

# EU legislation as a stimulus for enhanced climate ambition in the EU neighborhood

**3 December 2023, 9.30-11.00**

*EU Pavilion, COP28, Dubai Expo*

Energy Community Secretariat would like to welcome you to the High-level panel with representatives from DG CLIMA, ministers of Contracting Parties of the Energy Community and the Director of the Energy Community Secretariat, which will focus on showcasing how the EU climate and energy acquis has led to enhanced targets, and as a result, to increased climate ambition of Contracting Parties.

Panellists will share their experience on how the implementation of EU legislation has structured their work on climate action (drafting NECPs, LTS, reporting) and has overall contributed to a deeper understanding and commitment to mitigating climate change. An exchange of views will also take place on the challenges and benefits of such a process, focusing on interlinkages with other EU legislation.

## 1. Welcome and keynote (9:30 – 10:05)

**Welcome**

**Keynote speech**

Diana Acconcia, Director, DG CLIMA

Yulia Svyrydenko, DPM of Ukraine

Gert Jan Koopman, Director General, DG NEAR

Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Director General, DG ENER

## 2. High-level panel on enhanced climate ambition in the EU neighborhood (10:05 – 11:00)

The panel is going to focus on how the EU climate acquis can be an effective driver for increased climate ambitions outside of the EU borders and how the Energy Community framework can be an EU driven process facilitating better alignment with the Paris Agreement.

Whether the EU energy and climate governance can be used as a template for a comprehensive and participatory process leading to the target implementation in the EU neighborhood and beyond, will also be explored.

**Moderator:**

Diana Acconcia, Director, DG CLIMA

**Panelists:**

Artur Lorkowski, Energy Community Secretariat

Oleksiy Sobolev, Deputy Minister for Digital Development of Ukraine

Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister at Ministry of Environment and Agriculture of Georgia

Ilka Starrost, Senior Project Lead, Capacity Development for Climate Policy, GIZ

Chiara Martinelli, Director of the Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe

Markus Berndt, Acting Managing Director, EIB Global