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## Plenary Session Four | Climate action and decarbonizing European economies

**Date:** Friday 5 November

**Speakers and Chair briefing:** 0915

**Session starts:** 0945

**Session duration:** 0945 – 1100

**Venue:** The Ritz-Carlton, Potsdamer Platz 3, Berlin, 10785 Germany

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### Speakers

**Debora Revoltella**, Director of the Economics Department, European Investment Bank (*joining virtually*)

**Andreas Schell**, CEO, Rolls Royce Power Systems

**Dr Heather Grabbe**, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute

**Brian Moran**, Vice President, Global Sustainability Policy & Partnerships, Boeing

**Chair:** Professor Dr **Miranda Schreurs**, Chair of Environmental and Climate Policy, Technical University of Munich

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- What is the 'state of play' at COP26 and what would constitute a successful outcome?
- What progress is being made on raising the ambition of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), mobilizing finance and business, and driving the transition to net zero?
- How has the pandemic affected Europe's climate politics?
- How can the EU build and keep the support and consensus among its members for its Green New Deal?

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## Format and Proceedings

**0915**      **Speaker and chair briefing** - the chair and speakers discuss any key questions they wish to address over the course of the discussion

*In person speakers:* Please gather at the conference registration desk from where you will be taken to the conference hall for the briefing

*Virtual speaker:* Please click on the Zoom link in your calendar invitation

**0945**      The chair leads the speakers onto the stage and opens the session, introduces the speakers, and announces that the discussion is **on the record and being recorded**. It will be available on demand on the conference platform after the conference.

- The chair encourages people to tweet using the hashtag **#EuropesChoices**
- The chair will give the following instructions to in-person attendees:

- Raise their hands to ask questions. If called on, they should stay seated. A roving boom mic will come to them. They may lower their masks to ask their question.
- The chair will then give the following instructions to online attendees:
  - Attendees may submit questions throughout the event, using the Chat function. The chair will read any questions on their behalf
- Please note that staff from Chatham House and the Ritz Carlton will be in the room, standing at the back or sides of the hall, in order to assist in the event of an emergency or technical difficulty.

0945-1005

The chair will begin the session with a total of 15-20 mins opening remarks from the speakers. Each speaker will have 3-5 minutes to make their remarks (speakers do not have to address a specific question in their opening remarks but should frame their remarks within the context of the session outline).

1005-1100

After the conclusion of speakers' remarks there will follow a moderated discussion, including questions from conference participants. The chair leads this discussion, taking a selection of comments or questions from participants. Answers to questions or comments should be limited as far as possible to 2 or 3 minutes.

- We encourage a **dynamic and participatory environment between panellists and in-person participants**, rather than a traditional Q&A session.
- The **chair has prerogative** and may interject with comments or questions of their own.
- The chair will remind online attendees to keep submitting their questions through the Chat function
- The chair will ask the in-person participant to wait for the boom microphone to reach them before they start to speak and to remain seated and remove their mask while they ask the question
- The chair will ask each participant who intervenes in person to give their **name and affiliation**.
- If short on time, the chair will take interventions in groups (normally towards the end)
- The chair will bring to a close any participants who are speaking for too long.

**Chairs should actively encourage questions from as wide a selection of audience members as possible.** Please take time to scan the whole room to avoid unintentional bias towards people seated closest to the stage.

1100

The chair brings the session to a close and it will be followed by a refreshment break. Breakout sessions will begin after the break at 1130.

## Biographies



**Debora Revoltella** has been Director of the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank since April 2011. The Economics Department comprises 30 economists working in three divisions: Economic Studies, Country and Financial Sector Analysis, and Policy and Strategy. Previously she was Chief Economist for Central and Eastern Europe at UniCredit. She began her banking career in the research department of Banca Commerciale Italiana, after having been an Adjunct Professor in Macroeconomics at Bocconi University. She is a member of the Steering Committees of the Vienna Initiative and the CompNet,

and a member of the boards of the Joint Vienna Institute, the SUERF and the Euro 50 Group. She holds undergraduate and master's degrees in Economics from Bocconi University as well as a PhD in Economics from the University of Ancona in Italy.



**Andreas Schell** has held the position of President of the Rolls-Royce Power Systems business unit, Chief Executive Officer of Rolls-Royce Power Systems AG and Chairman of the Board of Directors of its subsidiary MTU in Friedrichshafen since 1 January 2017. He is also responsible for the Technology division, Operations and Sales. He had previously been involved with advanced electric systems in the automotive industry, holding the position of Vice President Electrical and Electronics Core Engineering at Chrysler, for example, where he was responsible for developing electric systems for Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge. Future technologies had been a key focus at the start of his career: at DaimlerChrysler, he had been responsible for developing hybrid systems, in addition to fuel cell drive systems and advanced vehicle engineering. He has a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Clausthal University of Technology in Germany and an executive MBA from Michigan State University in the United States.



**Dr Heather Grabbe** is Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute. She is a political scientist and advocate for democratic pluralism and open societies, working increasingly on climate action and social justice. She was ranked highly among 'the women who shape Brussels' by Politico and gave a TED talk on the importance of critical thinking and mindful engagement with post-truth politics. From 2004–09 she was Senior Advisor to then European Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn, responsible for EU policy on the Balkans and Turkey. Previously she was Deputy Director of the Centre for European Reform and did academic research at the European University Institute (Florence), Chatham House (London), and Oxford and Birmingham universities, and she has taught at the LSE. She is Visiting Professor at University College London and KU Leuven.



**Brian Moran** serves as vice president, Global Sustainability Policy & Partnerships for Boeing. In this new role, Moran leads a diverse, global team that elevates and showcases Boeing's focus on sustainability. This includes informing the global policy landscape and deepening partnerships to advance Boeing's sustainability objectives, such as the scaling of sustainable aviation fuels. Moran is based Amsterdam, Netherlands and reports to the President of Boeing International and the company's first Chief Sustainability Officer.



**Professor Dr Miranda Schreurs** main research areas are in international and comparative climate policy, environmental politics, and low-carbon energy transitions. She is involved in projects examining the energy transitions in Germany and Japan; climate policies of Europe, the United States, and China; and the politics of high-level radioactive waste disposal. In 2011 Schreurs was appointed by Chancellor Angela Merkel as a member of the German Ethics Commission on a Safe Energy Supply. From 2008 until 2016 she served as member of the German Advisory Council on the Environment and is vice chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils. Schreurs gained her BA and MA from the University of Washington and her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. She has researched and taught at various Japanese universities and for a period of three years conducted research at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University supported by a grant awarded by the MacArthur Foundation. She was a tenured associate professor in the Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park before becoming director of the Environmental Policy Research Center and Professor of Comparative Politics at the Freie Universität Berlin in 2007.