



Climate Change

POLIMP

At a glance

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The challenge

It is acknowledged that much information is already available for climate policy stakeholders but the way the information is presented is often difficult to access, not in the right format or otherwise of limited use for stakeholders. POLIMP aims at identifying, where knowledge gaps exist, of what future international climate policy directions may look like and what these imply for policy and decision makers internationally and within the EU. The overarching motivation of POLIMP is to facilitate exchange and transfer of information about climate policy and its implications among the policymakers, market actors and general society within the EU.

Project Objectives

POLIMP objective is to facilitate a process to identify, for different policy and decision making levels, knowledge gaps about implications of possible directions of international climate policies. Subsequently, it will cover these gaps with knowledge packages derived from a broad range of existing reports, research and climate policy decisions at, e.g., EU and UNFCCC levels. The aim is to provide stakeholders with better insights on implications of possible international climate policy directions; so that they can take more informed decisions with reduced uncertainties and mitigated risks. Through that, POLIMP can enhance the implementation of the EU climate targets, strengthen the EU climate policy information and its effects and increase stakeholders' understanding of the consequences of current and future international climate regimes.

Methodology

POLIMP approach is based on an extensive two-way stakeholder consultation process. POLIMP will collect and process information on future climate policy trends and impacts in an integrated manner for exchange with decision makers at different levels. Instead of exchanging information about climate change mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, etc., through separate channels, POLIMP will integrate these information flows into balanced information packages to support decision makers. POLIMP will first identify what information about climate policy making and its implications is needed, then collect this information from various different sources and offer it to stakeholders in desired packages, in intuitively easy formats and clear language. With these information packages, which will be communicated through series of workshops, climate policy associated stakeholders will be better able to extract key policy conclusions. These activities will be facilitated by an on-line platform for information exchange of a wider list of contemporary and future policy incentives.

Expected Results

POLIMP will create a thematic knowledge base on, among other topics, climate change mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, finance and market mechanisms. The knowledge collection and processing network thus under POLIMP will enhance the insights of policy and decision makers on possible courses of international climate policy making, which reduces the uncertainty of policy makers and sector and company level decision makers and helps these stakeholders to better understand the consequences of different policies and climate regimes on economic sectors and the European society as a whole. This will help to build trust among them so that they can strengthen their efforts for implementation of the 'Climate and Energy package (20/20/20 targets)'. These insights will increase stakeholders' understanding of the consequences and opportunities of international climate regime and EU climate policies for European citizens, as well as enhance awareness and public acceptance.

Project Partners

Joint Implementation Network, NL; Centre For European Policy Studies, BE; University of Piraeus Research Center, GR; Universitaet Graz, AT; Ecologic Institut gemeinnützige GmbH, DE; Climate Strategies LBG, GB; Fundacja Naukowa Instytut Badan Strukturalnych, PL.