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European Commission, Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels
(and online)

Information

Welcome to the European Climate Pact Annual Event 2025: Together in Action!

The Together In Action event brings together climate activists, policymakers, and organisations to exchange ideas, explore innovative approaches, and strengthen societal action. It's a space for collaboration, inspiration, and meaningful discussions that help drive the transition to a climate-neutral and resilient Europe.

The European Climate Pact is about people coming together to take climate action, share knowledge, and drive meaningful change in their communities. As part of the European Green Deal, and supported by the European Commission (DG CLIMA), the Pact plays a key role in the EU's mission to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

Expect livestreamed plenaries, interactive workshops and exhibitions where you can discover innovative initiatives, connect with others, and explore new ways to take climate action.

So, get ready to join the conversation, get inspired, and be part of the movement shaping our shared future!

Please note: Some parts of this event will be photographed, live streamed, and/or recorded. Photos and videos may be used for internal documentation, public communication, or educational purposes. By attending, you agree that you may appear in these photos or videos, and you will not receive any payment for their use.

Join from anywhere

This event is hybrid, meaning you can take part either in Brussels or online. No matter where you are, you'll have access to discussions, workshops, and interactive sessions. Links to specific sessions are provided below.

Spot the Climate Pact

Ambassadors and Partners!

To help you connect with the right people, members of our community have green coloured lanyards.

- Ambassadors will wear a Climate Pact pin
- Partners will have a red sticker on their badge

Learn from

sessions led by the community

Our Climate Pact community of Ambassadors and Partners will be leading inspiring sessions in the morning, sharing real-life stories and practical solutions to tackle climate change.

Explore the Climate Action Village

The Climate Action Village will be open all day, showcasing EU initiatives and innovative projects from the Climate Pact community.



Gain insights from the

Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth



In the afternoon, **Wopke Hoekstra, European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth**, will talk about the EU's latest climate initiatives.

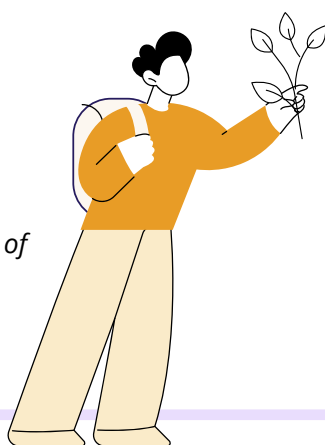
As Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, Wopke Hoekstra's task is to ensure that the EU delivers on its climate commitments in a way that is fair, enables economic growth, and supports industry. He is also tasked with strengthening our climate diplomacy through working with partners across the world.

Discover the green

side of the European quarter

Join a guided **Climate Walk** through the heart of Brussel's European quarter and explore how key institutions are shaping the path toward sustainability. Learn how the European Commission, the European Council, and the Council of the EU are tackling climate challenges, cutting emissions and driving the transition to a greener future, while also discussing the challenges ahead.

Important: *The walk is weather-dependent and will be cancelled in case of very bad weather.*



Date and time: 19 March, 11:30 – 13:00
(meet at 11:15 for registration)

Meeting point: Charlemagne building, ground floor (near the registration desk, look for the Climate Pact beach flag)

Duration: 1.5 hours

Capacity: First-come, first-served
(max. 15-20 participants)

Registration: No pre-registration required – just sign up at the meeting point. Participants will be asked to provide their name, email, and Climate Pact engagement (Ambassador or Partner).

Experience the photo exhibition:

Capture your climate action!

We're showcasing the 10 winning entries from the **Climate Pact Photo Competition**. These powerful images tell the story of people across Europe taking climate action in their homes, communities, and cities. You'll find exhibitions both indoors and on the public esplanade in front of the Berlaymont building. The indoor exhibition will be open during the event, while the outdoor exhibition will run from 18 March to 14 April 2025 – so take some time to explore and get inspired!

You can find more details on the photo exhibitions in **4. Venue and Logistics**.

Spread the word

Help amplify climate action by sharing your key takeaways, inspiring moments, and behind-the-scenes highlights from the event on social media. Show how citizens like you are driving change and contributing to the EU Green Deal objectives.

To make your posts even more engaging, use the **Communications Toolkit** on the EU Climate Pact website for visual tools and templates.

When posting, don't forget to use the official hashtags **#EUClimatePact** and **#MyWorldOurPlanet**, and tag the DG CLIMA social media channels:

Facebook: [@EUClimateAction](#)

Instagram: [@ourplanet_eu](#)

LinkedIn: [EU Environment and Climate](#)

X (Twitter): [@EUClimateAction](#)

Join the AWorld Challenge

Keep the momentum going beyond the event! **Join the Climate Pact team on AWorld** and take real action to reduce your carbon footprint. Track actions like walking and cycling, reducing food waste, insulating your home, and raising climate awareness. Log your efforts, earn sustainable rewards, and make an impact.

Download the AWorld app and start recording your actions today!

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Charlemagne Building



All day:

Climate Action Village (08:30 – 16:30): Explore the Climate Action Village, showcasing impactful EU initiatives and innovative projects from the Climate Pact community.

Climate Pact photo exhibition: We're showcasing the 10 winning entries from the Climate Pact Photo Competition. These powerful images tell the story of people across Europe taking climate action in their homes, communities, and cities. The photo exhibition can be found inside the venue and on the public esplanade in front of the Berlaymont building.

Slido QR code

Join at Slido.com #ClimatePact



Morning:

8:30 - 9:30

Registration and welcome coffee

Room: Registration in entrance lobby (ground floor) followed by coffee in DE GASPERI Foyer (2nd floor)

9:30 - 11:00

Breakout sessions organised by the Pact community – round 1


Seats are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis


Mobilising communities for climate adaptation: From engagement to impact

Room: DE GASPERI (2nd floor)

Livestream: [DE GASPERI livestream link](#)

Climate change is already impacting our lives. **How can we, as individuals and communities, take action?** Find out how global frameworks can inspire practical action to improve our communities' preparedness to climate change.





Speakers: [Elena López Gunn](#) (Spain) , [Joanna Makocka](#), [Ioannis Arampatzidi](#), [Marco Dettori](#), [Evridiki Pavlidi](#), [Diana Bosfy](#) (FEDARENE, Belgium) 


Moderator: [Nadège Seguel](#) (FEDARENE, Belgium) 

Youth and children leading climate action: Education for a sustainable future

Room: JENKINS (ground floor)

Young people are driving change for sustainability in schools, communities, and beyond. **How can we empower children and youth to become climate action leaders?** This session explores effective strategies to position the next generation at the forefront of the fight for a sustainable future.

Speakers: [Linda Zuze](#) (Green Liberty, Latvia) , [Marcial Diaz Mejia](#) (Climate Fresk, France) , [Marjolein Weidema](#) (Save the Children, Belgium) , [Eva Iliadi Vagena](#) (We4All, Greece) 

Moderators: [Josje Beukema](#) (Save the Children, Belgium) 








Breaking down barriers: Fostering inclusive climate action

Room: MANSHOLT (ground floor)

Livestream: [MANSHOLT livestream link](#)

Online group: [Group link](#)

This session showcases the challenges faced by some of the marginalised groups in climate action and **explores solutions, best practices, and action-driven tools to promote greater inclusion.**

Speakers: [Erica Villa](#) (DVRI, Italy) , [Alexandre Mabilie](#) (Belgium) , [Lorita Constantinescu](#) (Ateliere Fara Frontiere, Romania) , [David Sanchez Ramos](#) (Spain) , [Natéo Carnot](#) (Belgium) , [Maria de la Fuente Ruiz](#) (Belgium) , [Agita Kaupuza](#) (Belgium) 


Moderators: [Gabrielle Franck](#) (Belgium) , [Frouke Wiarda](#) (Air ASCA Society, Belgium) 


From fear to action: Overcoming eco-anxiety

Room: AQUARIUM (2nd floor)

Workshop, limited capacity

When eco-anxiety hits, a lack of action often follows. This workshop explores its effects and provides practical ways **to build resilience and keep engaging in climate action.**

Speakers: [Matteo Innocenti](#) (Italy) , [Marc Esteve del Valle](#) (Netherlands) , Bram Kroezen, Klara Matusiewicz

Moderator: [Roberta Bosu](#) (Netherlands) 

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

Room: DE GASPERI Foyer (2nd floor) and JENKINS/MANSHOLT Foyer (ground floor)

11:30 - 13:00

Breakout sessions organised by the Pact community – round 2

Seats are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis

Harnessing the power of citizen science for climate action


Room: MANSHOLT (ground floor)

Livestream: [MANSHOLT livestream link](#)

Online group: [Group link](#)

Citizen science is a powerful tool for engaging the public in climate change and bridging the science-action gap. **This session explores key principles of citizen science and highlights initiatives that foster effective collaboration for climate solutions.**

Speakers: [Stephanos Cherouvis](#) (Ecsite, Belgium) , [Martin Brocklehurst](#) (AURORA, Spain) , [Nikita Sharma](#) (ECSA, Germany) , [Ourania Konstanti](#) (Greece) , Prof. Jacqueline McGlade, Dr. Russanne Low

Moderator: [Anna Verones](#) (ECSA, Germany) 

Youth entrepreneurship: Building a sustainable future

Room: JENKINS (ground floor)

Livestream: [JENKINS livestream link](#)

Online group: [Group link](#)

Dive into the role of youth entrepreneurship in tackling climate challenges. Learn about opportunities, barriers and policies that shape the green transition, and learn from innovative solutions created by young changemakers.

Speakers: [Marina Gavrilaki](#) (Greece) 🇬🇷, [Petya Zasheva](#) (Austria) 🇦🇹, [Rembrandt Zegers](#) (Netherlands) 🇳🇱, [Theognosia Petrou](#), [Md Alif Al Montasir Jim](#)

Moderator: [Barasa Daniel](#) (Cyprus) 🇨🇵

Master of Ceremonies: [Jennifer Feschuk](#) (Luxembourg) 🇱🇺

AI for climate action: How to enhance citizen engagement

Room: DE GASPERI (2nd floor)

Livestream: [DE GASPERI livestream link](#)

Artificial intelligence (AI), new technologies and open data are helping to increase citizen climate engagement. This session **presents and explores how AI tools can support and amplify efforts to tackle climate change.**

Speakers: [Frida Berry Eklund](#) (Sweden) 🇸🇪, [Ingmar Rentzhog](#) ([We Don't Have Time](#), Sweden) 🇸🇪, [Melanie Stütz](#) (Germany) 🇩🇪, [Marco Miozzo](#) (Spain) 🇪🇸

Moderator: [Catarina Rolfsdotter-Jansson](#) (Sweden) 🇸🇪

Drawing solutions: Art and comics for climate action

Room: AQUARIUM (2nd floor) Workshop, limited capacity

Art and comics are powerful tools to inspire and mobilise citizens around climate action and adaptation. **Join this workshop to explore how visual narratives can mobilise citizens and co-create a comic that illustrates climate action.**

Speakers: [Tiziana Tamborrini](#) (Luxembourg) 🇱🇺, [Lucia Bastarolo](#) (Luxembourg) 🇱🇺, [Alvaro Pons](#), [Julia Cejas](#)

Moderator: [Jose Segarra Murria](#) (Spain) 🇪🇸

13:00 – 14:00**Networking lunch**

Room: DE GASPERI Foyer (2nd floor) and JENKINS/MANSHOLT Foyer (ground floor)

We've teamed up with the LIFE project [Smart Chefs](#) to highlight the carbon footprint of our meals. All options on the menu are vegetarian or vegan, local and in season.

Got time to spare? Visit the Matchmaking Corner at the Climate Pact Stand to connect with fellow Ambassadors and Partners and share ideas.

Afternoon:

Room: DE GASPERI (2nd floor)

Livestream: [DE GASPERI livestream link](#)




All afternoon sessions are available to stream.

If maximum capacity is reached, additional listening rooms may be arranged.

14:00 – 14:10**Opening remarks**

Master of Ceremonies: Jahkini Bisselink

14:10 – 14:40**Conversation with Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra**

A dialogue with the European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, Wopke Hoekstra, featuring insights from [Sara Segantin](#) , writer, science journalist, and Climate Pact Ambassador from Italy, and [Sasha Bezuhanova](#) , founder and chairperson of [MOVE.BG](#) , and Climate Pact Ambassador from Bulgaria.



14:40 – 15:00**Live music performance**

Performers: Berne ([Deborah Borg Brincat](#) (Malta)  and Gianluca Pulvirenti)





[Berne](#) is a Maltese indie-electronic duo using music to spark conversations about the climate crisis.

15:00 – 16:00**Why wait for change? Accelerating an inclusive transition through innovation***Panel discussion*

The discussion will address the challenge of involving everyone in the transition, featuring diverse perspectives and examples of innovative approaches.

Speakers: Kurt Vandenberghe (Director-General for DG Climate Action, European Commission), [Mark Skljarov](#), CEO and Co-Founder of [WasteLocker](#), and Climate Pact Ambassador from Estonia , [Janneke de Vries](#), Head of Regional Office for the [World Resources Institute Europe](#), and Climate Pact Ambassador from the Netherlands , [Féris Barkat](#) (Co-founder, [Banlieues Climat](#)), [Olga Malinkiewicz](#) (Co-founder & Chief Technology Officer, [Saulé Technologies](#))

16:00 – 16:15**Closing remarks****16:15 – 16:30****Live music performance**

Performers: [Bartu Elci-Ozsoy](#) (France) , [Bruno Freysinnet](#) (France) , [Annika Bromberg](#) (Sweden) , [Frouke Wiarda](#) ([Air ASCA Society](#), Belgium) 





This immersive performance was co-created by the Pact community, and blends live music, storytelling, and visual art to explore the impact of food waste on climate change.

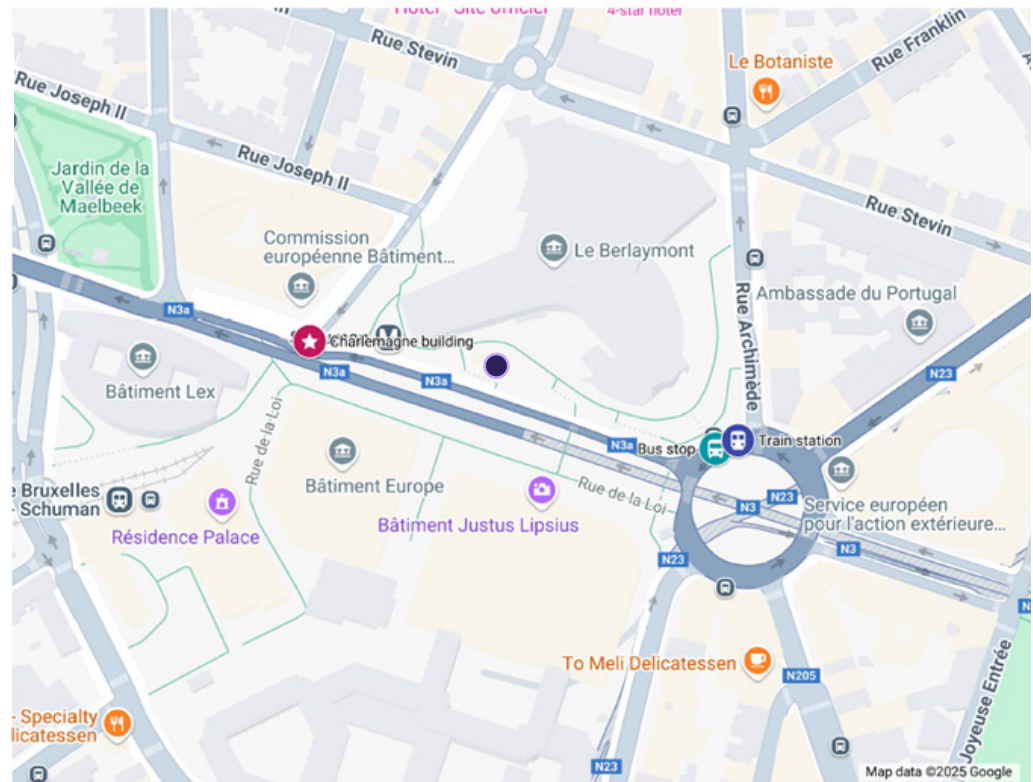
Venue and Logistics

Charlemagne Building and Climate Action Village



Getting here

-  Bus stop
-  Train station
-  Charlemagne building
-  Photo exhibition: Capture your climate action!



Arrival time:

To avoid delays, please plan to arrive at least **40 minutes** before the start of your first session. This will allow sufficient time for security checks and registration.

ID:

All attendees must undergo security screening upon arrival. Please have your official ID, registration confirmation and QR code ready for verification to ensure a smooth check-in process.

Bag restrictions:

To speed up entry, we recommend bringing only essential items and leaving your main luggage at your accommodation. Large bags and backpacks may undergo additional screening, and oversized luggage will not be permitted inside the venue.

Cloakroom:

A cloakroom area is available at the venue for your convenience. Please note that it is unsupervised, and the venue are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Prohibited items:

To ensure a safe environment, flammable substances, explosives, firearms, knives, scissors, glass bottles, laser pointers, and any other objects that may pose a safety risk are strictly prohibited. Security personnel reserve the right to inspect all bags and belongings and deny entry to individuals carrying restricted items.

Join online

System requirements:

Ensure you have a stable internet connection, a compatible web browser, and any necessary software updates. If you experience technical difficulties, refresh your browser, check your internet connection, or try a different device.

Engagement features:

Participate in Q&A sessions, polls, and discussions via the interactive chat.

Tips for a green event

- **Bring a reusable water bottle:** Refill stations are available throughout the venue to reduce single-use plastics.
- **Travel sustainably:** Choose public transport, cycling, or carpooling to lower carbon emissions and contribute to a greener event.
- **Enjoy a climate-friendly menu:** Our vegetarian and vegan dishes are made with locally sourced, sustainable ingredients. We've teamed up with the LIFE project [Smart Chefs](#) to highlight the carbon footprint of our menu – see how your food choices have an impact.
- **Let us know if you can't make it:** Please cancel your registration in advance so we can minimise wasted food and give others the chance to attend.
- **Go digital:** Instead of printing the event programme, save it on your smartphone for easy access anytime.
- **Return your lanyard:** When the event is over, hand your lanyard in at one of the collection points before you leave so it can be reused for future events and help to reduce waste.