

EERA Weekly EU Policy Update

EU AGENDA AND NEWS ON EU CLIMATE, ENERGY, R&I POLICY

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1. Institutional agenda

EU Meetings of the week		
Council of the EU / EU Council		
10 March	<u>Working Party on Energy</u>	Among the discussion topics: smart sector integration promoting clean energy; discussing a modernisation of the Energy Charter Meeting
12 March	<u>Working Party on Research</u>	No agenda available

2. News of the week

Commission presents the new EU Climate Law, amidst possible criticism – Politico.eu

On 4 March, the Commission presented the long-awaited Climate Law. With a target to reach climate neutrality by 2050, the Commission have designed a strategy based on delegated acts: these acts are adopted if the Parliament and Council do not reject them, leaving no space for them to participate in their drafting process. This will likely spark discussions between the EU institutions, with the Parliament and the Council not willing to be left out. [A breakdown of other possible issues here](#) and other reactions [here](#).

Consultation on the European Climate Pact launched – European Commission

Together with the new EU Climate Law, the Commission has presented a public consultation on the European Climate Pact, an initiative to include citizens, business and organisations in the shaping process of new climate legislation. The public consultation will be open for 12



weeks until 27 May. The answers will be used to shape the Climate Pact, launched right before the COP26 in Glasgow in November.

[More info](#)

A first number for the Green Deal innovation funding – European Commission

The Commission has published a draft for the European Innovation Council Pilot work programme, which includes €350 million available for Green Deal calls. This funding will support start-ups and SMEs to develop and scale breakthrough innovations that address at least one of the eight goals of The European Green Deal.

[More info](#) and the [draft EIC WP](#)

The end of aviation's pollution permits? - Euractiv

During a meeting of the Environment Council in Brussels, ministers from EU countries (led by Poland) proposed to stop allowing aviation companies free pollution permits. These let companies avoid paying for the Emission Trading System amount they would, acting against the idea of the ETS itself. So far, the Commission has only vaguely pledged to reduce the allowances allocated to airlines, but the situation might change if ministers will continue push for the elimination of the permits.

[More info](#)

3. Events in Brussels

Events and Conferences			
Organisation	Title	Date and Time	Venue/Location
Friends of Europe	The EU Climate Law : a legislation for net-zero emissions ?	Monday, 09 March , 12:30 to 14:00	More info
CEPS	Kick-Off Workshop : EU's Global Leadership in Renewables	Monday 09 March , 10:00-12:00 Registration here	CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussel
EREF (European Renewables Energies Federation)	For the Sake of Decarbonising Europe: Bringing PV Prosumers and Distribution System Operators together	Tuesday, 10 March , 12:30 – 18:00 Registration here	BIP, Place Royal 11, 1000 Brussels
ESTELA	How can CSP contribute to the European Energy Transition?	Tuesday, 17 March , 15:00 – 17:00 To register: secretariat@solarpaces.org	Albert Borschette Congress Center (Room AB-1A), Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

