

# Green Budget Europe

## GBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN TIMES OF FINANCIAL CRISIS

Friday, July 17th, 2009, Kings College London

- 9:30 **Introduction – EFR and the fiscal crisis**  
*Chair:* Kai Schlegelmilch (Vice President, Green Budget Europe)
- 9:30 Anselm Görres (President, Green Budget Germany)  
*Environmental Fiscal Reform as significant part of the solution to the financial crisis*
- 10:00 Tim Jackson (Economics Commissioner, Sustainable Development Commission)  
*A Sustainable New Deal: Environmental Policy and the Fiscal Crisis*
- 10:30 Discussion, questions
- 11:00 **Coffee Pause**
- 11:15 **EFR and the EU – Ways of realising change in Europe**  
*Chair:* Tea Nõmmann (Centre Director, SEI Tallinn)
- 11:15 Alexander Wiedow (European Commission, DG- TAXUD)  
*What is politically feasible? What possibilities are there in the EU to implement EFR?*
- 11:45 Dr. Franz Fischler (President, Eco-Social Forum Europe)  
*Fiscal reform in Europe: Fields of action and political windows of opportunity*
- 12:15 Discussion, questions
- 12:45 **Lunch**
- Workshop Sessions**
- 13:45 **Workshop I: ETR and ETS in the context of the EU climate and energy policy**  
*War Studies Meeting Room (War Studies Dept., 6th floor)*  
Comments invited from:  
Yannis Paleokrassas (former EU Environment Commissioner, former Finance Minister GRE)  
David Gee (EEA)  
Manfred Rosenstock (European Commission, DG-Environment)  
*Chair:* Ralf Martin (LSE)
- 13:45 **Workshop II: Sustainability and transport in the EU**  
*Tutorial Room (Geography Dept., 4th Floor, No.4E/K4U.13)*  
Comments invited from:  
Miroslav Hájek (Director of the department of economic instruments, MoE CZ)  
András Lukács (Clean Air Action Group Hungary)  
Andrea Molocchi (Friends of the Earth Italy / ISAT research institute Italy)  
*Chair:* David Baldock (Director, IEEP)

- 13:45           **Workshop III: The EU budget review – greening the budget?**  
*Pyramid Room (Geography Dept., 4th Floor)*  
Comments invited from:  
John Hontelez (Secretary General, EEB)  
Keti Medarova-Bergstrom (CEE Bankwatch Network / Friends of the Earth Europe)  
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*Chair:* Chris Littlecott (Green Alliance)
- 13:45           **Workshop IV: Windows of opportunity for the implementation of EFR in times of fiscal crisis**  
*The Great Hall*  
Comments invited from:  
Danny Stevens (Policy Director, Environmental Industries Commission)  
Marc Pallemmaerts (Senior Fellow, IEEP)  
Dr. Paul Metz (e5, European Business Council for Sustainable Energy)  
*Chair:* Aldo Ravazzi (Italian Ministry for Environment, Land & Sea)
- 15:15           **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-17:00   **Environmental policy in times of financial crisis: EFR as a tool to help our economies out of the recession**  
  
(Panel discussion)  
  
*Chair:* Professor Stewart Elgie, (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa)
- Including       **Reports from the workshops:**  
  
*"ETR and ETS in the context of the EU climate and energy policy "*  
Mark Schofield (Sustainability and climate change tax leader, PwC)  
  
*"Sustainability and the Transport Sector"*  
Miroslav Hájek (Director of the department of economic instruments, MoE CZ)  
  
*"The EU budget review - greening the budget"*  
John Hontelez (Secretary General, EEB)  
  
*"Windows of opportunity for the implementation of EFR in times of fiscal crisis"*  
Aldo Ravazzi (Italian Ministry for Environment, Land & Sea)  
  
**Brief comments from:**  
  
Professor Paul Ekins (King's College London)  
Robin Mieke (European Commission, DG-Environment)
- 17:00           **Wrap up, final conclusions**
- 17:30           **Conference ends**
- 17:30           **Drinks reception**