

Taking the temperature of the EU's clean industry strategy

Wednesday 23 September 2026, 8:30-10:30

@ FEPS Office (Avenue des Arts 46, Brussels)

Following the Draghi report and the Clean Industrial Deal, the European Union continues to move forward with new industrial policies, most recently with the Industrial Accelerator Act. Seeking to **combine decarbonisation and competitiveness**, the EU's strategy involves reinforcing domestic production capacities, reducing external dependencies, and fostering innovation in clean technologies.

To discuss this topic from a concrete perspective, FEPS and *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Just Climate* worked on a study deep-diving into **the heat pump value chain** to assess the EU's production capacities for key heat pump components and identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and policy options.

The public seminar will be an occasion to present the study's findings and discuss them with policy-makers, industry representatives and civil society experts. It seeks to provide the foundation for informed policy discussions on the **Industrial Accelerator Act and its implications for the European heat pump industry**.

Agenda

8:30 – 8:40 **Registrations and start of breakfast**

8:40 – 8:45 **Welcoming remarks**
By Chloe Deffet, FEPS

8:45 – 9:30 **Research presentation: “Taking the temperature of European clean technology value chains: Competitiveness and resilience of heat pumps”**
By Francesca Guadagno, Economist at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

9:30– 10:15 **Panel discussion: “Strengthening the European heat pump industry in the context of the Industrial Accelerator Act”**
With:
Paul Kenny, Director General, European Heat Pump Association,
Jacopo Tattini, Policy Officer, DG GROW, and
Benjamin Bjerkan-Wade, Research Analyst on Energy and Climate Policy, Bruegel.

Moderated by Stephan Thalhofer, FES

10:15 – 10:30 **Discussion and Q&A with participants**