

## SCHEDULE

# TOWARDS A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL INDUSTRY - TOGETHER

**September 24, 2025**

**Representation of the State of  
North Rhine-Westphalia to the EU in Brussels**

**Dear Sir or Madam,  
Dear colleagues,**

While technical hurdles and political framework conditions for industry transformation are widely discussed, the social dimension of industrial transformation receives less attention. However, a meaningful transformation cannot occur without the active involvement of industry, policymakers, and citizens.

New infrastructures - such as pipelines, power lines or plant conversions - will affect citizens, and reactions to these changes are hard to predict today. This uncertainty makes it even more important to address social issues and potential conflicts early on - particularly regarding infrastructure expansion and the fair distribution of transformation costs.

These social dynamics directly impact both structural and industrial policy. Industrial policy must extend beyond promoting innovation and competitiveness; it must also strengthen social cohesion, reduce regional inequalities, and ensure job security in sectors undergoing transformation. It must help shape an economy that is not only greener but also fairer.

Similarly, structural policy has a key role in supporting regions most affected by the transformation. The event organised by the Wuppertal Institute and the German Economic Institute brings together stakeholders from society, politics, business, and science to explore and discuss these pressing issues.

The detailed program and registration option for the event can be found on the following page. We look forward to seeing you!

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## Towards a climate-neutral industry – together

24th September 2025, Brussels

Time	Agenda item	Speaker
10:15	<b>Registration</b>	
11:00	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>  <b>Input:</b> Industrial Transformation needs societal support	Dr. Dagmar Kiyar and Katharina Knoop (Wuppertal Institute)  Katja Witte (Wuppertal Institute)
11:20	<b>Panel</b>  Shaping Change Together: Towards a Fair and Inclusive Industrial Transformation	Moderated by Sandra Parthie (IW Brussels) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tomas Wyns (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)</li> <li>● Soo Jung Kim (World Steel Association)</li> <li>● Katharina Hartmann (DG ENER)</li> <li>● Dr. Matthias Diermeier (IW Köln)</li> </ul>
12:30	<b>Lunch break</b>	
13:30	<b>Welcome back &amp; short reflection of the podium</b>	Dr. Lukas Hermwille (Wuppertal Institute)
13:45	<b>Fishbowl discussion</b>  What does successful engagement with society look like? How can a meaningful and focused dialogue with society be achieved? Share positive examples of effective approaches!	Moderated by Dr. Lukas Hermwille (Wuppertal Institute) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Domenik Treß (NRW.Energy4climate)</li> <li>● Judith Kirton-Darling (industriAll Europe)</li> <li>● Samuel Flückiger (thyssenkrupp)</li> <li>● Balbina Gluza-Czyczerska (DG REGIO)</li> </ul>
15:00	<b>End</b>	

### Location

Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 · Brussels, Belgium

### Registration

Registration for participation: <https://forms.gle/hG7L6ynSARLqwx9XA>