

## Conceptual Notes on FES Activities during COP 24

*as of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018*



### EU Program of Side Events – COP 24 – EU Pavilion

#### Just Transition towards a Low-Carbon Economy and Employment in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities

Monday, December 3rd 2018, 12.30 – 14.00, Room Vienna, EU Pavilion, COP 24 Venue, Katowice/Poland

A Just Transition towards a low carbon economy can help implement the Paris Agreement and reach national and international climate protection goals as well as prevent unemployment and social distress. Additionally it can have many positive social co-benefits. As we are facing massive transformational challenges in order to stay within the planetary boundaries it is essential that Just Transition and Decent Work become guiding principles and go hand in hand with ambitious global climate action. The side event will focus on principles of and anchoring points for a Just Transition in Europe while examining different country context.

#### Draft Agenda (28.11.2018)

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| 12.30 | Welcome<br>Manuela Matthes, Head of International Energy and Climate Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin<br>Montserrat Mir, European Trade Union Confederation   |
| 12.45 | Introductory Remarks: Setting the Scene – Employment and Transition in Europe<br>Benjamin Denis, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation   |
| 13.00 | Panel Discussion – A Just Transition for Europe – Challenges and Opportunities<br><br>Alexander Reitzenstein, Policy Advisor, E3G<br>Dorota Gardias, President, Polish trade union FZZ Forum<br>Giles Dickson, CEO, Wind Europe<br>Wendel Trio, Director, Climate Action Network Europe<br>Corinna Zierold, Senior Advisor, IndustriAll Europe<br>Facilitator: Benjamin Denis, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation |
| 13.45 | Q & A  |
| 14.00 | End of Event & Reception   |

## EU Program of Side Events – COP 24 – EU Pavilion

### In Search for a Climate Leader – The Role of the EU in Shaping an Ambitious International Climate Regime

Monday, December 3rd 2018, 18.30 – 20.00, Room Brussels, EU Pavilion, COP 24 Venue, Katowice/Poland

The EU has increasingly established itself as an international leader in global environmental governance in general, including, for example, with respect to the protection of the ozone layer and biodiversity. It has been a driving force within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol, using ‘soft leadership’ and ‘leadership by example’ as its strategy. Although some involvements have not succeeded, the EU can still be considered a master at coalition building. In terms of diplomatic as well as economic power the European Union has the potential to function as a climate leader. It has a number of diplomatic skills and tools at its disposal as well as the economic power to support other countries not only in terms of financing mitigation policies, but also adaptation approaches to climate change. At the same time, the EU is facing challenges such as the Brexit negotiations, continuing centrifugal and polarizing forces or the financial crisis that could potentially form obstacles to an active leadership role in international climate politics. The event aims at discussing the prospects for a leadership role of the European Union in shaping an ambitious international climate regime while examining past and current policy approaches.

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| 18.30 | Welcome<br>Manuela Matthes, Head of International Energy and Climate Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin  |
| 18.35 | EU’s role in Climate Policy – Past and Recent Developments<br>Elina Bardram, DG Climate Action, European Commission   |
| 18.50 | The EU’s next budget – Financing for Climate<br>Alexander Reitzenstein, Policy Advisor, E3G   |
| 19.05 | EU, it’s your turn – Demands from Civil Society at COP 24<br>Ulriika Aarnio, Policy Advisor, Climate Action Network Europe  |
| 19.20 | Comment: The Road Ahead – Potentials for an Ambitious EU CLimate Policy at COP 24 – Perspectives from Kenya<br>Robert Muthami, Policy Office for Energy and Climate, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Kenya |
| 19.25 | Comment: The Road Ahead – Perspective from the European Trade Union Movement<br>Benjamin Denis, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation   |
| 19.30 | Q & A   |
| 20.00 | End of Event & Reception  |

## Program of Side Events – COP 24 – German Pavilion

### Ensuring a Just Transition Worldwide - Requirements for a Just Transition to a 1.5 World

Saturday, December 8th 2018, 10.00 – 11.30, German Pavilion, COP 24 Venue, Katowice/Poland

The Climate Crisis is one of the biggest challenges we are facing today. If we fail to develop our societies within the planetary boundaries we will reach devastating tipping points from which there is no turning back. The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both underline the necessity of a transition toward a sustainable, zero-carbon future for all. The question is neither whether we need an energy transition, nor whether it will happen, but rather whether we will achieve it fast enough to meet the 1.5 °C temperature goal set by the Paris Agreement. The global energy transition away from fossil fuels faces numerous challenges. In order to be successful, the transition has to be socially inclusive and just, leaving no one behind. But what does justice mean in the context of transition processes, f.e. in the energy sector? How can we unite the different approaches to justice – from trade unions that rightfully insist that workers' rights be respected, to development groups that rightfully stress the importance of rapidly eradicating poverty, to environmental groups that rightfully underline the importance of respecting planetary boundaries? As COP 24 is – amongst other topics - focusing on the importance of a Just Transition we aim at bringing together voices from the Global South in order to debate the requirements for a Just Transition to a 1.5 World.

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| 10.00 | Welcome<br>Joachim Fuenfgelt, Policy Advisor International Energy Policy, Bread for the World Germany  |
| 10.15 | Panel Discussion<br><br>Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven - Head of Department - Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development<br>BMZ (tbc)<br>Jennifer Tollmann – Researcher- E3G<br>Rhoda Boateng - Policy Advisor - International Trade Union Confederation Africa (tbc)<br>Nguy Thi Khanh - Director - Green ID Vietnam (tbc)<br><br>Facilitation: Manuela Matthes, Policy Advisor International Energy and Climate Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-<br>Stiftung Berlin |
| 11.00 | Q & A with the audience  |
| 11.20 | Wrap-Up<br>Manuela Matthes, Policy Advisor International Energy and Climate Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin  |
| 11.30 | End of Event & Reception   |

## Program of Side Events – COP 24 – UN Side Event

### Ensuring a Just Transition to a Sustainable Future

Monday, December 10th 2018, 11.30 am – 1 pm, Room Bieszczady, COP 24 Venue, Katowice/Poland

The Climate Crisis is one of the biggest challenges we are facing today. If we fail to develop our societies within the planetary boundaries we will reach devastating tipping points from which there is no turning back. The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both underline the necessity of a transition toward a sustainable, zero-carbon future for all. The question is neither whether we need an energy transition, nor whether it will happen, but rather whether we will achieve it fast enough to meet the 1.5 °C temperature goal set by the Paris Agreement. While the energy sector is not the only one that needs to transition to renewable sources, it certainly faces numerous challenges. In order to be successful, the transition has to be socially inclusive and just, leaving no one behind. But what does justice mean in the context of transition processes, f.e. in the energy sector? How can we unite the different approaches to justice – from trade unions that rightfully insist that workers' rights be respected, to development groups that rightfully stress the importance of rapidly eradicating poverty, to environmental groups that rightfully underline the importance of respecting planetary boundaries? The workshop aims at bringing together different stakeholders to discuss hooks and anchoring points for a Just Transition with a special focus on Global South countries.

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- 11.30 Welcome & Introduction - The importance of ensuring a Just Transition to a 1.5 World  
Manuela Matthes – Policy Advisor International Energy and Climate Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin
- 11.40 Panel Discussion – Perspectives on a Just Transition Worldwide  
  
Jahangir Hasan Masum – Coastal Development Partnership Bangladesh  
Mr. Soumya Dutta, Beyond Copenhagen, India and Advisory Board Member, CTCN  
Rhoda Boateng – International Trade Union Confederation Africa  
Joachim Fuenfgelt – Policy Advisor Energy Policy, Bread for the World Berlin  
Sébastien Duyck – Environmental Lawyer, CIEL
- 12.40 Q & A with the audience
- 13.00 End of Event and Reception  
  
Facilitation: Matthias Poralla – Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung



## Program of Side Events – COP 24 – Climate Hub

### A Just Transition to a 1.5 World – A Global Approach

Monday, December 10th 2018, 3 pm – 4.30 pm, Climate Hub Area, Katowice/Poland

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges we are facing today and early action is vital to mitigating the most catastrophic impacts of climate change – as the IPCC's special report on 1.5°C most recently highlighted. If we fail to develop our societies within the planetary boundaries we will reach devastating tipping points from which there is no turning back. People who are already living in poverty today, but also future generations and nature itself would suffer tremendously. The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both underline the necessity of a transition toward a sustainable, zero-carbon future for all. The question highlighted by the IPCC 1.5 report is not whether we need this transition, or whether it will happen, but rather how we can achieve transformational change fast enough to keep the 1.5 goal of the Paris Agreement in reach. How we manage this transition in the most socially sustainable way – mitigating the impacts on communities and workers both from climate change and climate policy - is the key question of a Just Transition on the global level. The necessary regional and sectoral transitions need to be inclusive and just, leaving no one behind. Even though there are challenges in all sectors such as the energy sector, transport, agriculture or finance, we should not only focus on the difficulties and risks, but more importantly on the time-limited but manifold opportunities to proactively shape the future of our societies and economies.

The panel discussion aims at debating the opportunities associated with a Just Transition from a global perspective. It also centers around the question of how to unite the different approaches to justice – from trade unions that rightfully insist that workers' rights be respected, to development groups that rightfully stress the importance of rapidly eradicating poverty and protecting the most vulnerable from the climate impacts on their lives, communities and livelihoods, to environmental groups that rightfully underline the importance of respecting planetary boundaries. It will also show that it is essential to focus on the 1.5 degrees goal when talking about transition processes under the Paris Agreement and that it is possible and necessary to protect climate and communities, and also create decent jobs in a zero-carbon economy.

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15.00	Welcome N.N.
15.05	A Just Transition to a 1.5 World – Requirements and Opportunities N.N.
15.15	Panel Discussion
16.00	Q & A
16.30	End of Event