

Invitation



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Dear colleague,

ClientEarth and the International Institute for Sustainable Development are pleased to invite you to a virtual discussion between Member States and legal experts to take stock of the Energy Charter Treaty modernisation process and assess potential outcomes.

This discussion will be held on **Thursday March 25 from 3-5 pm CET**.

If you would like to participate, [please register here](#) or by clicking on the button above. The discussion will be held on the Zoom platform.

****Please note that the discussion is only open to governments officials working on the topic. You are welcome to share this invitation with relevant colleagues, especially from other ministries.***

The Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) has faced strong criticism in recent years, in particular because it represents a potential obstacle for urgently needed climate policies and legislations. Its compatibility with EU law is also contested following the recent rulings of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), namely Achmea and Opinion 1/17.

The EU and its Member States are negotiating the modernisation of the ECT in order to comply with Opinion 1/17 and align the ECT with EU's new investment standards, but also to reflect

EU's climate objectives. However, the modernisation process may not deliver the expected results in a reasonable timeframe.

The EU and its Member States should thus carefully consider all options available to modify the treaty relationship. This virtual conversation with legal experts is meant to take stock after the next negotiation round of the ECT modernisation process and assess the potential outcomes, as well as their legal implications.

Confirmed speakers:

- **Prof. Nicolas Angelet** (Free University of Brussels)
- **Nathalie Bernasconi** (Executive Director, IISD Europe)
- **Ciaran Cross** (LLM, PhD, Free University of Berlin)
- **Prof. Matthew Happold** (University of Luxembourg)

Moderator:

- **Amandine Van den Berghe** (Trade & Environment Lawyer, ClientEarth)

Presentations will be followed by an open discussion between legal experts and Member State officials.

We look forward to the discussion and hope to see you there.

With best wishes,

- ClientEarth and IISD

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