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I would like to welcome this initiative, so important to envisage our common goals, not only as Europeans but as citizens of a world that must address its failure on achieving global climate targets.

The roadmap assumes that there'll be a "vision" - carbon neutrality in 2050 ; so, foresight tools will be critical to a reasonable backcasting in order to integrate all differences (some, huge) among Member States across main issues, sectors and public choices. To do so, it will be important to do an effective "iceberg analysis" in order to identify the drivers and, above all, the enablers of synergies across policies, but it will be also important to work - having in mind a long view - some wild cards and weak signs that could become barriers or facilitators/accelerators of the desired mission.

As a public officer working on Environmental issues in Portugal, I would like to emphasise that some countries - including my own - have already ongoing long term decarbonisation roadmaps (e.g. later this year, Portugal will have some scenarios to reflect on). Those national experiences are very important and should be insightful to EU Long View.

Using forward looking tools is a necessary condition for this process, namely skills development on this matter across member states and its public administrations, with serious deficits on qualified foresighters

A final word for the importance of a paradigm shift with significant impact on the roadmap process (and not mention on your file): circular economy. The implementation of a European long view strategy aiming to accomplish Paris agreement must address the unique opportunity to create a new macroeconomic approach, flourishing, as Tim Jackson used to put it, a new paradigm of prosperity. And for that it will be important to envisage a transformative agenda on educational/training programmes in order to envisage behavioural changes and a new set of priorities, beyond economic growth and focused on SGD into 2050