

IDEAS YARDS: TALKING ABOUT EUROPE

EUROPE – THE GREEN CONTINENT!?

Panel discussion about how sustainable solutions for Europe could look like

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Panel discussion

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Becoming the first climate-neutral continent by 2050 is both the biggest challenge and chance of our time. To reach this goal, the European Commission presented the “European Green Deal” – an ambitious package of measures for a sustainable ecological change that should benefit the people and economy of Europe. The different phases of measures include drastic reductions of emissions, investment in research and innovation as well as the protection of our natural environment.

But what is necessary for the success of the Green Deal? Which different national perspectives might contradict the European green project? Which innovative ideas from science and economy might help accomplish the set goals? Which practical steps could provide a positive example for others?

We would like to discuss these and other questions with European experts from the Free University of Berlin, the WiseEuropa Institute Warsaw and the Institute of Circular Economy (INCIEN) Prague.

The event is based on a cooperation between the Goethe-Institut and the Czech-French project Haenke and will be moderated by its co-founder Alexandra Střelcová.

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