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THE ROAD TO A LOW CARBON ECONOMY: STRENGTHENING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN LOCAL, NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN CLIMATE POLICY

Background

The EU is currently in the process of renewing its main climate policy tools: the Emissions Trading System (ETS) and the Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR). This is a key opportunity to ensure that Europe puts itself on track to achieve the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees.

The role of Southern and Mediterranean European countries in these policy debates is important. Facing similar climate challenges at the national level, they can set an example by promoting innovative and progressive practices that can inform the European policy processes.

But only coherent climate action, where multilevel policies inform each other, will allow us to secure ambitious climate policy. In this regard, the engagement of national and local civil society organisations (CSOs) will be key.

This workshop aims to build the civil society's understanding and capacity on the EU's key climate policy tools. It will also encourage participants to reflect on how the connection between local and European campaigns can provide momentum for more ambitious climate action.

The workshop has the following sub-objectives:

- Build capacity on the Effort Sharing Regulation and how it can promote and enhance local and national progressive sectoral policies (transport, waste, agriculture and housing sectors)
- Introduce the European Emissions Trading System and its current reform
- Share/gather/analyse good and bad practices in Southern and Mediterranean Europe countries and how they can be valued at the European level
- Design a common and coordinated CSO strategy to exert bottom-up pressure at the European level

Workshop Outline

- **Number of participants:** 30
- **Duration:** 1.5 Day
- **Location:** Madrid, Spain
- **Language:** Workshop will be in English
- **Who should attend:** climate and environment NGO representatives from Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Southern France, Spain; academic and research institutions
- **Fees:** Participation is free of charge. Coffee and lunch, and dinner for the first day, is provided. NGO representatives can apply for reimbursement of travel expenses and accommodation cost
- The workshop is organized in cooperation with Spanish NGOs based in Madrid.

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