

„Energy security and climate policy in the wake of the energy crisis – the role of politics, business and society in the transition towards low-carbon future”

On Wednesday, 27th September 2023, from 14:00 until 18:00

OECD Headquarters (Room D Château)
2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris

We have a pleasure to invite you to a conference organized by the Permanent Representation of Poland to the OECD in partnership with Orlen Group to celebrate 15th anniversary of Poland’s membership at the International Energy Agency.

Russian unprovoked aggression against Ukraine triggered uncertainty of the markets and geopolitical situation causing the most important energy crisis so far. In Europe, it shifted the focus from a “peaceful” and “comfortable” energy transition to energy security and energy sovereignty. Rising energy prices, the need to wean ourselves off Russian fossil fuels in the short term, and at the same time globally insufficient investment in renewable energy sources raise questions about the way forward in the quest for climate neutrality in 2050. Whether it will be more intricate, longer based on fossil fuels, or accelerate the transition to clean energy without undermining energy security.

The role of governments supported by specialized international organizations like the IEA and the OECD is to carefully plan policies and strategies to ensure that energy transition is well synchronized with the necessary investments and not undermining energy security, especially in times of exacerbated uncertainty

As the IEA indicates in its analysis, public investments alone would be insufficient to deliver universal access to energy and tackle climate change. Scaling up clean energy investment around the world is possible only with participation of private finance, especially in emerging and developing economies. Hence, the role of business in implementing energy and climate policies is crucial.

What is more, governments have to ensure a minimal impact of final cost of the investments on customers and citizens. In this context just transition and social acceptance for energy transition is essential to its success. It is important to inform citizens about the developments and investment plans and have a broad support of our actions.

Achieving the desired climate goals requires the involvement of all political, economic and social actors.

Draft Agenda:

- 13:45 – 14:00 Registration of participants
- 14:00 – 14:15 Welcome address – **Ambassador Aleksander Surdej, Permanent Representative of Poland to the OECD**

Session I **Designing evidence based energy and climate policy**

- 14:15 – 14:35 Building Poland's energy security and climate policy, lessons learned and the way forward – **Mr. Piotr Dziadzio, Undersecretary of State, Chief National Geologist of Poland, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland**
- 14:35 – 14:55 From oil crisis to global energy crisis – 50 years of IEA's leadership in energy transition and energy security, how the IEA supports its members – **Ms. Mary Warlick, Deputy Executive Director of the International Energy Agency**

Session II **Implementing climate policy: what is the role for enterprises**

- 14:55 – 15:15 The role of business in clean energy transition – how business supports transition and accelerates innovation in clean energy technologies – **Mr. Dominique Mockly, BIAC Executive Board Member, Business at OECD**
- 15:15 – 15:45 Energy transition in action: Central and Eastern Europe perspective for Sustainable Future - **Mr. Armen Artwich Member of Management Board of ORLEN S.A.**
- 15:45 – 16:05 What is needed to deliver carbon neutral power and heat supply? – **Ms. Wanda Buk, VP for Regulatory Affairs, Management Board, PGE Group**
- 16:05 – 16:30 Discussion
- 16:30 – 16:40 Coffee break

Session III **Communicating risks and assuring equity in energy and climate policy**

- 16:40 – 17:00 Changing the scope of the EU ETS – selected economic effects – **Mr. Robert Jeszke / Mr. Maciej Pyrka, Center for Climate and Energy Analyses (CAKE) at the National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBiZE)**
- 17:00 – 17:20 Economic effects of implementing the EU's 'Fit for 55' climate mitigation policies - **Dr. Martin Borowiecki, Economics Department, OECD**
- 17:20 – 17:30 Social acceptance for energy transformation – the future of nuclear energy in Poland – **Dr. Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz, University of Warsaw / Permanent Representation of Poland to the OECD**
- 17:30 – 17:45 Discussion
- 17:45 – 18:00 Closing remarks