



Conference programme

Ensuring a resilient future for the European Green Deal



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Wednesday 27 March 2024

- 09:30 **Start of the conference – Registration**
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and opening remarks**
- Eero Yrjö-Koskinen** - Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- 10:15 – 11:00 **The Belgian Presidency of the Council and The European Green Deal**
- Keynote speech by **Alain Maron** - Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Participatory Democracy
 - Video-message by **Virginijus Sinkevičius** - European Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
- Presentation of preliminary results of the [EGD Barometer 2024](#) by **Antoine Oger** - Research Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- 11:00 – 12:30 **High-level panel - How can we ensure the resilience of the European Green Deal's objectives towards the 2024 elections and beyond?**
- Moderated by: **Alice Hancock** - EU correspondent, Financial Times
- Speakers:
- **Alain Maron** - Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Participatory Democracy
 - **Saskia Bricmont** - Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA)
 - **Veronika Hunt Šafránková** - Head of UNEP Brussels Office
 - **Janez Potočnik** - Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel
 - **Leena Ylä-Mononen** - Executive Director of the European Environment Agency
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Networking lunch**

13:30 – 15:00

Parallel Science4Policy sessions

Making adaptation and resilience a priority in nature restoration plans

Moderated by **Evelyn Underwood** – Head of Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Speakers:

- **Luc Bas** – Director, Belgium Climate and Environment Risk Assessment Center (CERAC)
- **Elena Višnar Malinovská**, Head of Unit at Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change, DG Clima, European Commission
- **Sabien Leemans** – Senior Biodiversity Policy Officer, WWF European Policy Office
- **Adeline Rochet** – Programme Manager – Corporate Leaders Group Europe, CLG – University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership
- **Barbora Chmelová** – Research Fellow at AMO, Member of [Think Sustainable Europe network](#) in Czech Republic – Environmental Policy Officer (EU Biodiversity) at the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Reaching climate neutrality in agri-food – identifying the right policy mix

Moderated by **Harriet Bradley** – Head of Programme CAP&Food, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Presentation by **Julia Bognar** – Head of Programme Climate & Land Use, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Speakers:

- **Aaron Scheid** – Fellow at Ecologic Institute, member of [Think Sustainable Europe network](#) in Germany
- **Valeria Forlin** – Policy Officer at DG CLIMA, European Commission
- **Marion Picot** – Secretary General at European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)
- **Megan Waters** – Senior Policy Advisor, FAIRR
- **Marco Contiero** – EU Policy Director on Agriculture, Greenpeace

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00

Parallel Science4Policy sessions

Just transition: aligning climate and environmental action with social equity and well-being – with ZOE Institute

Moderated by **Chiara Antonelli** – Head of Programme Climate and Circular Economy, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Introduction: **Elizabeth Dirth** - Managing Director, ZOE Institute

Speakers:

- **Maria Nikolopoulou** - Vice-President NAT section, European Economic & Social Committee
- **Ella Huys** - Climate Policy Expert at Federal Climate Change Department, Belgian Presidency
- **Mikael Leyi** - Secretary General, SOLIDAR
- **Sébastien Treyer** - Executive Director IDDRI, member of [Think Sustainable Europe network](#) in France
- **Michal Len** - EU representative, Clean Air Fund

Towards an EU resource management law: how to tackle excessive use and consumption of materials

Moderated by **Antoine Oger** - Research Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Introduction: **Emma Watkins** - Senior analyst, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Speakers:

- **Lasse Miettinen** - Director of Sustainability Solutions at the Finnish Innovation Fund (SITRA)
- **Janez Potočnik** - Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel
- **Bram Soenen** - Senior expert product policy, Belgian Presidency
- **Nazaré Couto** - CENSE, member of [Think Sustainable Europe network](#) in Portugal
- **Joe Papineschi** - Chairperson, Eunomia

17:10 – 18:10

Conclusive Panel – Recommendations for ensuring the resilience of the European Green Deal

Moderated by **Ben Reynolds** - Executive Director of the Institute of European Environmental Policy UK (IEEP UK)

Speakers:

- **Ester Asin** - Director, WWF European Policy Office
- **María José Sanz** - Scientific Director, Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3), member of [Think Sustainable Europe network](#) in Spain
- **Etienne Hannon** - Science & Policy Manager, Belgium Climate Center
- **Patrick Anthony Child**, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENVI)
- **Chiara Martinelli** - Director, Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe

18:10 – 18:15

Closing of the conference

- **Antoine Oger** – Research Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

18:15 – 19:30

Networking cocktail

About Think2030

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