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## **Reaching net-zero emissions in the EU by 2050 – opportunities and potential in the context of partnerships between academia, industry and the public sector**

Following the European Commission's communication "A Clean Planet for all", and in the context of the ongoing discussions on developing a Long-term climate strategy, an EU objective of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 is being debated. There is a need to demonstrate that reaching net-zero emissions by 2050 is not only doable, but that it can also go hand-in-hand with prosperity and social fairness. Mistra, the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research, is an independent organization investing in large scale cross-sectorial collaborative research programs. Many of these programs have presented findings relevant to the discussions on how the EU can reach net-zero emissions by 2050, as well as the benefits and opportunities offered by this transition. In this seminar, organized by Mistra and hosted by the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU, some of these findings will be presented, as well as successful examples of partnerships between academia, industry and the public sector.

Date: Tuesday, **4 June**, 2019

Venue: The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union, Square de Meeûs 30, Brussels

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| 12:00-12:45 | <b>Registration and light lunch</b>  |
| 12:45-12:55 | <b>Welcome address</b> Åsa Webber, Swedish ambassador and Åke Iverfeldt, CEO of Mistra   |
| 12:55-13:35 | <b>Perspectives on the transition to a net-zero economy</b><br>Lars Zetterberg, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute:<br><i>Decarbonizing industry and associated supply chains</i><br>Anna Kramers, KTH Royal Institute of Technology:<br><i>Transport and mobility as a service</i><br>Svante Axelsson, National coordinator of Fossil Free Sweden:<br><i>Roadmaps for fossil free competitiveness – actors in cooperation</i> |

13:35–14:15

**High-level panel** with representatives from the European institutions, member states and stakeholders

Erica Hope, Senior Associate, European Climate Foundation

Pierre Schellekens, Deputy Head of Cabinet Commissioner Cañete, DG Clima, European Commission

Viktoria Karsberg, Head of Corporate Identity and Communications, SSAB

Jaroslav Zajicek, Deputy Head of the Czech Permanent Representation to the EU

Brook Riley, Group Public Affairs, Rockwool

Megan Richards, Director of Energy Policy, DG Energy, European Commission

14:15

**Concluding remarks**, Brook Riley

**Coffee and refreshments**

Moderator:

Linda Bell, Mistra