

**22<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Policy Conference****22. Außenpolitische Jahrestagung****On the Way to Carbon Zero  
Foreign Policy in the Age of Climate Change**

January 13 – 28, 2022

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

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Thursday, January 13/20/27, 2022 – Public Events 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET)

**Conference Languages are German and English.**

Simultaneous translation of the Public Events on January 13, 20 and 27, 2022 will be provided.

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*Ramina Yachkaschi*, External Consultant and Project Manager, foreign\_policy@boell.de**Key Concepts**

Climate Partnerships and Climate Alliances; European Green Deal; Transatlantic Relations; European Neighbourhood Policy; EU-China Relations; Paris Agreement; COP26; “Climate Superpowers”, Big Emitters and Vulnerable States;

**Background**

The aggravating climate crisis has made the implementation of the Paris Agreement a central issue in German and European foreign policy. Nevertheless, the integration of climate and foreign policy is still fraught with uncertainties, both in its geostrategic and in its operational dimension.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Policy Conference of the Heinrich Böll Foundation will focus on current debates at the intersection of foreign and climate policy and assess the prospects for a new carbon-neutral foreign policy.

Special emphasis will be given to the following topics:

- The odds of a **transatlantic zone of climate neutrality**, and its geopolitical implications
- The options for **climate partnerships** in the **European neighborhood**
- The climate policy of a new German government vis-à-vis **great powers, big emitters, and vulnerable states**

**Thursday, January 13, 2022 – Transatlantic Perspectives (Public Online Event)**

4 p.m. Welcome and Introduction  
**Giorgio Franceschini**, Head of Foreign and Security Policy Division, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin  
**Ellen Ueberschär**, Co-President of the Heinrich-Böll Foundation, Berlin

Opening statement  
A new green foreign policy in the age of climate change  
**Omid Nouripour**, Member of Parliament (Green Party), Berlin

4.30 p.m. Transatlantic discussion  
The US and Europe on the way to climate neutrality?

**Susan Biniaz**, Deputy to Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry, Washington, D.C.  
**Diego Osorio**, Adjunct Professor, Adler University, Vancouver  
**Sergey Lagodinsky**, Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA), Brussels  
**Claire Healy**, E3G, Washington, D.C.

Interlude: Cities as potential partners in transatlantic climate cooperation  
**Max David Bouchet**, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. [tbc]  
**Jasdeep Randhawa**, UN Habitat, Bonn [tbc]

Facilitation  
**Nora Löhle**, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Washington, D.C.

5.30. p.m. *End of day one (public event)*

**Key questions:**

- What are the chances of success for a **transatlantic zone of climate neutrality**?
- How credible and resilient is the American way to Carbon Zero?
- How can the European and American de-carbonization strategies be harmonized?
- What roles can European and American cities play in the green transformation agenda?