

Think 2030: What way forward from the coronavirus pandemic?

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The Green Deal will soon turn a year old, but who could have imagined where Europe would find itself in less than 12 months? As the coronavirus pandemic continues to wreak havoc to our economic and social prosperity, many are tempted to pursue recovery at all costs and restore business as usual. This would be catastrophic – what we need instead is to listen to science.

That is why the [second Think2030 conference](#), taking place online on 16-17 November, will be focusing on exactly that. By fostering collaborations around 12 topics, our aim is to provide decision-makers with concrete and evidence-based policy recommendations for achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal while ensuring a sustainable – and just – transition from the current crisis.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest issue of IEEP's newsletter, which highlights some of our recent work on topics such as research & innovation, sustainable development, and resilience. We've also included links to the research coming out of our Think Sustainable Europe network, which I'm sure you'll find full of insightful ideas.

Oh, and by the way, this is the last time we're sending out a quarterly newsletter – I'm happy to announce that from now on, we'll keep you updated about our work on a monthly basis.

Céline Charveriat, Executive Director

From our blog



IEEP's response to the public consultation on the EU's carbon border adjustment mechanism

IEEP has submitted feedback to the European Commission's public consultation, calling for a circular economy-compatible carbon border adjustment mechanism with the aim of delivering the EU's climate objectives in a synergetic manner.



The 6 essentials for keeping the CAP's green ambition alive

The increased environmental and climate ambition of the future CAP is increasingly under threat as the European Parliament and AGRIFISH Council finalise their positions on the legal texts, write agricultural policy analysts from IEEP.



Ben Allen named co-rapporteur on the EU's Platform on Sustainable Finance

IEEP's Dr Ben Allen has been named co-rapporteur for the Technical Working Group of the EU's Platform on Sustainable Finance



ESAD: Multi-stakeholder platform on the future of EU agricultural R&I

To help shape the future of public agricultural research and innovation in the EU, IEEP has created a dialogue platform bringing together key stakeholders from diverse sectors and interest groups.



Global biodiversity conservation and COVID-19: Building back better with nature

A recent virtual seminar co-hosted by IEEP and the Mission of Canada to the EU discussed the future of biodiversity conservation in the COVID-19 context.



Five recommendations for achieving healthy soils by 2030 through Horizon Europe

The Horizon Europe mission on Soil Health and Food has set the ambitious target for 75% of soils in the EU to be healthy – within just 10 years. Here are five recommendations for achieving this.



Climate tracking in the EU budget needs a more robust system

A deal on the budget and recovery plan is welcome – but will it deliver the promised 30% for the climate? Senior Fellow Martin Nesbit draws some lessons from IEEP's new report for the European Parliament on climate mainstreaming.

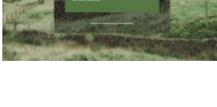
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Latest publications



Preliminary assessment of the AGRIFISH Council and European Parliament's positions on the future of CAP

A preliminary assessment by IEEP shows that EU Agriculture Ministers and the European Parliament have failed to address six essential areas for keeping the green ambition of the next Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) alive.



Ensuring agriculture delivers for biodiversity & ecosystems through the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy

This report provides input to the ongoing development of the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy with a particular focus on the biodiversity and ecosystem objective.



Transitioning towards cage-free farming in the EU: Assessment of environmental and socio-economic impacts

This report outlines the environmental and welfare challenges, opportunities, and potential consequences of ending the use of cages in the production of hens, pigs, and rabbits in the EU.



Aligning the post-2020 Common Agricultural Policy with the European Green Deal

This paper examines the role that the post-2020 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) can play in the transformation towards more sustainable and resilient agri-food systems in the EU.



Progress review on implementing the Agenda 2030: Briefing on the outcomes of the UN HLPF 2020

This briefing paper shows that not enough progress is being made on the SDGs to achieve the targets of Agenda 2030 by its deadline. To make matters worse, the Covid-19 pandemic threatens to reverse existing positive trends.



What constitutes a European green recovery?

This policy briefing provides a review of what think tanks and civil society are saying on the conditions for a green and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis

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Think Sustainable Europe



The idea generator behind the Think2030 coalition, [Think Sustainable Europe](#) is a coalition of sustainability think tanks, including IEEP, Ecologic Institute, IDDRI, SEI and TMG. The group's aim is to provide policymakers across the continent with sound, science-based analysis and recommendations.

Latest from TSE members



- Ecologic: [How to Recover from Corona without Recreating the Planet](#)
- IDDRI: [Reclaiming the place of agro-biodiversity in the conservation and food debate](#)
- SEI: [Just transition and the geopolitics of decarbonization in the EU](#)
- TMG: [Social Capital in the Food Sector: A Brief for True Cost Accounting Considerations](#)

Events



Harnessing the European Green Deal to Address the Climate Crisis: Anticipating Risks, Fostering Resilience

16-17 November | This year's Think2030 conference focuses on the European Green Deal and the related developments in EU policy and their potential contributions to addressing climate change in the COVID-19 context.

In the news



CAP will remain part of biodiversity's myriad of funding, despite past issues

Euractiv | The Common Agricultural Policy, voted on this week in the European Parliament and Council, will remain by far the biggest funding source for biodiversity protection schemes at EU level, despite criticisms it has encouraged intensive and damaging farming.



Moving to cage-free farming as part of sustainability transition can be win-win for environment and animals, finds new think tank report

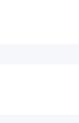
EU Reporter | Ending the caging of animals, as part of a transformative change in animal agriculture, could make farming more sustainable and could bring better rural jobs, finds a new report by a sustainability think tank working on EU policy.



Alien species brought by climate change complicate EU pesticide debate

Politico | Public opinion is shifting against agrichemicals just as increasingly exotic bugs appear in the EU

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