

# CLIMATE! ACTION CALL!

Scientists say that we face a climate emergency. We need decisive action in the next 10 years to put us on a transformative pathway in line with the targets of the Paris Agreement, including efforts to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C. We must act immediately to get on track for a healthy, fair and liveable future.

This will not only reduce devastating impacts of climate change but also bring major economic and social benefits, attract new investments, create new quality jobs and limit health damages.

The European Parliament elections and subsequent changes in the leadership of the European Commission will shape the politics of the European Union for the next five years, a crucial period for climate action where emissions need to decline fast, targets need to be strengthened and ambitious action needs to be implemented. The new Parliament and the new Commission must address growing concerns about climate change and make climate action a top priority for Europe.

Therefore, we call upon the new European Parliament, the new European Commission and all EU Member State governments to:

## **1. Commit to accelerate actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and reach net zero emissions as soon as possible.**

The world is not on track to keep temperature rise to 1.5°C. We support the call from United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, upon all leaders to come to his special UN Climate Summit in September with additional commitments that will lead to halving global emissions by 2030 and achieving net zero by 2050. By the Summit, EU leaders *should agree* to reach climate neutrality in line with the EU's fair share of the effort to achieve net zero global emissions by 2050. Furthermore, EU leaders must agree on a plan to substantially increase its 2030 targets.

## **2. Plan the end of the use of fossil fuels and provide strong support to energy efficiency, renewable energy and emission cuts outside the energy sector**

Our economic development no longer depends on fossil fuels. In fact, energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies have become cheaper and are more beneficial for all. EU decision makers need to plan to phase out coal, gas and oil use, starting with immediately ending all financial support to fossil fuel infrastructure. At

the same time, they need to increase support to research, innovation and deployment of clean alternatives, including through prioritising energy efficiency across all sectors and investing in sustainable renewable energy. Ambitious climate and energy targets should be complemented by stronger immediate action in all sectors to achieve quick emission cuts.

### **3. Safeguard a just and fair transition and ensure that the EU increases its support to developing countries to mitigate and adapt to climate change**

The zero emissions transition needs to be just, orderly and fair, benefiting everyone and leaving no one behind. This should be done by integrating strong social measures, supportive industrial and business policies and safeguarding workers' and human rights. Regions that are still highly dependent on fossil fuels, as well as regions highly affected by climate change, such as maritime regions, should be supported in this transition. Europe must also substantially increase its financial and other support for climate action and resilience in developing countries, which are being hardest hit by climate change.

### **4. Increase efforts to roll out the circular economy and increase resource efficiency**

We live on a resource-constrained planet where using resources efficiently is necessary for continued prosperity and well-being. The EU should build circularity and resource efficiency into all future policies to facilitate the efforts to decarbonise all economic and industrial sectors.




### **5. Recognise biodiversity protection and ecosystem restoration as a crucial component of climate action**










The zero emissions transition cannot happen without substantial investments in the restoration of our ecosystems. This must include efforts to protect and improve the natural capacity of forests and soils to absorb past and present carbon pollution, while promoting sustainable practices, within the EU and beyond our borders.

Time is running out and the urgency to act is crystal clear. Citizens, regional and local authorities, financial institutions, businesses, trade unions and other stakeholders are mobilising and acting at their level in every possible way to call for more climate action.

## SIGNATORIES

<b>Local and regional authorities networks</b>	
	<p>C40 is an alliance of 94 of the world's greatest cities taking bold climate action; its EU members include Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen, Heidelberg, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Rome, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Venice and Warsaw.</p>
	<p>Energy Cities is the European Association of local authorities in energy transition. It represents 1000 towns and cities in 30 countries, mostly in Europe.</p>
	<p>Climate Alliance of European Cities with Indigenous Rainforest Peoples is a network of local authorities committed to the protection of the world's climate, with more than 1,700 members from 26 countries across Europe.</p>
	<p>FEDARENE is a European network of energy agencies and local/regional authorities which implement, co-ordinate and facilitate energy and environment policies. It has more than 70 members in 20 European countries.</p>
	<p>The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) brings together some 160 Regions from 25 countries, mostly from the European Union, representing about 200 million people.</p>
<b>Business networks</b>	
	<p>The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group (CLG) brings together executives from a cross-section of European industry aiming to accelerate progress towards a low carbon, sustainable economy. It includes Acciona, Anglian Water, Coca Cola, DSM, EDF Group, GSK, Heathrow, Iberdrola, Interface, Signify Europe, Sky, Stora Enso, Tesco, Thames Water, Unilever and United Technologies.</p>
	<p>The Haga Initiative is a Swedish network of companies that strives to reduce carbon emissions from the business sector. Today the network consists of fourteen companies; Axfood, Coca-Cola European Partners Sweden, Folksam, Stockholm Exergi, JM, Lantmännen, Löfbergs, McDonald's, Nouryon, HKScan Sweden, Preem, Siemens, Stena Recycling and Sveaskog.</p>

	<p>The Climate Leadership Coalition (CLC) is a Finnish network of business and research organisations with over 50 members, which develops business-led solutions for climate change. It includes Aalto University, ABB, Åbo Akademi University, Ålandsbanken, Atea, Castrén &amp; Snellman, Caverion, City of Espoo, City of Pori, City of Porvoo, City of Tampere, City of Turku, Demos Helsinki, Ensto, Fazer, Finance Finland, Finnair, Finnish Energy, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, Fortum, Gaia, Gasum, Helen, IBM, Ilmarinen, Kojamo, KONE, Korkia, Lappeenranta University of Technology, Lassila &amp; Tikanoja, Micropolis, Neste, Nokia, Nordea, OP, Outotec, Porvoo Energia, Pöyry, Sanoma, SEB, SOK, St1, Stora Enso, SYKE, Technology Industries of Finland, Telia Finland, The University of Helsinki, Turku, Energia, Uponor, Vaisala, Varma, VR Group, VTT, Wärtsilä, YIT.</p>
<p><b>Renewable energy and energy efficiency associations</b></p>	<p><b>Solar Heat Europe</b> is the voice of the solar heat industry, with around 50 members in Europe.</p> <p><b>European Heat Pump Association (EHPA)</b> represents the majority of the European heat pump industry.</p> <p><b>Euroheat&amp;Power</b> is the international network for district energy, promoting sustainable heating and cooling in Europe and beyond.</p> <p><b>EuroACE</b> – European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings brings together Europe’s leading companies involved with the manufacture, distribution and installation of a variety of energy saving goods and services.</p> <p><b>eceee - European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy</b>, is Europe’s largest and oldest NGO dedicated to energy efficiency.</p> <p><b>European Industrial Insulation Foundation (EiiF)</b> is a non-profit foundation to promote and establish the use of industrial insulation as a widely understood and accepted means of achieving sustainability.</p> <p><b>smartEn</b> is the European business association for digital and decentralised energy solutions focusing on the interaction of demand and supply.</p> <p><b>European Association of Electrical Contractors</b> is the voice of electrical contractors in Europe, representing 1.2 million jobs, 125.500 companies and 137 billion Euro turnover.</p>
<p><b>Trade Unions</b></p>	
	<p>The <b>European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</b> is the voice of workers and represents 45 million members from 90 trade union organisations in 38 European countries, plus 10 European Trade Union Federations.</p>
<p><b>Youth groups</b></p>	
	<p><b>Youth for Climate Belgium</b> is part of an international movement of school students who are deciding not to attend classes and instead take part in demonstrations to demand action to prevent climate change.</p>

	<p><b>Fridays for Future Hungary</b> is part of an international movement of school students who are deciding not to attend classes and instead take part in demonstrations to demand action to prevent climate change.</p>
	<p><b>The Green Student Movement Denmark</b> was started by students to create a new broad student movement that fights for placing climate on top of the political agenda in Denmark.</p>
	<p><b>The International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth (MIJARC) Europe</b> is a European coordination network for rural and Christian youth organisations representing over 130.000 young people from rural areas in 13 European countries.</p>
	<p><b>The International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Movements (FIMCAP)</b> brings together 30 youth organizations from 27 countries, representing over 100.000 members in Europe.</p>
	<p><b>The UK Youth Climate Coalition (UKYCC)</b> is a non-profit youth organisation in the United Kingdom, which aims to mobilise and empower young people to take positive action for global climate justice.</p>
	<p><b>CliMates</b> is an international youth-led think-and-do tank on climate change gathering together volunteers, both students and young professionals in over 30 countries.</p>
	<p><b>Youth for Climate Switzerland</b> aims to engage in a targeted national and global climate policy and raise awareness among young people about the climate issues.</p>
	<p><b>PUSH Sweden</b> consists of a collection of young people who have a common set of values about a long-term sustainable world.</p>
	<p><b>KjG (Katholische junge Gemeinde)</b> is a German Catholic youth organisation that brings together children, youth and young adults, promoting issues such as gender diversity, sustainability and a reduction of the voting age.</p>
<p><b>Faith groups</b></p>	
	<p><b>CIDSE</b> ("Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité") is an umbrella organization for Catholic development agencies from Europe and North America, with 18</p>



member organisations working in nearly 120 countries worldwide, including for example CAFOD and MISEREOR.



**Islamic Relief** is an independent humanitarian and development organisation, with an active presence in over 40 countries across the globe. They strive to make the world a better and fairer place for the three billion people still living in poverty.



**ACT Alliance** is a global alliance of more than 145 churches and related organisations working together in over 120 countries to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalized people. It includes for example Christian Aid, Bread for the World, Danish and Norwegian Church Aid.

## Non-governmental organisations

### Climate NGOs

**Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe** is Europe's leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change, with over 160 member organisations from 35 European countries.

A list of CAN Europe members supporting the Climate Action

Call: "RT-ON" - Fundacja "Rozwój TAK - Odkrywki NIE" / "DY-OPMN" - Foundation "Development YES – Open-Pit Mines NO", 11.11.11 - Koepel van de Vlaamse, 2Celsius, 92-Gruppen / Danish 92-Group, AirClim, Alliance Sud, ALLIANZ KLIMAGERECHTIGKEIT, An Taisce Climate Committee, ASTM - Action Solidarité Tiers Monde, BBL - Bond Beter Leefmilieu, Both ENDS, Campaign against Climate, CARE Denmark, Center for Ecology and Energy, Center for Environment, Centre for Transport and Energy, Clean Air Action Group, ClientEarth, Climate Alliance Austria, Climate Analytics, CMW - Carbon Market Watch, CNCD-11.11.11, Compassion in World Farming, Concerned Citizens against Climate Change, Danish Ecological Council, Danish Family Planning Association, Darnaus Vystymo Iniciatyvos, DF - Utviklingsfondet / The Development Fund, DNR - Deutscher Naturschutzring, DOOR, E3G, ECODES, Ecolise, Ecologic Institute, Ecologists in Action, ECOTEAM, Eco-Union, Energy Watch Group, Environmental Investigation Agency, Environmental Justice Foundation, Estonian Fund for Nature, FERN, FINGO, Finnish Association for Nature Conservation, Finnish Nature League, FOCUS, ForUM, Forests of the World, Fundación Renovables, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development, Germanwatch, Glopolis, Go Green, Green Liberty, HIVOS, Iceland Nature Conservation Association, IEEP, IIDMA, InfluenceMap, INFORSE-Europe, Institute for Sustainable Development, Inter-Environment Wallonie, Italian Climate Network, Jedan stepen Srbija, KADOS, Klima-Allianz Deutschland, Legambiente, LIFE, MADE - Muslim Action for Development & Environment, MEDSOS -MEDITERRANEAN SOS Network, Misereor, NABU - Naturschutzbund Deutschland / Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union, Nature Conservation Center, Nature Trust Malta, Natuur & Milieu, Noé21 -New Economic Orientation for the 21st Century, OEKO -

	<p>Oeko-Institut e.V., OroVerde – Tropical Forest Foundation, Oxfam International - European Union Office, Practical Action, ProVeg Germany, Quercus - National Association for Nature Conservation, RAC-RO - Rețelei de Acțiune pentru Climă România / CAN Romania, RAC-F - Réseau Action Climat France / CAN France, Rainforest Foundation Norway, RESULTS UK, RSPB - Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Sandbag, Save the Children Norway, Seas at Risk, SEE Change Net, SEO - Sociedad Española de Ornitología / BirdLife Spain, SSNC- Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, Stop Climate Chaos Ireland, Tearfund, TEMA Foundation, Transparency International, Track 0, Trócaire, VERTIC - Verification Research, Training and Information Centre, World Animal Protection, WECF - Women Engage for a Common Future, Welthungerhilfe / German World Hunger Aid, World Future Council, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, Zaļā brīvība / Green Liberty, ZERO.</p>
<b>Human rights groups</b>	<p><b>Amnesty International</b> is a global movement of more than 7 million people in over 150 countries and territories who campaign to end abuses of human rights.</p> <p><b>Global Witness</b> is an international NGO that works to break the links between natural resource exploitation, conflict, poverty, corruption, and human rights abuses worldwide.</p>
<b>Public mobilisation groups</b>	<p><b>Wemove.eu</b> is a citizens' movement, campaigning for a better Europe.</p> <p><b>350.org</b> is an international movement of ordinary people working to end the age of fossil fuels and build a world of community-led renewable energy for all.</p>
<b>Climate litigation groups</b>	<p><b>People's Climate Case</b> - 10 families from the EU and beyond, and the Saami Youth Association taking the EU institutions to court to demand climate action.</p> <p><b>Notre Affaire à Tous</b> is one of the initiators of the French climate case ( L'Affaire du Siècle) challenging climate policies of France.</p> <p><b>Klimaatzaak</b> is the Belgian Climate Case initiated in 2014 to challenge the Belgian government's climate target.</p>
<b>Sports community</b>	<p><b>Protect our Winters</b> is a winter sports community advocating for solutions to combat climate change</p>
<b>Health groups</b>	<p><b>The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)</b> is the leading European not-for-profit organisation addressing how the natural and built environments affect health in the European Union (EU).</p> <p><b>Health Care Without Harm (HCWH)</b> is an international nongovernmental organization (NGO) that works to transform health care worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint.</p> <p><b>Food and Water Europe</b> champions healthy food and clean water for all.</p> <p><b>Cittadini per l'aria ONLUS</b> are Italian citizens who have chosen to work to defend the right to breathe clean air.</p>
<b>Others</b>	

**Scientists:** Jean-Pascal van Yperle (Former IPCC Vice-chair), Smart Energy Transition Project from Aalto University, Finnish Environment Institute.

**Mayor:** Mohamed Ridouani , Mayor of Leuven

**Faith leader:** Bishop Jean-Claude Hollerich, Archbishop of Luxembourg

**Individual businesses:** the Otto Group, Joule Assets Europe, KRA Renewables.

**NGOs:** Naturefriends International, Gruppo Italiano Amici della Natura, Vogelbescherming Nederland (Birdlife Netherlands), CDP, Environmental Monitoring Group, The Centre for Sustainable Development (CENESTA), Bugday Association, Cittadini per l'aria ONLUS, Viração&Jangada, Earth Day Italia, ENV.net, Association La Route du Sel et de l'Espoir, Asociatia Grupurilor Locale de Tineret, Bellona, Transport & Environment

**Public mobilisation groups:** Rise for Climate Belgium; ilmastoveivi2019.