Environmental Tax Reform in Times of Economic Crisis: What Are the Prospects?

Friday, 6 June 2014, EU House, 30 Vyronos Avenue, Nicosia, Cyprus
Green Week 2014 satellite event

jointly organized by the European Commission Representation in Cyprus
and the Jean Monnet project "European Energy and Environmental Policy at a Crossroads"
of the Cyprus University of Technology

PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:00 ***Registration & welcome coffee***

09.00 – 09.30 ***1.*** **Introductory speeches**

- Mr. George Markopouliotis, Head of the EC Representation in Cyprus
- Mr. Nicos Kouyialis, Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment
- Professor Sir Christopher Pissarides, Chairman of the Council of National Economy of Cyprus

09:30 – 11:00 **2. The European Experience**

- Environmental taxation in the EU: Challenges for economic growth, fiscal sustainability and environmental protection
  Speaker: Dr. Manfred Rosenstock, DG Environment, European Commission
- Market-based instruments for environmental policy and green growth
  Speaker: Dr. Kai Schlegelmilch, Vice President, 'Green Budget Europe'
- Experience from Germany: Environmental Tax Reform to consolidate the budget
  Speaker: Mr. Hans Eichel, Former Minister of Finance in Germany (1999-2005)
- Environmental Fiscal Reforms in the United Kingdom
  Speaker: Mr. Nico Heslop, Head of Energy and Climate Change Taxes, HM Treasury, UK
- Ireland's carbon tax and the fiscal crisis – Issues in fiscal adjustment, environmental effectiveness, competitiveness and equity
  Speaker: Dr. Louise Dunne, Research Manager, University College Dublin, Ireland

11:00 – 11:30 ***Coffee break***

11:30 – 12:30 **3. Applying Environmental Tax Reforms in Cyprus**

- Reflections on environmentally friendly fiscal reforms
  Speaker: Andreas Charalambous, Director, Ministry of Finance of Cyprus
- Targeting poor households? Distributional aspects of energy and environmental taxes in Cyprus
  Speaker: Professor Panos Pashardes, Department of Economics, University of Cyprus

- 'Pay as you Throw': Initiatives for the implementation of market-based instruments for waste management in Cyprus

  Speaker: Mr. Haris Tsangarides, Municipality of Aglantzia, Nicosia

12:30 – 13:15 ***4.*** **Discussion: Opportunities for Environmental Tax Reforms in Cyprus on its way to sustainable economic recovery**

13:15 – 14:30 ***Lunch***

Conference moderator:
Dr. Theodoros Zachariadis, Assistant Professor, Cyprus University of Technology

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Greek.