

ONLINE Webinar
Stop green washing!
Parliamentary and legal actions against the inclusion of nuclear and gas in
EU taxonomy
6 April 2022
9.00 – 11.00
Interpretation English, French and German

The Commission proposal to include nuclear and gas energy in the EU taxonomy for sustainable Investment threatens to undermine the Green Deal as well as global efforts in the fight against climate change. The war in Ukraine highlights our difficult European dependence on foreign gas and the vulnerability of nuclear power plants in times of crises. Different stakeholders strongly object to the inclusion of gas and nuclear and urges all Members of European Parliament and the Council to vote down the delegated act. In order to stop the proposal an absolute majority of the European Parliament is needed, 353 (out of 705) MEPs have to vote against the proposal. A qualified majority of EU countries can also block the proposal in the Council of Ministers. However, legal action might be our best hope of stopping the delegated act given conservative majorities in both Parliament and Council. Austria and Luxembourg already announced that they would challenge the proposal in the European Court.

Together with civil society and likeminded Member State representatives, MEPs from S&D, Greens/EFA and THE LEFT want to have a strategic debate to explore possible legal action and find a way forward to stop the delegated act.

Program

9.00: introduction by MEPs **Günther Sidl** (S&D), **Michèle Rivasi** (Greens/EFA), **Cornelia Ernst** (The Left) and **Claudia Gamon** (TBC) (Renew)

9h15 *“Consequences of the taxonomy for financial markets”* by **Wolfgang Pointner**, advisor at Central Bank of Austria (10min)

9h30 *“Nuclear energy and the taxonomy regulation”* (Legal opinion commissioned by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Environment) by **Dr. Simone Lünenbürger** and **Dr. Korbinian Reiter**, Redeker Sellner Dahs

9h45 *“Taxonomy regulation and planned legal act of the European Commission on nuclear energy and natural gas: Needs for action by the German government”* (legal assessment) by **Julian Schwartzkopff**, Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V

10h00: **Strategy Discussion with participants and Members of the European Parliament**
moderation by **Patricia Lorenz**, Friends of the Earth, Europe

10h40 : **Closing words**

Charlotte Mijeon, Sortir du nucléaire, France

Roger Spautz, Greenpeace Luxembourg

Claude Turmes, Luxembourg's Energy Minister (TBC)

Leonore Gewessler, Austria's Federal Minister for Climate Action (TBC)

MEPs **Günther Sidl** (S&D), **Michèle Rivasi** (Greens/EFA), **Cornelia Ernst** (The Left)

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