



GREEN CONSERVATISM



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Energy and climate policy are increasingly at the centre of politics in Europe – from the push by the European Commission for a Green New Deal, to rising energy prices as a result of the conflict with Russia. It is difficult to ignore just how important these issues are. As such conservatives need to have their own answers to these complex issues.

Thankfully there is a growing movement towards Green Conservatism, approaching climate issues from a pragmatic, practical, and sustainable point of view. From nuclear to hydrogen, wind to clean coal – conservatives are at the forefront of embracing new technology in the pursuit of energy independence and green objectives.



Wednesday, 8th June 2022

19:00 Welcome drink

Thursday, 9th June 2022

09:40 **WELCOME - OPENING REMARKS**

- **Witold d'Humilly de Chevilly**, New Direction Executive Director
- **Weronika Dumin**, CEO of Promyk Institute

9:50 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

- **Jacek Sasin**, Deputy Prime Minister of Poland, Minister of State Assets

10:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION #1**

WEAPONIZING ENERGY

The war in Ukraine has shown how fragile Europe's energy security is. Dependence on the great suppliers of oil and gas has meant that we are now witnessing the real collapse of the West and everything it represented. During the panel, we will focus on the values that could prevent this.

- **Paweł Majewski**, CEO of ENEA
- **José Ramón Riera**, Economist
- **Olevs Nikers**, President of the Baltic Security Foundation
- **Jason Worlledge**, Program Director, Eurasia and Transatlantic Strategies at IRI
- **Sean Duffy**, Leadership Institute **[MODERATOR]**

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

- **Anna Moskwa**, Minister of Climate and Environment

11:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION #2**

ENERGIEWENDE - IN SEARCH OF REAL ROOTS OF EUROPEAN CLIMATE POLICY

There is no doubt that all economic undertakings are closely related and their effects are felt far beyond the borders of the country in which they are implemented. Where is the thin line between saving the environment and creating a policy that will only benefit certain countries?

- **Dr Björn Peters**, Consultant in energy
- **Prof Samuele Furfari**, Professor of Geopolitics of Energy (ESCP London, ULB Brussels), Former senior official at the European Commission's DG Energy and Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland
- **Paweł Sałek**, Advisor at the President's office, Poland
- **Piotr Zacharski** **[MODERATOR]**

12:50 Lunch

14:30 **PROMYK INSTITUTE PRESENTATION**
REPORT ON THE CLIMATE POLICIES OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

- **Piotr Mazur**, Promyk Institute

15:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION #3**

FREEDOM OF CHOICE – WHAT DO WE NEED IN OUR COUNTRIES TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT?

What happens when international institutions interfere too much in the state's policy? Each country has a different economic, social and geographic profile. What are the limits of external interference in the state's climate policy?

- **Małgorzata Golińska**, Vice Minister of Climate and Environment
- **Sławomir Mazurek**, Vice President of National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management
- **Pieter Cleppe**, Founder and Editor at Brussels Report
- **Piotr Mazur**, Promyk Institute **[MODERATOR]**

16:00 Coffee Break

16:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION #4**

GREEN REVOLUTION OR GREEN CONSERVATISM? THE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHANGING OUR FUTURE

Especially among the younger generations, we see an ever stronger need for a new solidarity, sensitivity to the problems of the natural environment and an attitude of active defense of it. Can young people become a prophetic voice reminding us that we inherit the Earth on which we live and borrow from our descendants?

- **Marko Milanović Litre**, MP, New Direction Vice President
- **Piotr Mazurek**, Government Plenipotentiary for youth policy
- **Filip Blaha**, Students for Liberty
- **Radosław Fogiel**, MP, ECR Party Vice President **[MODERATOR]**

17:15 **CLOSING SPEECH**

- **Piotr Pyzik**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of State Assets, Government Plenipotentiary for Transformation of Energy Companies and Coal Mining Industry



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Friday, 10th June 2022

10:10

WELCOME - OPENING REMARKS

- **Tomasz Poreba MEP**, New Direction President
 - **Marcin Chludziński**, CEO, KGHM Polska Miedź
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10:30

PANEL DISCUSSION #5

GREEN INNOVATIONS - A MISSION FOR THE NEXT DECADES

The green revolution is not only an energy challenge, but above all a technological challenge. The role of the state is to critically recognize the potential of inventions, support the networking of scientists and entrepreneurs with recipients of innovation in the country and abroad, and to challenge innovators. What should this exchange look like?

- **Karol Wolff**, PKN Orlen, Head of Strategy Department
 - **Dr Björn Peters**, Consultant in energy
 - **Jakub Kowalski**, Member of the Board for Operation from Polska Spółka Gazownictwa
 - PGNiG representative
 - **Ross McKenzie**, Group Director of International Affairs at Drax **[MODERATOR]**
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11:30

Coffee Break

11:45

PANEL DISCUSSION #6

IS NUCLEAR ENERGY A THREAT FOR THE KREMLIN POLICY?

For years, movements around the world spread propaganda that considers nuclear energy as dangerous and harmful for the environment. Right now, the trends in Europe are changing.

- **Andrzej Śliwka**, Vice Minister of State Assets
 - **Scott Melbye**, Executive Vice President of Uranium Energy Corporation
 - **Dr Tomasz Nowacki**, Director of the Nuclear Energy Department in Ministry of Climate
 - **Robert Tyler**, Senior Policy Adviser in New Direction **[MODERATOR]**
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12:45

Lunch

14:00

PANEL DISCUSSION #7

GREEN ACTIVISTS. IDEALISTS OR "USEFUL IDIOTS"?

We will discuss the role of environmental non-government organizations. Some of them have huge impact on projects that are essential for European economies and environment. Around the world, we had a run of 'climate protests' by school children – bizarre since it is transparently obvious that child protests are mostly a front used by manipulative adults.

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- **Grzegorz Puda**, Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy
- **Hermann Tertsch MEP**, ECR Group Vice President and Member of New Direction
- **Bogdan Rzońca MEP**, ECR group and Member of New Direction
- **Steve Sutton**, Leadership Institute **[MODERATOR]**

15:00 Coffee Break

15:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION #8**
ENERGY TRANSFORMATION

Our panel will focus on finding the golden mean in carrying out the energy transition properly. Experience shows that too hasty movements or becoming dependent on a single source of energy do not always bring good results.

- **Kasjan Wyligala**, Vice President of Lubelski Węgiel Bogdanka
- **Elmars Kehris**, Executive Director of Latvian Economists Association
- **Radan Huth**, Climatologist
- **Maria Cholewińska**, Promyk Institute **[MODERATOR]**

16:15 Coffee Break

16:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION #9**
IN SEARCH OF PERMANENT NARRATIVE
FOUNDATIONS FOR GREEN CONSERVATISM

Our common future is uncertain, but we can choose a path that will keep our planet and our species safe. Instead of entrusting environmental concerns to ineffective NGOs and international commissions, we should take personal responsibility for them. No large-scale project will succeed unless it is rooted in small-scale practical reasoning.

- **Rob Roos MEP**, ECR Group Vice President and Member of New Direction
- **Loise Toole**, International Direction for Conservative Environment Network
- **Litkei Máté**, Director of Climate Policy at MCC
- **Ron Nehring**, Leadership Institute **[MODERATOR]**

17:30 **CONCLUSION - FINAL REMARKS**

- **Wojciech Dąbrowski**, President of the Management Board of PGE

19:00 Cocktail party

Saturday, 11th June 2022

10:30 – 17:45 Guided tour of Warsaw





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