

The Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union and Ecofys cordially invite you to an



**Official EU side event at COP 21**  
**“Driving regional cooperation forward  
in the EU’s 2030 renewable energy  
framework”**

**7 December, 10.30 – 12**

**Speakers:**

- **Ann Gardiner**, Managing Consultant UK, Ecofys (presenting the study „Driving regional cooperation forward in the EU’s 2030 renewable energy framework“)
- **Claude Turmes**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA
- **Paula Abreu Marques**, Head of Unit Renewables and CCS Policy, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Angelina Galiteva**, Member of the Board, California Independent System Operator Corporation
- **Frederik Wisselink**, Head of Unit EU Energy Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, The Netherlands (tbc)

Moderation: **Kathrin Glastra**, Director European Energy Transition Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union.

**When:** Monday, 7 December 2015, 10.30 – 12.00, followed by a networking reception

**Where:** Room „Luxembourg“, European Pavilion, Conference Center/Blue Zone, Hall 2B, Le Bourget, Paris, France (**accessible with badge only**)

**Registration:** Please confirm your participation to [kathrin.glastra@eu.boell.org](mailto:kathrin.glastra@eu.boell.org)

The EU's 2030 renewable energy framework presents a great opportunity to boost regional cooperation in the Energy Union to bridge the gap between national energy policies and a Europeanisation of renewables deployment.

In the context of the global climate talks that were held in Paris from 29.11. til 12.12., this event aimed at providing a forum for frank discussion and debate about how to increase renewables deployment in the EU through increased regional cooperation. More particularly, the discussion round served to present and discuss the findings of the report ["Driving regional cooperation forward in the 2030 renewable energy framework"](#), written by Ecofys for the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union. The report focuses on the role of regional cooperation to reach and even exceed the target of at least 27% renewables by 2030. It analyses what types of cooperation could develop and recommends possible approaches to regional cooperation in the renewables context, both from a bottom-up and a top-down perspective. In particular, the report discusses with a view to the 2030 framework:

- Regional renewable energy targets
- Joint regional projects and support schemes
- Regional cooperation on policy planning and renewables target monitoring
- Regional cooperation at a sub-national level
- Incentives to regional approaches.



The speakers explored the potential of regional cooperation from their respective stakeholder view, that is, from the European Parliament, the European Commission as well as the (future) Dutch Council Presidency. In order to broaden the focus, an exchange with actors from across the Atlantic – in this case a representative from the California Independent System Operators – contributed to a lively debate on how to move on. A variety of options became apparent to strengthen regional cooperation in order to help to achieve and even exceed the binding EU target of at least 27% renewable energy in the Energy Union and to bridge existing gaps between citizens, subnational regions, Member States, and the EU. Furthermore, it served as a forum for exchange with other regional cooperation fora in the context of the climate talks in Paris.