

Heating and cooling

Towards a fossil-free reality?

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Today, several renewable technologies are available to decarbonise heating and cooling (H&C) – biomass, solar thermal, geothermal and efficient heat pumps. They are mature and ready to deliver but the market uptake of renewable energies in the H&C sector remains difficult.

The Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) is the first piece of EU legislation to address the decarbonisation of the H&C sector, which represents about 50% of Europe's energy consumption. But while the RED II sets an objective of mainstreaming renewables in H&C, it does not elaborate on the means to deliver.

With the Clean Energy Package being finalised, discussions on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) starting, and the mid-century decarbonisation roadmap underway, there is no better time to discuss how the H&C sector can contribute to the EU's climate and energy objectives.

This stakeholder workshop brings together policymakers and other experts to discuss the future of the H&C sector. Questions will include:

- **How can Europe plan a fossil fuel phase-out up to 2050?**
- **Can renewable energies in H&C reach mass market?**
- **Considering the long investment cycles (15 years), what funding mechanisms have to be put in place to decarbonise the sector?**

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PROGRAMME

16:30 – 17:00 Registration
17:00 – 17:15 Keynote speech
17:15 – 17:45 Speakers statements
17:45 – 18:30 Open discussion / Q&A
18:30 – 19:30 Reception

REGISTRATION

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