

# International multidisciplinary discussion seminar

organized by Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group (CZ-AT EEG)  
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Technology, the Institute for Economic and Environmental Policy (Jan Evangelista Purkyně  
University in Ústí nad Labem)  
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## Building back better: Financing the transition towards low-carbon economy

The EU is aiming to become climate-neutral in 2050. With this respect the 2030 climate targets have increased stirring a debate especially in Central Europe. In the same time, the post-Covid recovery represents an immense challenge and even a bigger opportunity to move towards a low carbon economy and society. The workshop will discuss how the central European countries view the emission reduction targets – as a threat or an opportunity or inevitability? The second panel will then debate the pathways to low-carbon transition, what instruments we need to overcome the structural challenges and barriers.

Date, time	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020, 16:00 – 19:00 CET
Venue	Zoom
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## Schedule

### 16:00 - 16:15 Welcome

#### Opening

**Jaroslav Knápek**, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czechia  
&  
**Reinhard Haas**, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

### 16:15 – 17:30 Session I: Raising the greenhouse gas emissions target ambition: national positions

#### Chair

**Jiřina Jílková**, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, Czechia

#### Panel discussion

**Adéla Denková**, Association of International Affairs, Czechia  
**Reinhard Haas**, Vienna University of Technology, Austria  
**Stefan Schleicher**, University of Graz, Austria  
**Tomáš Smejkal**, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czechia

### 17:30 – 17:40 Own-coffee break

### 17:40 – 18:40 Session II: Strategy to financing the transition to low carbon economy

#### Introductory presentation and chair

**Michaela Valentová**, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czechia

#### Panel discussion

**Amela Ajanovic**, Vienna University of Technology, Austria  
**Nathalie Binet**, European Investment Bank (Prague office), Czechia  
**Agris Kamenders**, Riga Technical University, Latvia  
**David Rusnok**, Climate and Company, Germany

### 18:40 – 19:00 Open discussion and wrap-up