

Save the Date - 8 April 2025 - Invitation

Shaping Europe's green future - How the path forward can be continued

Since December 1, 2024, the European Commission has been in office under the renewed leadership of Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. Following the spectacular focus on the European Green Deal in her first term of office, the focus of the new Commission program has now changed fundamentally. In response to geopolitical and economic challenges, the European Union is shifting more towards competitiveness, technological innovation and cutting bureaucracy in order to compete with the major global players. Does this mean the end of the ecological transformation and an ambitious European Climate Action policy? Or can the European Green Deal be brought into line and reconciled with the new realities?

These issues will be addressed by the **Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, Leena Ylä Mononen**, and other honourable speakers at an event organized by the Federal Austrian Ministry for Climate Action (BMK).

- **Time:** Tuesday, 8 April 2025 - 1.15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
- **Location:** Ministry for Agriculture (Stubenring 1, 1010 Vienna, Marmorsaal)

Agenda

Keynote Speakers

- Austrian Minister for the Environment (tbc)
- Sigrid Stagl – Professor of Environmental Economics & Policy - AT Scientist of the year 2024
- Patrick Lobis – Action Head Representation the European Commission in AT
- Patrick ten Brink – Secretary-General European Environmental Bureau (EEB) - Brussels
- Sandrine Dixon-Declève – Co-President Club of Rome (tbc)

Thematic block – 8th Environment Action Programme – the way forward

- Leena Ylä Mononen - Executive-Director EEA
- Q&A

Panel Discussion - The new EU Policy Framework – the EU Green Deal as horizontal policy?

Participants

- Leena Ylä Mononen – Executive-Director EEA
- Helga Berger – AT Member to the European Court of Auditors
- Verena Ehold – Managing Director Austrian Environment Agency
- Patrick ten Brink - Secretary-General EEB
- Member of CEOs for Future (tbc)

Host: Gerald Berger, Sustainability Consulting Vienna

The event will be held in English. There is no translation.

Register

Please register by April 2 at Martina.Blei@bmk.gv.at