

## SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

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### Event title

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Achieving Net-Zero: EU's Path to 90% Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction by 2040

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### Background and Rationale

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The EU's commitment to achieving a 90% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 marks a significant milestone in global climate action. This ambitious target not only demonstrates the EU's leadership in addressing climate change but also sets a precedent for other regions to follow suit. Achieving net-zero emissions entails a comprehensive strategy involving innovative policies, technological advancements, and collaborative efforts across sectors. The relevance of this topic to the UNECE region lies in its potential to inspire similar actions and foster cooperation in the pursuit of sustainable development goals. Specifically, it aligns with the theme of this year's Forum by emphasizing the importance of delivering sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions amidst multiple crises, including climate change. Furthermore, the emphasis on youth action underscores the role of young people as catalysts for positive change, reflecting the inclusive approach necessary for effective implementation.

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### Session objectives and expected outcomes

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The objective of our side event is to delve into the EU's path towards achieving a 90% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 and to explore the implications of this commitment for sustainable development and global climate action. Through interactive panel discussions and expert insights, we aim to:

- Examine the key strategies, policies, and innovations driving the EU's ambitious target.
- Highlight the role of youth action in contributing to and shaping these efforts.
- Discuss the opportunities, challenges, and pathways for achieving net-zero emissions in the EU.
- Foster collaboration and knowledge exchange among stakeholders.

The expected outcomes include:

- Increased understanding of the EU's efforts towards greenhouse gas reduction.
- Identification of opportunities for collaboration and innovation.

- Enhanced awareness of the economic and social trade-offs associated with GHG reduction targets.
- Generation of pragmatic solutions to mitigate adverse impacts and promote sustainable development.

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## Organizers

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## Agenda and Structure

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- Welcome and Introduction by Moderator (5 minutes)
- Opening remarks by panelists: (10 minutes)
- Panel Discussion (50 minutes)
- Q&A and Interactive Session (15 minutes)
- Closing Remarks (10 minutes)

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## List of Panellists

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**Moderator:** Lutfiyya Dean (Policy Advisor, All-Africa Students' Union)

**Panelists:**

- Aislinn (Chief Executive Officer, ECB Sustainable Youth Foundation)
- Vladislav Kaim (Communications Project Manager, ClimateView)
- Sheen Tyagi (Research Director, UNFCCC Youth Constituency Finance & Markets Working Group)
- Matteo Mairey (Global Shaper, World Economic Forum Global Shapers Community)

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## Sign-up / Registration Link

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