

Ms Ursula von der Leyen  
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European Commission  
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Dear President-elect von der Leyen,

**Re: Sharing The European Pact for the Future to support your Political Guidelines and the EP plenary vote on your second term as Commission President**

Congratulations for having been nominated by Heads of State for a second term as President of the European Commission; we wish you all the best for the vote in the European Parliament during the first Plenary in Strasbourg. To obtain a broad support from pro-European Parties, to respond to the Strategic Agenda that recognises the triple climate-nature-pollution crisis, to build on the range of successes of your European Green Deal, and to ensure all of society and progressive business can engage in and benefit from the needed socio-ecological-economic transformation, **we urge you to commit to a European Pact for the Future – a green and social deal for a one-planet economy - as one of your top priorities.**

I am therefore sharing with you our vision, the [European Pact for the Future](#). This new set of priorities creates an agenda of hope and reconnects people to the European Project. It also provides an enabling environment for progressive business in Europe. We have developed this vision in dialogue with social partners, youth, think tanks and progressive business in Europe, and with the support of the German, Austrian and Belgian Ministries of Environment. **The Pact has already been signed by over 200 organisations** including businesses and vast civil society networks also from the social sector and numbers are growing fast. Our key asks include:

**Embrace the vision of living well within planetary boundaries**

1. Have the European Pact for the Future - *a green and social deal for a one planet economy* - guide the next legislative cycle

**Chart an Ecological Transformation**

2. Fully address the linked triple planetary climate, biodiversity and pollution crises.
3. Reduce resource use, seize Circular Economy opportunities and shift to a Wellbeing Economy.

**Fast-track towards a one-planet Economy**

4. Support sectors in becoming resilient & competitive on sustainability.
5. Drive system change through investments, fair taxation and distribution.
6. Make the safe and sustainable choice the easy choice for people and business.

**Promote a Just Transition**

7. Develop a new social contract to leave no-one behind.
8. Strengthen environmental democracy & give a voice to youth and others too often forgotten.

**Show Solidarity & Embrace Responsibilities**

9. Support and manifest solidarity across an enlarging EU.
10. Commit to global justice and drive partnerships to face common challenges.

**Implement our commitments**

11. Implement & enforce EU legislation to protect the rule of law and our health.
12. Strengthen EU governance and trust in the European Project

Our choices, your choice today will shape the course of history. Your new political mandate can create a beacon of hope that unlocks the potential for all citizens, communities, and sustainable businesses to lead a just transition towards a future where people thrive within the boundaries of our one healthy planet. We thank you for your achievements in your first mandate, hope that The European Pact for the Future offers helpful ideas for your programme, and we look forward to supporting you in developing a liveable future for youth and next generations, and to help Europe move from an atmosphere of fear to an agenda of hope.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick ten Brink, Secretary General, EEB (representing over 30 million people in Europe)  
cc: College of Commissioners; Heads of EP Political Parties, EU-27 Environment Ministers

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