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Energy Transition in Europe and China: Challenge and Collaboration

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In 2015, the signing of the Paris Agreement marked the first moment nations came together ‘into a common cause to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effect, with enhanced support to assist developing countries to do so.’ Ambitious targets are being set, and last September China pledged to peak CO2-emissions before 2030 and reach carbon neutrality by 2060. The EU aims to be climate-neutral in 2050, and both China and Europe are undergoing a crucial energy transition. The path from a fossil-fuel based system to a system based on renewables is a bumpy road and is not without challenges. During this talk, the speakers discuss the energy transitions in both Europe (and in particular the Netherlands) and China. They will also discuss whether the global priority of reducing CO2 emissions and achieving carbon neutrality paves the way for more international collaboration.

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