



Clima East: Support to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Russia and ENP East Countries & Clima South: Euro South Mediterranean Initiative: Climate Resilient Societies Supported by Low Carbon Economies

EU – Neighbourhood Partner Countries Meeting on the Expected 2015 Paris Climate Agreement

Brussels, Belgium, 19 November 2015

Background

Political will at the highest level to agree a new climate agreement in Paris this December is evident – world leaders attended the September 2014 Secretary General's Climate Summit, and since then high-level discussions at fora including the Major Economies Forum, the G7, UN Sustainable Development Goals Conference have been taking place.

The EU has submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) to the new agreement, committing to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of at least 40% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. INDCs have now been submitted by more than 150 countries responsible for more than 90% of global emissions, including the US, China, India and Brazil amongst others.

It is a real shift from action by few to action by many and a signal of commitment to multilateral climate regime that today necessitates ambitious action by all states. The EU wants to work with partners to create the political conditions to conclude a deal in Paris, which sends a clear and strong signal to the world's policy-makers, businesses, and citizens that governments are committed to supporting global low-carbon transition.

Paris must deliver an Agreement that is inclusive, fair and effective at ensuring the world will be on track for the agreed objective of limiting global temperature increase to below 2 degrees. The EU believes that a multilateral approach, based on common rules, is the best way to meet this objective.

Paris will have to address the climate challenge in a comprehensive way, by addressing mitigation, climate finance and adaptation to climate change impacts, so that concerns of all countries, developed and developing, are taken on board.

However, there remains work to be done before Paris. The pace of technical negotiations has been slow, and there is still disconnect between the increased political momentum and the mandate negotiators have at technical level.

The latest round of UN climate change negotiations that ended on 23 October has produced a complex, but ultimately workable draft of the new, universal climate change agreement that the governments are committed to reach in Paris, December. The draft presents options and ways forward on all elements of the agreement and the decisions that will operationalize it

	<p>from 2020, and will be the basis for negotiations in Paris, together with a technical paper to be prepared by the Convention's Secretariat to identify opportunities for editorial streamlining. In Paris it remains to effectively address outstanding issues, including some key EU's priorities: Long-Term Goal, dynamism and transparency and accountability.</p> <p>It is in this context that the EU expected that the Partnership countries have had put forward their INDCs well advance of Paris so that they could be included in the assessment report carried out by the UNFCCC Secretariat and presented before the Paris COP. Implementation of INDCs will require additional efforts from Partnership countries, but the EU will continue to provide assistance and support in introducing and implementing new legislation and building institutional capacity.</p> <p>The purpose of this meeting is for Senior Officials to exchange views on preparations for the Paris Climate Conference, as well as identify opportunities for joint messaging during the Paris Conference. It will be used to examine the EU position on the global climate agreement and the specific elements of the future agreement as well as provide an analysis of the UNFCCC INDC assessment report. It will also give opportunity to the countries to present their INDCs and talk about their own expectations and priorities from the new climate agreement. The meeting will also be used to discuss shared priorities and explore opportunities for common action.</p> <p>In this framework, we kindly invite you to this meeting, which will not only provide an opportunity for sharing knowledge and experiences on climate action by the EU and the ClimaEast and ClimaSouth beneficiaries, but also to join forces for climate action towards the Paris Climate Agreement.</p>
Aim of the meeting	<p>The wider objective is to strengthen regional cooperation between the EU and Neighbourhood Partnership countries in the field of climate action.</p> <p>The specific objective of the meeting is to provide information on the future global climate agreement and challenges in implementing the ambitious climate policies in this context.</p>
Expected Results of the meeting	<p>The expected results are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants are provided with the stocktake of the globally submitted INDCs - Participants receive analytical support to prepare for the Paris COP
Legislation and policies covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2030 EU Framework for Climate and Energy Policies - The 2015 international Climate Agreement, draft text



AGENDA

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Venue:

Manos Stephanie Hotel, Chaussée de Charleroi 135, Brussels, Belgium

MORNING

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| 8:30– 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Opening
Mr Dimitrios Zevgolis & Mr Matthieu Ballu, Unit International and Inter-Institutional Affairs, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission
Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project
Mr Bernardo Sala, Team Leader, Clima South Project
<u>Chair</u> : Dr Marzena Chodor, Key expert in UNFCCC negotiations and emissions trading, Clima East Project |
| 9:15 – 10:15 | Implications of INDCs on emissions, temperature and impacts
Mr Ajay Gambhir, Grantham Institute, Imperial College, London

<i>Q&A and Discussion</i> |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | EU Vision of the Paris COP
Mr Artur Runge Metzger, Director, Directorate for Climate Action, European Commission

<i>Q&A and Discussion</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Presentation of submitted INDCs from the region by Partner Countries |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |

**Plenary Session jointly with ECRAN, Clima East and Clima South participants
(13.30-16.30 period)**

13:30 – 15:45 Analysis of the negotiating text post-ADP, pre-Paris

DG CLIMA Experts:

- Mr. Yrjö Makela, Deputy Head of Unit
- Ms. Mette Quinn, Deputy Head of Unit
- Mr. Martin Hession
- Ms. Dana Iliescu
- Ms. Cornelia Jaeger

Member states Experts:

- Ms Gabriela Fisherova, Ministry of Environment, Slovakia
- Mr Harry Vreuls, Senior advisor, Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
- Mr Matthieu Wemaere, lawyer, legal expert

Key elements of the foreseen agreement

- Long term goal
- Ambition mechanism
- Legal form
- Transparency, accountability and compliance
- Adaptation
- Finance
- Markets / Aviation and Shipping
- Pre-2020 action
- Other issues

Discussion and Q&A

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:30 Discussion on expectations and priorities under the new agreement and exploring opportunities for common action in Paris and beyond

Moderators: Mr. Imre Csikos, ECRAN & Ms. Ivana Mijatovic Cernos, DG CLIMA

16:30 – 16:45 Conclusions / next steps / closing of the workshop

Mr. Imre Csikos, ECRAN
Ms. Ivana Mijatovic Cernos, DG CLIMA
Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project
Mr Bernardo Sala, Team Leader, Clima South Project

19.00 – 21.00 Dinner, “Le Bar a Tapas”, Chaussée de Waterloo 412/A (700 meters form Manos Stephanie Hotel) – (Tram 92 Stop “Ma Campagne”)