The European Commission is looking at cost-efficient ways to make the European economy more climate-friendly and less energy-consuming. The European Commission has developed a Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050. This roadmap shows how the main sectors responsible for Europe’s emissions - power generation, industry, transport, buildings and construction, as well as agriculture - can make the transition to a low-carbon economy most cost-effective.

Dr. Christian Burgsmueller is a career EU diplomat with the European External Action Service (EEAS). Since 2010 he has been serving as Counselor at the EU Delegation to the US in Washington DC where he heads the Energy, Transport and Environment section. Christian is a lawyer by training and joined the European Commission in Brussels in 2000. Over the following 6 years he held posts both in the Commission’s Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry as well as in the Directorate-General for Trade. He finished his Brussels years as coordinator for EU-US trade and investment relations. Continuing his career overseas Christian headed the Political, Economic and Public Affairs section of the EU Delegation to Brazil in Brasilia from 2006 to 2010.

For further information, contact the Center for West European Studies at 206-543-1675, or email cwes@uw.edu. The University of Washington is committed to providing access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation, contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at: 206-543-6450/V, 206-543-6452/TTY, 206-685-7264 (FAX), or dso@uw.edu.