

**INVITATION**  
**Lunch Debate**

**Governing Ecologically:  
How to promote ecological modernisation in Europe?**

**Date** Thursday, 12 December 2019  
**Time** 12:00 – 14:00  
**Venue** Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union  
Rue Belliard 60-62, B-1040 Brussels

**Context**

The study 'Governing Ecologically' looks at the participation of the German Greens in governments at the level of the federal states with regard to strengthening environmentally friendly and sustainable government policies. In doing so it takes up the current social and political debates on ecological modernisation which have recently been shaped by the discussions on the summer heat wave, driving restrictions for diesel vehicles, a transition in transport policy and international climate protection by Fridays for Future. As a result, climate protection has become an integral part of government policy at national and European level in recent months.

This development shows that in order to be able to meet the challenge of the century of climate change and ecological transformation, central innovations and new directions are needed. We therefore want to discuss at this event how 'green governance' can promote ecological modernisation at different levels.



## Programme

**12:00 – 12:30** Registration & light lunch

**12:30 – 12:40** Welcome

**Eva van de Rakt**, Head of Office, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Brussels European Union

**Helmfried Meinel**, Director General, Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector of the State of Baden-Württemberg

**12:40 – 13:00** Presentation of the study

**Arne Jungjohann**, author of the study 'Governing Ecologically'

**13:00 – 14:00** Panel discussion

- **Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg**, Member of the European Parliament, The Greens/EFA
- **Arne Jungjohann**, author of the study 'Governing Ecologically'
- **Helmfried Meinel**, Director General, Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector of the State of Baden-Württemberg
- **Virginijus Sinkevičius**, European Commissioner, Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

Moderation: **Annika Hedberg**, Head of Sustainable Prosperity for Europe programme, European Policy Centre

Working language: English

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