

NEP Advocacy Days

4-8 Nov 2024, Brussels

This autumn, NEP plans to arrange a week of in-person meetings, offering members a chance to interact with EU policymakers and other key stakeholders in Brussels. To prepare for this event, NEP is seeking to form a coordination group comprised of members who can assist in creating the week's itinerary and support outreach efforts to stakeholders.

1. Objectives

NEP sees this as an opportunity to push for some of NEP's priorities for the second half of 2024:

- 1) **EU competitiveness & CDR:** Promote policies that enhance the EU's global competitiveness. This is particularly pertinent at a time when President-elect von der Leyen named EU competitiveness as one of her top priorities for the coming five years.
 - Policies falling under this objective: Clean Industrial Plan, revision of the EU climate law
- 2) **EU financing for removals:** Highlight the significant financing gap in the CDR in the EU, which will hinder the development and deployment of CDR. Advocate for clear policies and public and private financing tools that will help support the CDR sector.
 - Policies falling under this objective: Green Claims, CDR compliance market

2. Members value add

The value-add for members to attend includes:

1. **Outreach:** Meet face-to-face with important EU policy makers, including the new cohort of MEPs, European Commission and national representations in Brussels
2. **Policy & Advocacy:** Influence key policy files, such as the Green Claims Directive which will be going through trilogues (inter-institutional negotiations), revision of the EU Climate Law, new EU Clean Industrial Plan
3. **Networking:** Meet other important stakeholders beyond EU policy makers, e.g. consultancies which are influential bodies in Brussels, and NGOs
4. **Visibility:** Enhance awareness of NEP, and showcase members' technologies and initiatives
5. **Strategise:** Work with other NEP members and the Secretariat to plan NEP's priorities for the coming year

3. Potential stakeholders

MEPs

Stakeholder	Topics	Which members	Comments
Workshop on CDR with core MEPs: Pereira, Wiesner, Chahim, Wolken, Canfin, ENVI Committee Chair & Vice-Chairs, group coordinators	Challenges of scaling up CDR, what is needed in EU policy to achieve this Policy opportunities: Revision of the EU climate law, CDR Strategy, Green Claims	All members	Core meeting – could coincide with potential intergroup / friendship group on clean tech. Ask MEP whether they could host NEP doing an exhibition in the EP
US-EU Delegation	US-EU competition, learnings from the IRA, financing CDR	US-members	Parallel meeting
EU-UK Parliamentary Assembly	UK-EU partnership, harmonisation of CDR policies, ETS-integration	UK-members	Parallel meeting
Country-specific MEPs	Opportunity for MEPs to hear from the companies located in their countries, the opportunities that come with CDR and the concern there may be	Country-specific members	Parallel meetings

Commission

Bear in mind that September / October time will be too early for the new Commissioners to be appointed and so we will be limited to focusing on the ‘staff’ of the departments.

Stakeholder	Topics	Which members	Comments
DG CLIMA Carbon Removal Unit: Holzleitner, Ramos, Andrea Klaric	CRCF implementation, revision of the EU climate law, CDR Strategy	All members	Core meeting – long meeting 3 hours to cover main topics
DG CLIMA: Alex Paquot	Revision of the EU climate law, CDR Strategy, compliance market for CDR	HLCP WG, Financing WG	
DG ENER / GROW	Education on CDR, different technologies, policy gaps (targets, financing)		
DG RTD	Research gaps (Horizon Europe & Innovation Fund), education on the different technologies	All members, Financing WG	New stakeholder so might be an interesting opportunity
DG AGRI			
Commissioners	CDR targets, financing for CDR	All members, Financing WG	Depending on if the Commissioners have been voted on

Council

Deliberately targeting the next Presidencies who will be responsible for chairing the working group meetings and leading on the Green Claims Directive and future proposal of the EU Climate Law.

Stakeholder	Topics	Which members	Comments
Hungary Presidency	Green Claims	C&A WG, Financing WG	Parallel meeting
Polish Perm Rep	Green Claims, revision of the EU Climate Law	C&A WG, Financing WG	Parallel meeting

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Denmark Perm Rep	Green Claims, revision of the EU Climate Law	C&A WG, Financing WG, Danish members	Parallel meeting

Other stakeholders

- **Missions to the EU:** US mission, UK mission, Canadian mission
- **NGOs:** Carbon Market Watch, Bellona, Carbon Gap, WWF, CAN Europe, ZEP
- **Think tanks:** Cleantech for Europe, I4CE, Transport & Environment, ERCST
- **Consultancies**