

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

Preliminary Conference Agenda

Science 14: Rue de la Science 14, Brussels, 15 October 2019

This conference will explore 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.

9:00 - Welcome remarks and aim of the day		Chair: Patrick ten Brink, EU Policy Director, EEB Radostina Primova (Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung)
Session 1: The Climate Emergency: The world has woken up - The Political Response		
9:15 to 9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we turn EU funds into climate action as part of a Green New Deal for Europe? • Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thomas Pickartz (Council representative, DE) - Tinne Van der Straeten (Groen representative, Belgian Parliament)
Session 2: What lessons can we learn from the previous MFF and how do we move forward?		
9:50 to 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision: MFF and the Green New Deal - Patrick ten Brink (EEB) • Climate action through EU Funding – Phil Wynn Owen (European Court of Auditors) • Sound and consistent Climate Proofing of the MFF 2021–2027 – Moritz Schaefer / Yannick Monschauer (NAVIGANT) • An EU Budget to address the Climate Emergency: Lessons from the Past and Ways Forward - Andras Lukacs (Clean Air Action Group HU) / Matthias Runkel (Green Budget Germany DE) 	
10.45 - Coffee Break		
Session 3 : Stakeholder Panel Debate		
11:15 to 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil Society: Markus Trilling (CAN Europe), Orsolya Domaniczky (CEE Web) - European Commission: Bernhard Windisch, (DGBudget) - Member State: Thomas Pickartz (DE)
13:00 – Lunch (provided)		

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Civil Society Capacity Building Session Agenda

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This capacity building workshop builds on the morning conference and aims to bring together civil society organisations from different EU Member States to gather feedback and recommendations on the topic. The aim of the afternoon session is to:

- Discuss jointly advocacy strategies that could ensure that future funding goes where money is needed to address climate change,
- Examine in depth climate and sustainability proofing tools, as well as the role of CSOs in the “programming” stage.
- Explore what kind of communications strategies could bring forward CSO’s messages and enhance the impact

14:00 - Welcome and aim of the day Chair: Patrick ten Brink, EU Policy Director, EEB		
- Welcome remarks: Radostina Primova (Head of International Climate Policy Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Brussels)		
Session 4 - Capacity Building Session		
14:05 to 15:30	<p>Future funding needs: how should the different funds be allocated and channeled, what governance do we need and how to enhance the rule of law</p> <p>Climate/Sustainability proofing tools</p> <p><i>Kick off presentations (short) and Q&A and mobilization exercises</i></p>	<p>Patrick ten Brink / Jonathan Bonadio (EEB)</p> <p>Markus Trilling (CAN Europe)</p> <p>Moritz Schaefer / Yannick Monschauer (NAVIGANT)</p> <p>Orsolya Domaniczky (CEE Web)</p>
15.30 - Coffee Break		
16:00 to 17:15	<p>CSO in national programming</p> <p>a) What needs to be funded for a climate compatible future?</p> <p>b) What are the processes and tools?</p> <p>c) Where can NGOs engage and how?</p>	<p>Kickoff: CSOs in Programming – Patrick ten Brink</p> <p>- First Roundtable of the public</p> <p>András Lukács (CAAG) / Matthias Runkel (GBG)</p> <p>- Second roundtable: Cohesion Policy</p> <p>Patrick ten Brink (EEB) - CAP Strategic Planning</p> <p>- Third roundtable: CAP</p> <p>Wider discussion: Programming and CSO engagement</p>
17:15 to 17:30	Wrap up and Next Steps	Patrick ten Brink, EU Policy Director, EEB