to get us there (instruments)
### MISSION

- **Status:** Climate neutrality goal is enshrined in law, integration improved
- **RECOMMENDATION:** strengthen CPI through application to existing policies (regulatory fitness checks), more specific provisions in EUCL and GovReg

### MAP

- **Status:** 2040 target on the table, 2050 in law but not quantified & path unclear
- **RECOMMENDATION:** update the EU Long-Term Strategy (now and regularly)

Needed as basis for many things! Guidance to policy-making before next package, for coordination between sectoral strategies, input to infrastructure planning, to investment plans, and as benchmark for consistency checks, monitoring, etc.
TEAM effort

- **Status**: EU citizens support the transition (Eurobarometer survey show that)! However, many concerned about changes, unclear about future (see elections, protests)

  EU law has many provisions for participation but implementation is lacking.

- **RECOMMENDATIONs**:
  - Improve process and provisions on public participation in the Governance Regulation; provide support and experience exchange on multilevel dialogues
  - Enhancing accountability to citizens by ensuring general and consistent access to justice in climate-related matters across the EU.
  - Engage more comprehensively around “just transition” concerns
Where are we on the path to a net zero future?

**Status:** reporting plentiful but not targeted. EUCL has obligation for progress assessment, but no system.

**RECOMMENDATION:** put a *transition tracking framework* in place that assesses enabling conditions in and across sectors. Update regularly!

Without this information, deciding next steps and turns impossible. Flying blind...
Draft policy recommendations

- Integrated, participatory climate governance
  - Open channels for meaningful citizen engagement
  - Comprehensiveness and certainty in funding
- Directionality and certainty
  - Strengthen EU Integrated Infrastructure Planning
  - Coordinated and managed fossil fuel phase-out
- Regional differentiation, experimentation
  - Regional Climate-Neutrality Clusters
  - Transformational Public Funding
  - Prudential Transition Plans for Banks
  - EU Rules for Climate-Neutral Public Procurement
  - Integrated, participatory climate governance
- Market creation and alignment

VEHICLES

- Integration
- Infrastructure
- Innovation
- Investment
Thank you!

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