

Around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted everyday life and severely impacted economies. Governments have had to prioritise dealing with the immediate health crisis and the ensuing economic fallout, while trying not to forget longer-term considerations. The pandemic has also underscored the need for concerted international action to build resilience against future challenges, including the threat of climate change. Prior to the pandemic, the EU was moving forward on a European Green Deal to make the region climate neutral by 2050. Restating the commitment of the EU, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced new emission reduction targets for the EU in her September 2020 State of the Union speech, to increase the 2030 target for emission reduction to at least 55%. Many will be watching to see if the EU's recovery efforts can align with its climate objectives.

The EU-Singapore Dialogue on Climate Change hopes to provide policymakers, private sector representatives, and experts with a platform to share insights and opinions on current efforts to accelerate climate action, even amidst the pandemic. Organised by the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), the Energy Studies Institute (ESI), and the Institute of Marine Sciences (ICM) of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), with the support of the European Union Delegation to Singapore, the dialogue will explore the opportunities for collaboration on green recovery from COVID-19, the potential of nature-based solutions in both European and Asian markets, and finally the emerging fields of green finance and green procurement.

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## DATE & TIME

Thursday, 5 November 2020 | 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM Singapore Time

## PROGRAMME

The European Green Deal in a Post-Pandemic World

**Keynote Address:** 

Panel 1:

Green Recovery from COVID-19 and Implications for Climate Action

Panel 2:

Nature-Based Solutions – Green and Blue Approaches to Fighting Climate Change

Panel 3:

Finance and Technology – Innovative Models for Climate Action

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