



NET-ZERO BY 2050 THE ROLE OF EXPORT FINANCE

High-Level Conference

Organised by the Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission

Thursday, 25 April 2024, Thon Hotel EU, Brussels, with online participation

Agenda

08.30 – 09.15	Welcome coffee and registration
Welcome and Introduction	
09.15 – 09:35	Valdis Dombrovskis , <i>Executive Vice-President for an Economy that works for People, Commissioner for Trade, European Commission</i>
Perspective of the Presidency	
09:35 – 9:50	Ambassador Luc Jacobs , <i>Special Envoy for Climate and Environment, Belgium</i>
Session 1	
The Green Transition – Challenges for Export Finance	
10.00 – 11.00	<i>Panel discussion. Representatives of the International Energy Agency, NGOs, business as well as the European Commission will present the context for export credits efforts towards alignment, and will discuss the challenges of the green transition for export finance.</i>
	International Energy Agency <i>Speaker TBC</i>
	Oil Change International Nina Pušić , <i>Export Finance Climate Strategist</i>
	European Commission, Directorate-General for Climate <i>Speaker TBC</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
Session 2	
National export finance policies: Phasing out fossil fuels and scaling up clean energy	
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Panel discussion. Representatives from ECAs and national governments will discuss approaches they have taken to support the transition to Net Zero by 2050. In Council Conclusions of 15 March 2022, each Member State committed to establishing a national plan to phase out any official support for fossil fuel</i>

related projects, while scaling-up clean energy. The panellists will present their national plans and their implementation, followed by a discussion.

Gerlind Heckmann

Deputy Director General at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

Armel Castet

Deputy Director for International Finance at the French General Directorate of Treasury

Julio Fernández-Giro Ayuga

Head of ES Risk & Sustainability, CESCE (The Spanish Export Credits Agency)

Karin Wessman

Head of Sustainability, EKN (The Swedish Export Credits Guarantee Board)

13:00 – 14.30 Lunch buffet

Session 3

International Cooperation on Export Finance and Climate

14.30 – 16:15

Panel 3 will assess efforts made at an international level to align the worldwide export credits community with the climate objectives. Two international coalitions of ECAs will present their efforts and be joined by a representative of the European Commission among others.

European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade

Antonio Fernández-Martos, *Head of Unit A1. WTO and Multilateral Affairs*

EIFO, Chair of Export Finance for Future (E3F)

Speaker TBC

European Commission, Directorate-General for International Partnerships

Speaker TBC

Representative from Canada, founding member of the Net-Zero Export Credit Agencies Alliance (NZECA)

Speaker TBC

OECD

Speaker TBC

Wrap up & conclusion

16:15-16:45

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Maria Martin-Prat, *Deputy Director-General*