



SUSPENS Final Conference – Friday 6 March 2020

Reconciling Environmental and Social Dimensions in the Transition towards a Low-carbon Society

The transition to a low-carbon society will need to be both fast (to avoid dangerous climate impacts, often affecting the most vulnerable groups first and strongest) and fair (in the way costs and benefits are distributed). In the SUSPENS project, research teams from the Centre for Social Policy (Universiteit Antwerpen), the Belgian Federal Planning Bureau, and the Centre for Studies on Sustainable Development at IGEAT, Université Libre de Bruxelles investigated the interplay in Belgium between the social, environmental and justice dimensions of the emission of air pollutants and climate change policies. This project was financed by the Belgian Federal Public Service Science Policy - BELSPO. Conceptually, we investigated the interdependencies between social and environmental policy goals and their translation into inequalities between socio-economic groups. Empirically, we documented the crucial relationship between incomes, consumption and greenhouse gas emissions at the household level. Applying these findings, we analysed how policy measures can reconcile social and environmental goals in the transition to a low-carbon society. With the SUSPENS project coming to an end, we warmly invite you to our final conference on Friday 6 March 2020 in Brussels. In the morning we will present the main research results. The afternoon focuses on policy, with a session on policy applications, followed by a panel debate with civil society actors. The detailed program of the conference can be found on the next page. We look forward to welcome you there!



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Participation is free of charge, please register **before Monday 2 March 2020**
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Conference Programme

9:00

Doors & Registration

9:30

Welcome by BELSPO

Introduction to the SUSPENS project - Gerlinde Verbist (UA-CSB)

10:00

Where is justice in Low-carbon transition scenarios?

- Aurore Fransolet (IGEAT-ULB)

Discussant: Philippe Pochet (ETUI)

Coffee Break (25 min)

11:30

Analysis of the air pollution associated with household consumption in Belgium in 2014: the case of greenhouse gas emissions.

- Jean-Maurice Frère (FPB) and Petra Zsuzsa Lévy (UA-CSB)

Discussant: tbc

Lunch Break (1 hour)

14:00

2 brief policy presentations

- *Policy routes towards residential energy efficiency: a social distributional perspective* - Josefine Vanhille (UA-CSB)
- *Future electricity tariffs and their socio-economic consequences* - Grégoire Wallenborn (IGEAT-ULB)

15:00

Panel discussion on policy & civil society implications with

- Mélanie Joseph (Combat Poverty & Social Exclusion Service)
- Philippe Pochet (European Trade Union Institute)
- Danny Van Assche (Unizo)
- Benjamin Clarysse (Bond Beter Leefmilieu)
- Vincent Van Steenberge (FPS Environment – Climate)

Moderator: Sacha Dierickx (Denktank Minerva)

16:00

Closing remarks

END foreseen 16:15