

## Membership Information Pack

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### Welcome to Climate Strategies!

Climate Strategies is a research organisation and network unlike any other. Membership is by invitation, and the members come from different fields and departments within universities, research bodies and think-tanks across the world. What unites them is the desire to bridge the gap between research and policy, and to identify issues where analysis and data will really make a difference to the world's efforts to get to grips with the many facets of climate change.

Climate Strategies is based in the UK, and has a particular track record of economic analysis around and involvement with EU climate and energy problems. However, over the past years, Climate Strategies has become increasingly international and multi-disciplinary in outlook. Its membership now extends far beyond Europe. Our members are acutely conscious of the way that policy-makers and stakeholders can often talk a different language to researchers and academics, but we remain committed to the belief that high-quality evidence and analysis is a vital component of successful policy. Our approach is proactive, strongly focussed on dialogue and communication of findings, and not bound by traditional academic disciplines or research cycles.

Climate Strategies' work divides into three parts (roles): Inspirer (identifying and testing stakeholders, funders and researchers new research topics, preferably multi-disciplinary and always with potential policy leverage); Convener (finding suitable and fundable topics for projects, conferences and other events where researchers and policy-makers can come together); Translator (interpreting and publicly communicating research outputs so that they can be used by policy makers, business stakeholders and civil society). Typically our members come together to deliver projects through a team made up of several members, sometimes working in partnership with other organisations. Our work has been supported by many national governments, businesses and foundations with an interest in climate change.

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## What is Climate Strategies?

Climate Strategies is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that aims to improve policy in the fields of climate change, energy and sustainable development by bridging the gap between decision-makers and researchers across Europe and internationally. It is incorporated in the UK as a company limited by guarantee with a formal purpose “to promote and carry out for the public benefit research into international policy dimensions of reducing emissions and adapting to climate change, including international coordination issues, and to publish and widely disseminate the useful results of such research”.

Climate Strategies works through its small, full-time Secretariat and its international network of Members. In addition to supporting the three roles (Inspirer, Convenor, and Translator), the Secretariat:

- Acts as a focal point for all communication with Members
- Wins funding and manages research projects, handling grant claims and reporting
- Organises events that bring together policy-makers and researchers
- Improves research through mentoring, quality assurance and feedback
- Publishes policy-relevant outputs, often synthesising the work of its Members
- Disseminates its own research output and the work of its Members through its own website, various types of media, collaborating stakeholder networks and the Climate Policy Journal

Membership is officially open to any individual who supports Climate Strategies' objectives and is invited by the Board to join. Members are usually based in universities or research institutes. Through their research they make significant, demonstrable and constructive contributions to climate change and energy policy.

## What are the benefits of Membership of Climate Strategies?

Climate Strategies provides its members with a platform to interact with each other and with external stakeholders in order to define, initiate, execute and promote cutting-edge analytical projects in the climate and energy policy space, often inter-disciplinary and multi-partner, with a strong emphasis on clear communication to the policy community. These interactions and collaborations are facilitated by the CS Secretariat and lead to CS-convened projects, reports, conferences, and social media communication. Climate Strategies' website presents CS activities and output, and links to *Climate Policy*, one of the most well-established and important peer-reviewed journals in the field, and a long-standing partner of CS. Typically our members come together to deliver projects through a Climate Strategies team made up of several members, sometimes working in partnership with other organisations. Members are encouraged to review papers of other members and could also count on other members reviewing their work.

Members have priority access to CS-led projects and meetings, such as its successful Global Climate Policy Conferences, can register for UNFCCC sessions using the CS badge (subject to availability), and are offered space at CS stands at various events and on CS social media to promote their work. Members can gain more visibility for and reach of their work by submitting blog entries for posting on the Climate Strategies blog. Member entries are promoted through Climate Strategies email

updates and social media channels. There is also a WhatsUp group with members interested in receiving media enquiries.

Members find that working alongside other CS members and contributing to projects under the CS banner increases credibility, improves multi-disciplinary team formation, and extends their track record without losing their individual identity and reputation.

## **What is expected of Climate Strategies Members?**

Members meet in Annual General Meetings, and occasional special meetings, where they appoint the Executive Committee (Board), respond to reports on CS activity, and help define the strategy, focus and research programme of CS going forward.

It is expected that Members will, to the extent their principal occupations allow, be proactive and collegiate in identifying and responding to new ideas for research and analysis relevant to climate and energy policy. In particular this means working with the CS Secretariat to, subject to subject matter knowledge and interest:

- initiate scoping of project ideas and participate in brainstorming;
- initiate and respond to proposals for collaborative projects;
- suggest research and stakeholders partners for future and existing projects;
- promote Climate Strategies through their activities and networks;
- stand ready to review work by other members;
- assist CS in fundraising,

Climate Strategies is not a consultancy. Initial work on new CS projects is usually speculative, though the intention is almost always to define and scope a project that can then be presented to funders, public and private sector, leading to remuneration to members and other project partners for research and other contributions.

The Articles of Association include provisions and a process for the termination of membership.

## **Our Members Today**

Climate Strategies' website lists and profiles our current members:

<http://climatestrategies.org/about-us/meet-our-people/>

## **Our Research Programme**

Since its inception in 2006, Climate Strategies has worked on the development of national and international policy. We have published reports and projects in collaboration with over 100 research institutions and more than 200 researchers. All our research is available in the public domain. For information about our current projects please visit our website <http://climatestrategies.org/research/>

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## Our Team

### The Executive Committee (Board)

Charlotte Streck (Chair): Director, Climate Focus, Berlin, Germany

Tim Lancaster (Vice Chair): Practice Director at Arcus Global, Cambridge, UK

Heleen de Coninck: Associate Professor, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Navraj Ghaleigh: Senior Lecturer in Climate Law at University of Edinburgh, UK

Maurits Henkemans: Ex-Senior Policy Officer at Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands

Axel Michaelowa: Head of Research at the University of Zürich, Managing Director and Co-Founder of Perspectives, Switzerland

Karsten Neuhoff: Head of the Department of Climate Policy, DIW, Berlin, Germany

### The Secretariat

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