

## ENERGY UNION: How does Civil Society engage?

8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 · 09:30-16:30h · venue: Green Budget Europe offices  
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### AGENDA

#### 09:30-10:15 Welcome and introduction

Welcome and Introduction, James Nix, GBE Director

Tour de Table

#### 10:15-11:00 Energy Union: What is in it for climate and energy governance?

Leonardo Zannier, Policy Officer, Energy policy coordination, European Commission, DG Energy

- What is the Energy Union?
- State of play of the governance discussion
- What does the Paris Agreement mean for the 2030 climate and energy governance?

Question & Answers

#### 11:00-11:20 Coffee Break

#### 11:20-13:00 Interactive Roundtable Input

Moderator: James Nix, GBE Director

- Short de-brief and lessons learned from morning session

Mark Johnston, Senior Adviser, European Policy Centre

- Input on Energy Union governance
- Implications for action of national civil society organisations

Leonardo Zannier, Policy Officer, Energy policy coordination, European Commission, DG Energy

- Responses from the policy-maker perspective

Imke Lübbecke, Head of Unit, EU Climate and Energy Policy, WWF European Policy Office

- Energy Union and its governance: Civil Society perspectives

Constanze Adolf, GBE Vice-Director

- What can we learn from the European Semester?

**13:00-14:00**    *Lunch*

**14:00-15:00**    **Energy Union Governance: Lessons learned from the European Semester**

Constanze Adolf, GBE Vice-Director

Thomas Bernheim, European Semester Officer, Belgium

- Strengths and weaknesses of the European Semester
- The role of Civil Society engagement in the European Semester
- The European Semester as a blueprint for the Energy Union governance?

Question & Answers

**15:00-15:30**    **Toolkit to engage in the Energy Union and Assessment of Country Fiches**

Constanze Adolf, GBE Vice-Director GBE

- How to use the Energy Union debate to engage with your government?
- How can we act together at EU level?
- Introduction to the “Member State card template” and action points

**15:30-15:45**    *Coffee Break*

**15:45-16:15**    **Inspiration and ideas**

- From words to deeds: Best practices from Member State experts to engage with their government
- Ideas for common action at EU level to enhance the Energy Union governance

**16:15-16:30**    **Final remarks, next steps and farewell**