



Policies for a carbon-neutral industry in the Netherlands

Launch event – Thursday 15 April 2021 – 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CET)

Context and objectives

The Dutch Parliament passed a new Climate Act in May 2019, which mandates the Netherlands to reduce domestic greenhouse gas emissions by 49% in 2030 compared to 1990 levels, and by 95% in 2050. The National Climate Agreement, adopted in June 2019, translates the national 2030 target into sectoral objectives. In particular, the Dutch industrial sector has to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 59% by 2030 compared to 1990.

Achieving the Climate Agreement's ambitious carbon neutrality target entails a major structural transformation of the Dutch economy. In order to accelerate the decarbonisation of industry, the Dutch government has introduced new policy instruments, including a carbon levy and the Sustainable Energy Transition Incentive Scheme (SDE++). This comes on top of an already substantial climate policy mix, which includes the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU-ETS) as well as European and national programmes to support research, development and demonstration.

Is the Dutch decarbonisation package fit for purpose? Over the past eight months, the OECD has been evaluating the consistency, cost-efficiency and comprehensiveness of the current toolbox of instruments in place in the Netherlands to reach the long-term decarbonisation objectives in the manufacturing sector. The project was carried out by the OECD for the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy and was financially supported by the European Commission's Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP).

This event will present the main findings from the analysis.

Note that the event will be held in English.

Registration

The event is public, but registration is mandatory.

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Agenda

- 13:30-13:35 Welcome by the Chair**
Dirk Pilat – Deputy Director, Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate, OECD
- 13:35-13:50 Presentation of the main findings of the project**
- Antoine Dechezleprêtre – Senior Economist, Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Division, STI Directorate, OECD
 - Guy Lalanne – Senior Policy Analyst, Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Division, STI Directorate, OECD
- 13:50-14:00 Take-aways from the project’s Scientific Committee**
- Herman Vollebergh (Chair) – Tilburg University & Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL)
 - Heleen de Coninck – Eindhoven University of Technology & Radboud University
 - Carolyn Fischer – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam & University of Ottawa
 - Andreas Loeschel – University of Münster
 - Joëlle Noailly – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam & Graduate Institute Geneva
 - Ton Van Dril – Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO)
- 14:00-14:10 Reactions from the Dutch administration**
- David Pappie – Director, TopSectors and Industry Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, The Netherlands
 - Wytske van der Mei – Senior Manager, TopSectors and Industry Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, The Netherlands
- 14:10-14:20 The European Commission perspective**
Kaspar Richter – Head, Sustainable growth and business environment Unit, DG REFORM, European Commissions
- 14:20-14:55 Q&As from the audience**
- 14:55-15:00 Wrap up**
Chiara Criscuolo – Head of the Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Division, Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate, OECD

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