



## **TRANSATLANTIC-PLATFORM FOR ACTION ON THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT (T-PAGE)**

### **TRANSATLANTIC CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

**25 April 2008  
Washington, DC**

#### **Conference Purpose**

The EU and US have an essential role to play in taking forward global efforts to address climate change. There have been some important policy developments in Europe and more recently in the US, and there is much to be learnt from experiences on both sides of the Atlantic which can provide invaluable input and insight into domestic policy-making processes.

The Transatlantic Platform for Action on the Global Environment (T-PAGE) was created as a forum to facilitate debate among members of EU and US civil society organisations on climate change and energy issues. This dialogue aims to foster an exchange of ideas, lessons, and experience across the Atlantic to create a better understanding of what is happening in Europe and the US. As part of this dialogue, two teleconferences were held in 2007 involving key representatives of EU and US civil society. At the first of these meetings, emissions trading, biofuels and carbon capture and storage were highlighted by participants as priorities for further debate. At the second meeting, participants discussed these issues in more detail drawing conclusions on their value and limitations as policy tools.

This public conference will offer a forum to debate EU and US approaches to emissions trading (cap and trade) and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from transport, sustainability aspects of biofuels, and how public opinion and perceptions of environmental, climate, energy and transport issues in the US and EU influences the climate agenda. This conference is also an opportunity to present the conclusions of this transatlantic dialogue process to decision-makers and the general public. This conference will be preceded by a workshop for European and US civil society experts to discuss approaches to reducing emissions in the transport sector including cap and trade and biofuels.

The agenda aims to increase understanding of some of the key challenges in climate and energy policy, clarifying issues and approaches and demystifying some of the actions being taken to tackle these challenges in Europe and the US. The ultimate objective of this project is to increase the exchange of information and experiences and strengthen public support for forceful policies on climate change and energy issues in the EU and US. The conclusions reached at the conference will be presented to the annual EU-US summit taking place in Ljubljana in June, with the intention of influencing the domestic policy agendas of both sides.

## AGENDA

### Friday 25 April – Public event

Resources for the Future, 1616 P Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>9:30 - 12:00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Demystifying Cap and Trade Systems: Potential and Limitations</b></p> <p>Plenary session with Key Note Presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EU Emissions Trading System and its proposed revision for the post-2012 period</li> <li>• Federal and State approaches to US climate mitigation</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Marc Pallemmaerts</b>, Head of Environmental Governance Programme, IEEP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ana Unruh-Cohen</b>, Deputy Staff Director, Chair of Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming</li> <li>• <b>Henriette Bersée</b>, Environment Counselor, Royal Netherlands Embassy, Washington; former chair, EU Council Working Party on International Environmental Issues (Climate Change)</li> <li>• <b>Anthony Eggert</b>, Science and Technology Policy Advisor, California Air Resources Board</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of key conclusions from expert workshop</p> <p>Debate on alternative approaches and future strategies for civil society</p>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	Lunch
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<p>Breakout groups on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How to set national emission reduction targets</b></li> <li>• <b>Different approaches to cap and trade, e.g. sectoral approaches</b></li> <li>• <b>Incorporating road transport into climate policy</b></li> <li>• <b>The role of biofuels</b></li> </ul>
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public perceptions and their influence on climate policy developments</b></p> <p>Plenary session with Key Note Presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How practicable and effective are the different policy options being considered?</li> <li>• What are the strengths and limitations to their development?</li> <li>• How to build public support for political action and consumer pressure for market transformation?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Jacob Scherr</b>, Director of International Program, NRDC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Angela Ledford Anderson</b>, Director Global Warming Campaigns, Pew Environment Group</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nick Mabey</b>, Director and Chair, E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism), London</li> <li>• Representative <b>Tinne Van der Straeten</b>, House of Representatives (<i>Kamer van Volksvertegenwoordigers</i>), Belgian Federal Parliament</li> </ul>
<b>15:30 - 16:30</b>	<p><b>Presentation and discussion of conclusions from breakout groups</b></p> <p><b>Final conclusions of the conference</b></p>