

## Online Workshop

# The impact of EU level financial instruments on climate policy in EU member states: case study of European Structural and Investment Funds

Friday 27 March 2020 | 9h00 – 12h30

The investment challenge to decarbonize global economies in terms of mobilizing additional investment and restructuring existing portfolio is unprecedented, especially for emerging economies facing other numerous, development-related challenges. The main questions are how to raise public and private capital to finance the transition in the most impactful way as well as how to structure international climate finance to support such processes.

The workshop as part of the IKI funded project “Strengthen national climate policy implementation: Comparative empirical learning & creating linkage to climate finance” (SNAPFI). The project aims to discuss the lessons learned from the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) use for international climate policy and how to assess them. The main objectives of the workshop are:

- Understand how EU-level finance impacted climate policy development in selected EU countries,
- Identify the features of ESIF programming and implementation in selected countries that enabled the transformative effects achieved so far, and
- Discuss lessons learned from the ESIF use for international climate policy.

The IKI funded SNAPFI project started in June 2019 and aims to advice how international climate finance can support the implementation of National Determined Contributions (NDCs) in emerging economies. To achieve this, it conducts comparative analyses and enable the exchange with lessons learned between countries. In this regard, lessons learned from European countries can help illustrate how long-term stable climate policy framework could be formed. Many challenges, which occur in Europe, in particular in Central and Eastern Europe with lower welfare levels than in Western Europe, have relevance in emerging countries too.

## AGENDA

08:55	<b>Please connect to the online platform</b>
09:00 – 09:05	<b>Welcome remark and agenda of the day</b> Mr Karsten Neuhoff, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW-Berlin)
09:05 – 09:10	<b>Introduction of the International Climate Initiative</b> tbc, German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
09:10 – 09:20	<b>Introduction round of online participants</b> Each team or participant introduces him/herself within half a minute and expresses his interest in attending the workshop

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09:20 – 09:30	<b>Setting the scene: project rationale and the ESIF analysis methodology</b> Ms Aleksandra Novikova, Institute for Climate Protection, Energy & Mobility (IKEM)
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Reflections and questions to the EU experience from countries-beneficiaries</b> Ms Samantha Keen, University of Cape Town - Energy Research Centre, South Africa
09:40 – 09:50	<b>Using ESIF in Lithuania: programming and priorities</b> Mr Rimantas Žylius, Founder of the European Public Policy Institute, Former Minister of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania
09:50 – 10:00	<b>Discussion of the programming priorities</b>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Using ESIF in Lithuania: implementation case study</b> Mr Valius Serbenta, Director of the Housing Energy Efficiency Agency (BETA)
10:10 – 10:20	<b>Discussion of success and limitation factors</b>
10:20 – 10:30	<b>Using ESIF in Latvia: programming and priorities</b> Mr Boriss Knigins, Deputy Director of the EU Funds Strategy Department, Ministry of Finance of Latvia
10:30 – 10:40	<b>Discussion of the programming priorities</b>
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<b>Pause</b>
11:00 – 11:10	<b>Using ESIF in Slovakia: programming and priorities</b> Mr Richard Filčák, Head of Foresight Institute, Slovak Academy of Sciences
11:10 – 11:20	<b>Discussion of the programming priorities</b>
11:20 – 11:30	<b>Summary of lessons learned: preliminary conclusions from case studies</b> Ms Marina Olshanskaya, Institute for Climate Protection, Energy & Mobility (IKEM)
11:30 – 12:20	<b>Moderated discussion: Lessons-learned for international climate finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Claudia Keller, German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)</li> <li>• Mr Mathias Schmidt-Rosen, German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</li> <li>• Ms Aleksandra Novikova, Institute for Climate Protection, Energy and Mobility</li> <li>• Ms Ursula Stiegler, German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)</li> <li>• Ms Marina Olshanskaya, Institute for Climate Protection, Energy and Mobility</li> <li>• Mr Aarth Saraph, Climate Finance Consultant at the UN Environment</li> <li>• Mr Vladislav Arnaudov, Climate Change Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist at Green Climate Fund (GCF)</li> <li>• Mr Sabin Basnyat, Energy Efficiency Specialist, Green Climate Fund (GCF)</li> <li>• Mr Sandeep Kohli, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank</li> </ul> IKI project participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Camila Yamahaki, Business School of Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Brazil</li> <li>• Ms Tamiksha Singh, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India</li> <li>• Mr. Djoko Suroso, Ms Sita Primadevi, and Ms Aliyah Alfianda Chandra The Climate Change Center, Institute of Technology Bandung, Indonesia</li> <li>• Ms. Samantha Keen, University of Cape Town - Energy Research Centre, South Africa</li> </ul>
12:20 – 12:30	<b>Wrap up</b>
12:30	<b>End of workshop</b>