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Overcoming the COP26 Gaps: A Transformed EU External Action for a Climate-Just World

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INTRODUCTION

The UN climate conference in Glasgow, COP26, kept open the possibility of accelerating climate action in the coming years. However, COP26 decisions on faster emissions cuts, scaling up finance for adaptation, and opening dialogue on mechanisms to address loss and damage barely nudged the trust deficit. Besides, the conference ended with important gaps in cooperation and financial and technical support. Without game-changing cooperation, we won't be able to close the gaps to a climate-just world this decade.

The EU, with its economic power, its excellent diplomatic standing, and its pre-existing ties when it comes to development cooperation, is in a unique position to help close these COP26 gaps. But how can we use this potential?

This launch event will present a report that aims at answering this question. Commissioned by the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament to the independent climate think tank [E3G](#), the study looks at how to align the EU's foreign policy with the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal. By assembling research previously carried out on the issue and fresh ideas on how to streamline climate action into EU foreign policy, it shows that a renewed EU external action could accelerate the transition towards a climate-just world for all.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- **Hannah Neumann**, Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA)
- **Jennifer Tollmann**, E3G Senior Policy Advisor on European climate diplomacy and geopolitics
- **Léa Pilsner**, E3G Policy Advisor on the European Green Deal and EU-China relations
- **Marc Vanheukelen** - EU Ambassador at large for Climate Diplomacy (personal capacity)
- **Hannah Muthoni Ryder** – Founder and CEO of Development Reimagined

Moderation by **Mehreen Kahn**, EU correspondent at the Financial Times

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