

INVITATION Conference

An EU Budget to address the Climate Emergency: How to fund a Green New Deal for Europe

Date Tuesday, 15 October 2019
Time 09:00 – 13:00
Venue Science 14, Rue de la Science 14, 1000 Brussels

The conference explores how the EU Budget can be used to address the climate emergency and respond to public concerns following scientists' demands for climate action – most recently expressed in the 'green wave' at the EU elections.

The next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) is still being negotiated and some key decisions that will affect how EU funds drive climate change mitigation are still open. Furthermore, the implementation of the EU budget – via national and regional strategies, plans, programmes and projects – will be a key tool for shaping our climate future. This conference brings together :

- A political debate on how the future EU budget should respond to the climate crisis;
- A session exploring lessons from past EU spending and governance, as well as identifying future needs;
- A Stakeholder panel debate on what actions can be launched, what windows of opportunity remain, and how the European Institutions and civil society can work together to respond to the climate crisis.

Agenda

9:00 - 9:15 - Welcome remarks

- Chair: Patrick ten Brink, EU Policy Director, EEB
- Radostina Primova (Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung , Brussels, European Union)
- EUKI (tbc)

09:15 - 09:50 - Session 1

The Climate Emergency: The world has woken up - The Political Response

- How do we turn EU funds into climate action as part of a Green New Deal for Europe?, by Thomas Pickartz (Council representative, DE) & Tinne Van der Straeten (Groen representative, Belgian Parliament)
- Q&A

09:50 - 10:45 - Session 2

What lessons can we learn from the previous MFF and how do we move forward?

- Vision: MFF and the Green New Deal, by Patrick ten Brink (EEB)
- Climate action through EU Funding, by Phil Wynn Owen (European Court of Auditors)
- Sound and consistent Climate Proofing of the MFF 2021–2027, by Moritz Schaefer & Yannick Monschauer (NAVIGANT)
- An EU Budget to address the Climate Emergency: Lessons from the Past and Ways Forward, by Andras Lukacs (Clean Air Action Group HU) / Matthias Runkel (Green Budget Germany DE)

10.45 - 11:15 - Coffee Break

11:15 - 13:00 - Session 3

Stakeholder Panel Debate

- What climate actions need to be launched and what are the windows of opportunity?
- How can the European Parliament, the Commission, Member States and Civil Society work together to ensure a Paris Compatible Budget?
- Q&A

Panelists:

- Civil Society: Markus Trilling (CAN Europe), Orsolya Domaniczky (CEE Web)
- European Commission: Bernhard Windisch, DG Budget
- National Parliaments: Tinne Van der Straeten (Groen representative, Belgian Parliament)
- Member State: Thomas Pickartz (DE)

13:00 – 14:00 - Lunch

Working language: English

We hope you will be able to join us and kindly ask you to register before 10 October via this [link](#).

We look forward to welcoming you!

For further questions, please refer to

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