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# Closing loops: Towards an effective post-2020 science- policy-society interface in Europe

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# Closing loops: Towards an effective post-2020 science-policy-society interface in Europe

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“ Sustainable Development Goals are disruptive. They imply a radical departure from business as usual...likely to require new ways to approach the science-policy interface.”<sup>1</sup>

These conclusions from the 2016 UN’s Forum for Science, Technology and Innovation of the SDGs are important to bear in mind for Europe’s current policy context. What will be the scientific basis for Europe’s post-2020 strategy and budgetary choices? What evidence and analysis do we need to help develop an 8<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Plan that is genuinely aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

According to Kastrinos (2018), the key for the pursuit of sustainable development is “the reflexivity of the political process... reflexive governance combines democratic representation with processes of

learning and knowledge creation”<sup>2</sup>. Indeed, an effective science-policy interface should include horizon scanning and foresight, address short-term expertise needs, provide consolidated views from a range of science and analytical disciplines, identify policy-relevant knowledge gaps to inform EU and Member States’ research priorities, and communicate clearly and honestly to inform public debate on complex issues.<sup>3</sup>

To rise to the challenge posed by the SDGs - an integrated framework including economic, political, social and environmental objectives - science-policy interfaces must also be capable of embracing complexity, where facts can be “uncertain, values in dispute, stakes high and decisions urgent”.<sup>4</sup> This requires addressing dynamic, non-linear and uncertain interactions between objectives, taking into account dis-

ruptive forces and tipping points and building not only on applied science, but also evidence developed by practitioners directly involved in the implementation of policies. Moreover, this process must be able to accommodate divergent viewpoints from policy-makers who are driven more by beliefs than scientific evidence and by today’s interests to voters than by the interests of future generations. Harnessing new sources of information, such as big data, would be also essential.

There are less than 5,000 days left to 2030. Given the delay between the formulation of new European policies and the delivery of outcomes, identifying how quickly action must be taken is key, hence the need for back-casting exercises to inform immediate policy priorities.

Innovating to improve citizen involvement and engagement is also essential, for instance in the context of goals such as SDG12 (sustainable production and consumption), which can only be achieved through radical behavioural change. While the European public continues to

1 UNEP. 2017. Strengthening the science-policy interface. A Gap Analysis.

2 Nikos Kastrinos. 2018. Do statistics need foresight? Article published in Foresight.Vol.20 Issue 2, pp.137-149.

3 Nesshöver, C., Ten Brink, P., & Balian, E. 2014. Summary report and recommendations on Improving the Science-Policy Interface for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Europe (contract: Ref No 07-0307/2013/661961/SER/B2).

4 Funtowicz, S. and Ravetz, J., 1993. “Science for the post-normal age”, Futures, 31(7): 735-755.



have a high level of trust for science, there is growing discomfort about the perceived lack of independence of science, its potential dangers and the lack of communications from scientists to the public.<sup>5</sup> In Eurobarometer's 2015 survey of public opinion, citizens expressed concerns about the drawbacks from science and technological change, including "privacy and data security concerns, unemployment, growing technological dependency and deskilling, worsening of relationships, social exclusion, a sedentary lifestyle, and effects on the environment."<sup>6</sup>



**Figure 1: The Clustering of SDGs in the BOHEMIA study (2017)**

Unfortunately, the forthcoming European Commission reflection paper, "Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030, on the follow-up to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change", meant to set the strategic direction for Europe's implementation of SDGs, will not be based on a quantitative analysis of Europe's distance from meeting the SDGs. It will derive its political conclusions from a number of sources including recommendations from civil society, a qualitative foresight study conducted by the JRC and Eurostat's 2017 report on SDGs, which provides little information on distance from the targets. Trend analysis and foresight were conducted in preparation for the new research programme of the EU, Horizon Europe. However, these preparatory documents, including the Bohemia study (see Figure 1), are not part of the political debate and logically approach the SDGs through the lens of research and

innovation. Sophisticated modelling and foresight will of course be conducted in order to formulate a long-term climate action plan of the EU. While climate action is essential to achieve the SDGs, it is not the only planetary boundary we risk breaching. Failing to consider other challenges might have detrimental effects on achieving other SDGs, for instance SDG15 (life on land). There will surely be many interesting research projects pertaining to SDGs, but none that will provide consolidated views from science in order to inform policy-makers at the highest level.

Given the current landscape, what should the European Commission's reflection paper propose? It is hard to imagine that the Paris agreement could have happened without the works of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPCC was set up by the World Meteorological Organisation and UNEP, with high levels of political support from national governments and, among other sources, funding from the EU. Its task is to provide the world with an objective, scientific view of climate change and

its political and economic impacts. What sets the IPCC apart from other independent scientific bodies, is its dual nature of being also inter-governmental, which explains why IPCC reports are reviewed, modified and then formally adopted by member governments of the IPCC.

It might be time for Europe to build on this success and establish a similar multidisciplinary body, dedicated to Europe, encompassing all SDGs, whose independence would be guaranteed by adequate statutes and resources, and whose report would be formally adopted by the European Council to ensure necessary political buy-in.

This would certainly be a radical departure from business as usual, in line with the fundamentally disruptive nature of the SDGs.

*Post-2020 science-policy interface as well as other sustainability challenges will be discussed at the upcoming Think 2030 conference, taking place in Brussels on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.*

5 European Commission. 2010. Special Eurobarometer. Science and Technology Report. [http://ec.europa.eu/comfrontoffice/publicopinion/archives/ebs/ebs\\_340\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/comfrontoffice/publicopinion/archives/ebs/ebs_340_en.pdf).

6 European Commission. 2015. Eurobarometer Qualitative Study. PUBLIC OPINION ON FUTURE INNOVATIONS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. Aggregate Report. [http://ec.europa.eu/comfrontoffice/publicopinion/archives/quali/ql\\_futureofscience\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/comfrontoffice/publicopinion/archives/quali/ql_futureofscience_en.pdf).

# Think 2030 speakers and partners announced

IEEP's new Brussels sustainability platform, **Think 2030**, announces high-level speakers and partners.

Convening a diverse range of stakeholders to discuss and propose solutions to Europe's most pressing sustainability issues, Think 2030 will produce policy recommendations for the next European Commission, Parliament and for Member States. The conference will take place on October 17-18th, 2018, in Brussels.

## Core Partner



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EUROPEAN UNION EU

## Knowledge and Stakeholder Partners



GLOBAL MILITARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
CLIMATE CHANGE



**IDDRI**



Find out more on [www.Think2030.eu](http://www.Think2030.eu)



**17 October 2018**

**Stakeholder consultation and research community engagement**



**Daniel Calleja Crespo**  
Director General  
DG ENV



**Hans Bruyninckx**  
Executive Director  
European Environment Agency

**18 October 2018**

**Parliamentary workshop**



**Patrick Anthony Child**  
Deputy Director-General  
DG RTD



**Sirpa Pietikäinen (both days)**  
Honorary Chair of IEEP  
Member of the European Parliament

# New appointments and presenting the IEEP Strategic Advisory Council



## Faustine Bas-Defossez and Ben Allen appointed to lead Agriculture and Land Management Programme

We are pleased to announce **Faustine Bas-Defossez** and **Ben Allen** have taken over leadership of our Agriculture and Land Management programme. Kaley Hart, who stepped down from this position in March, will continue to contribute to our growing agricultural work as Senior Fellow.

**Faustine**, a French national with far-off German origins, spent the last eight years leading the largest federation of environmental NGOs' - the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) – campaign on the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP), advocating for a more sustainable agriculture and farming sector across Europe. Before

that, she worked for the European Commission Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development on the European Food Aid for the most deprived programme and the public goods delivered by the agriculture sector.

Having spent five years working as a policy adviser on agri-environment, CAP and bio-energy issues for the statutory nature conservation agencies in the UK, **Ben** joined IEEP in 2010 to focus on EU policy issues. He holds a Ph.D. in land use and spatial ecology and has led a wide variety of projects addressing resource use and climate objectives in agriculture, forestry and other rural land uses. Ben has

played an integral role in developing IEEP's position on EU bioenergy and biofuels policy from a land use perspective, with links to the wider bio-economy in the EU and global context.

Together, Ben and Faustine are developing IEEP's agriculture and land management policy work with a forward looking perspective to 2030, mid-century and beyond, to ensure the EU's food, farming and rural land-using sectors develop in a way that is compatible with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris agreement and the EU environmental acquis.





### **Andrew Farmer appointed to lead new Natural Resources and Circular Economy Programme**

The former Head of our Waste, Water and Industry Programme, **Andrew Farmer**, has been appointed to lead our newly created Natural Resources and Circular Economy Programme. Merging outputs from our Green Economy and Industry, Waste and Water Programmes, the new cross-cutting work stream is

designed to tackle evolving European and international environmental challenges.

Andrew is a biologist by training and specializes in EU legislation in relation to better regulation, water management and pollution control. Before joining IEEP in 1997, Andrew

worked for English Nature; prior to that, he undertook post-doctoral research at Imperial College and at the Universities of Wisconsin and Florida, USA. He has a degree from Oxford University in natural sciences and a Ph.D. in ecology from St Andrews University.





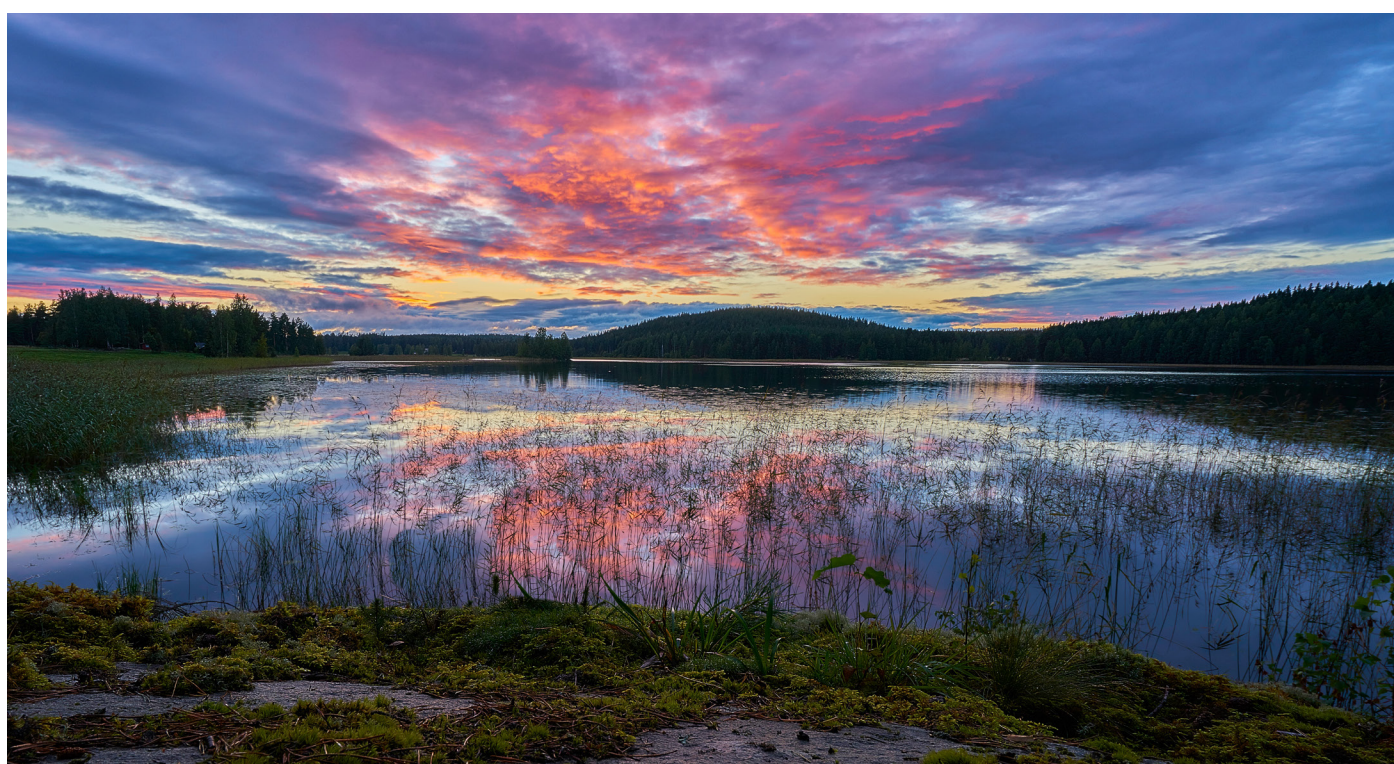


### **Marianne Kettunen appointed to lead new Global Challenges and SDGs Programme**

Principle Policy Analyst, **Marianne Kettunen**, has been appointed to lead our newly created Global Challenges and SDGs Programme. Having championed the Institute's global portfolio of work throughout her whole IEEP career, Marianne and her team will explore global sustainability challenges and the EU's role in the context of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals framework.

Marianne has over fifteen years of expertise in EU and international biodiversity policy with a special focus on the integration of nature into sectoral policies and decision-making, especially through assessing the socio-economic importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Since joining IEEP in 2005, she has contributed to a range of EU and international policy developments,

and led a range of projects linked to natural capital and the green economy, socio-economic benefits of nature conservation, biodiversity financing and external dimensions of the EU biodiversity policy.





## **IEEP announces new Strategic Advisory Council**

In order to drive IEEP's goal to create a more sustainable Europe, IEEP has established a new Strategic Advisory Council. Led by Finnish MEP and IEEP Honorary Chair, Sirpa Pietikäinen, the council will provide inspiration on new projects and guidance on the political and societal implications of the Institute's pursuits.



### **Chair**

*Sirpa Pietikäinen, MEP, Finland*

Ms Sirpa Pietikäinen is a Finnish member of the European People's Party (EPP) in the European Parliament. She is a former Finnish Minister of Environment (1991-1995). Ms Pietikäinen first came to the European Parliament in 2008, and was re-elected in 2009 and 2014. At the European Parliament, Ms Pietikäinen is a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs

Committee, where she is a shadow rapporteur for the European Parliament's own initiative report on Sustainable Finance. She is a substitute member of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee and the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee. She is active in several organisations and her positions of trust include Chairmanship of the GLOBE EU, a platform for dialogue between legislators and a diversity of stakeholders.

### **Members**

*Andrea Kohl, Acting Director and EPO Programme Director, WWF European Policy Office*

Ms Andrea Kohl is an acting director and programme director at WWF, where she is responsible for heading the office of around 40 permanent staff representing WWF's interests towards the European institutions. An agronomist by training, Andrea Kohl joined

WWF Germany in 2001 as head of the conservation department and member of the management team. She then moved to WWF EU as Programme Director and Deputy Director in 2006.





*Christian Hey, Director for Climate, Sustainable Urban Development and Biodiversity*

Dr Christian Hey is Director for Climate, Sustainable Urban Development and Biodiversity in the Hessian Ministry for the Environment, Climate, Agriculture and Consumer Protection. His responsibilities also include the Hessian Sustainable Development Strategy, the Hessian Biodiversity Strategy, the implementation of Natura 2000 in Hessen and

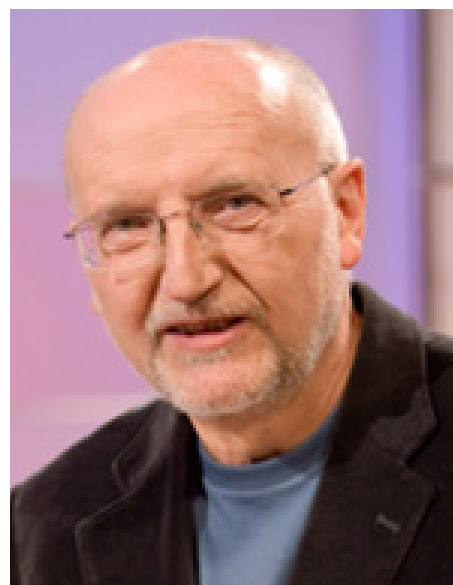
the regional integrated climate mitigation and adaptation plan.

He was Secretary General of the German Advisory Council on the Environment between 2001 and 2016 and EU Policy Director of EEB (1997 – 2001) before that. He has a Diploma in Science of Public Administration, Ph.D. in Political Sciences and wrote his Doctoral Thesis on “Sustainable Mobility in Europe”. He has published on EU Environment, Climate and Transport Policies.

*Derek Osborn, IEEP Board Member*

Derek Osborn served 30 years in the UK Civil Service, for the latter six years as Director-General for Environmental Protection with the Department of the Environment until retirement in January 1996. He represented the United Kingdom and was Chair of the Management Board of the European Environment Agency. He was on the Board of the Environment Agency for England and Wales having been involved

with its planning and creation. He is a non-exec Director of Severn Trent PLC, and Chair of Jupiter Global Green Investment Trust. He is involved in several environmental organizations including UNED Forum and Board member of the IIED.



*Domingo Jiménez Beltrán, IEEP Board Member*

Domingo Jiménez Beltrán has extensive experience, mostly in the field of environmental protection, natural resources and energy management, and sustainable progress, both in private enterprises (production, manufacturing, engineering and consulting) and public administration at regional, national and EU level, as well as active lecturer, writer and professor.

Domingo was the first Executive Director of the European Environment Agency for eight years until 2002, and later on Adviser at the Economic Office of the Spanish President, founder and first Director of the Spanish Observatory for Sustainability.

Domingo is currently a Consulting Engineer and Adviser of Governments, Business and Institutes, and seats in the Board of several Foundations and Associations.



*Nick Molho, Executive Director,  
Aldersgate Group*

Nick was appointed Executive Director of the Aldersgate Group in October 2014. He is responsible for the overall management of the Aldersgate Group, including the development of its work programme, its relationships with key political and business stakeholders and its robust representation of member views to government ministers and parliamentarians. He has played a key role in broadening the Group's impact

and membership and bringing its influence to bear on areas that are core to the Group's interest. Nick is the lead author of Aldersgate Group reports and a regular commentator on sustainability issues. He was most recently Head of Climate Change and Energy Policy at WWF-UK following a career as an environmental and energy lawyer at CMS Cameron McKenna, where he spent six years working on commercial energy law for a range of international businesses, regulators and governments.



*Petros Fassoulas, European Movement International, Secretary General*

Petros Fassoulas has been the Secretary General of the European Movement International since July 2015. Previously Petros worked as ACCA's Head of Public Affairs Europe. He was also EU Affairs Adviser at the UK's Financial Services Authority and before that he was EU Affairs Adviser at the UK Parliament. Petros also spent five years in Brussels,

working for the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions as well as in advocacy and lobbying. Petros comments frequently on EU issues and has featured on BBC News, CNN, Bloomberg, Al Jazeera as well as the Guardian, Le Soir, El Pais, Ta Nea, Der Spiegel, Euractiv, POLITICO Europe among others. He holds a degree from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and a Masters from the London School of Economics.

*Ralph Hallo, Brussels Strategics,  
Founder and Director*

Ralph Hallo is an environmental lawyer and former President of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB). He is director of Brussels Strategics, a European policy advisory service consultancy he established after serving as Senior Advisor European Affairs for Stichting Natuur en Milieu (NL). He was a member of IEEP's Board for a decade, until 2017. He has also been a member

of the boards of Climate Network Europe (Brussels) and Milieukontakt Oost-Europa (Amsterdam). He holds a law degree from New York University and previously worked in environmental law in the U.S. He is a recently elected member of the Municipal Council of the town in the Netherlands where he resides.





*Sandrine Dixson-Declève,  
Independent Consultant*

Until recently, Sandrine was Chief Partnership Officer for UN Agency Sustainable Energy for All and prior to that the Director of the Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group and the EU office of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (2009-2016). During that period she was also appointed Executive Director of the Green Growth Platform bringing together EU Ministers and CEOs. Sandrine was recognised by GreenBiz as one of the 30 most influential women across the globe driving change in the low carbon economy and pro-

moting green business. She is a distinguished member of The Club of Rome; a Senior Associate and faculty member of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL); Chair of the INKEMIA Scientific Advisory Board; Member of The Guardian's Sustainable Business Advisory Board; Member of the European Aluminium's Sustainability Advisory Board; Member of the Climate KIC Advisory Board. She was Vice Chair, European Biofuels Technology Platform 2008-2016; Board member, We Mean Business 2014-2016 and on the Advisory Board of the Oil and Gas major Sasol from 2007-2010.

*Yann Ollivier, Senior Journalist,  
AFP-Services*

Mr Yann Ollivier is a senior journalist on EU affairs in Brussels at AFP-Services, Agence France-Presse's corporate and institutional communications subsidiary. He is currently involved in the European Parliament's EuroparlTV project and heads a team of video journalists, scriptwriters, editors and graphic designers producing videos disseminated on social networks. Yann

Ollivier started his journalistic career in 1998 at The Associated Press in Paris. He then joined AFP in 1999 and has worked as a correspondent in Paris, Berlin, Brussels and Strasbourg, where he became the regional chief editor. In his professional career he has been covering French, German and international news. He has also been covering the European Parliament sessions, as well as EU Affairs in the fields of Justice, Foreign Affairs, Development Aid, Agriculture and Fisheries.



# IEEP Annual Review 2016 – 17

IEEP is delighted to release its Annual Review for 2016-17. In this edition, Executive Director, Celine Charveriat, and Honorary Chair, Sirpa Pietikäinen, introduce IEEP's new sustainability platform, Think 2030, and present the institute's highlights and strategy.

Read the Annual Review [here](#).





# 2018 - 19 European Policy Calendar

## June

Slovenian Parliamentary Elections – Slovenia – 3 June

Informal Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH) – 3 - 5 June – Sofia, Bulgaria

EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) – 4 - 8 June – Brussels

G7 summit – 8 - 9 June – Charlevoix, Canada

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (TTE) council (energy) – 11 June – Luxembourg

European Parliament Plenary Session – 11 - 14 June – Strasbourg

EU for Talanoa conference – 13 June – Brussels

G20 - Energy Transitions Ministerial Meeting – 15 June – Bariloche, Argentina

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH) – 18 June – Luxembourg

Adaptation Futures 2018 – 18 - 21 June – Cape Town, South Africa

Ministerial Meeting on Climate Action (MOCA) – 20 - 21 June – Brussels

EEAS Climate Security Event – 22 June – Brussels

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) – 22 June – Luxembourg

Environment Council (ENVI) – 25 June – Luxembourg

Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) – 25 June – Luxembourg

WCERE 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists – 25 - 29 June – Gothenburg, Sweden

General Affairs Council (incl. Art 50) – 26 June – Luxembourg

European Week of bees and pollinators 2018 – Scientific symposium – 26 June

European Council – 28 - 29 June – Brussels

## July

Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union – 1 July

European Parliament Plenary Session – 2 - 5 July – Strasbourg

1<sup>st</sup> Global Land Degradation and Neutrality Forum – 4 - 5 July – Seoul, Republic of Korea

Informal Meeting of Rural Development Directors – 4 - 6 July – Bregenz, Austria

High Level Political Forum – 9 - 18 July – UNHQ, New York

The EU's vision for a modern, clean economy - Stakeholder event – 10 - 11 July – Brussels

Informal EU Workshop on Climate Change – 11 - 13 July – Austria

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) – 13 July – Brussels

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH) – 16 July – Brussels

Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) – 16 July – Brussels

General Affairs Council (Art. 50) – 20 July – Brussels

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) – 24 July – Brussels

G20 - Agriculture Ministerial Meeting – 27 - 28 July – Buenos Aires, Argentina

## August

G20 – Resource Efficiency Workshop – 27 August – Puerto Iguazú, Argentina

G20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Climate Sustainability Working Group – 28 - 29 August – Puerto Iguazú, Argentina

## September

UNFCCC Negotiating Session – 3 - 8 September – Bangkok, Thailand

Swedish general election – 9 September – Sweden

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH) – 10 September – Brussels

European Parliament Plenary Session – 10 - 13 September – Strasbourg

Global Climate Action Summit – 12 - 14 September – San Francisco, USA

RISE Conference: Future of EU Livestock Production and Consumption – 13 September 2018 – Brussels

T20 Summit – 16 - 18 September, Buenos Aires, Argentina

European mobility week – 16 - 22 September

General Affairs Council (incl. Art. 50) – 18 September - Brussels

Post-Growth Conference – 18 - 19 September – Brussels

EU Water Conference – 20 - 21 September – Vienna, Austria

Informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers – 23 - 25 September – Schloss Hof, Austria

EU PV Solar Energy Conference – 24 - 28 September – Brussels

Climate Week NYC 2018/ UN General Assembly – 24 - 30 September – New York

19<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Environmental Taxation (GCET) – 26 - 28 September – Madrid, Spain

### October

Natura 2000 Event: Continental, Pannonia, Steppic and Black Sea regions seminar

Natura 2000 EC Event: Marine Biogeographic seminar

Natura 2000 EC Event: Macaronesian seminar

G7 Environment and Energy Ministers – October – Canada

48<sup>th</sup> IPCC Session – 1 - 5 October – Incheon, Republic of Korea

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) - 2 October – Luxembourg

Latvian Parliamentary Elections – 6 October – Latvia

European Week of Regions and Cities – 8 - 11 – Brussels

Environment Council (ENVI) – 9 October – Luxembourg

2018 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group – 12 - 14 October – Bali Nusa Dua, Indonesia

Luxembourg Parliamentary Election – 14 October – Luxembourg

Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) – 15 October – Luxembourg

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH) – 15 - 16 October – Luxembourg

Informal EU Forest Directors General Meeting – 15 - 17 October – Innsbruck, Austria

General Affairs Council (GAC) – 16 October – Luxembourg

World Food Day 2018 – 16 October

Madrid Forum – 17 - 18 October – Madrid, Spain

Think2030 Conference – 17 - 18 October – Brussels

European Council – 18 - 19 October – Brussels

12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit – 18 - 19 October – Brussels

13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP13) – 21 - 29 October

Bioeconomy Conference – 22 October – Brussels

World Circular Economy Forum 2018 – 22 - 24 October – Yokohama, Japan

European Parliament Plenary Session – 22 - 25 October – Strasbourg

World Green Economy Summit 2018 – 24 - 25 October – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health – 30 October - 1 November – WHO HQ Geneva, Switzerland

World Cities Day – 31 October

### November

Irish Presidential Elections – Ireland

Czech Senate Elections – Czech Republic

30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol – 5 - 9 November – Quito, Ecuador

5<sup>th</sup> EEB Annual Conference – 5 November – Brussels

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) – 6 November – Brussels

Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) (Trade) – 9 November

General Affairs Council (GAC) – 12 November – Brussels

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (Budget) – 16 November – Brussels

Convention on Biological Diversity COP14 – 17 - 29 November – Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt

General Affairs Council (GAC) – 12 November – Brussels

European Parliament Plenary Session – 12 - 15 November – Strasbourg

UNIDO: Circular Economy: Development of Recycling Industries – 14 - 15 November – Vienna

Foreign Affairs Council – 19 November – Brussels

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH) – 19 - 20 November – Brussels

DGSANTE/AT Presidency Conference: “People’s food - people’s health: Towards healthy and sustainable European Food Systems” – 22 - 23 November – Vienna, Austria

Conference on Plant Protein Production in the EU – 22 - 23 November – Vienna, Austria

Foreign Affairs Council (Development) – 26 November – Brussels

4<sup>th</sup> European Resources Forum – 27 - 28 November – Berlin

Global Sustainable Technology & Innovation Conference – 28 - 30 – Brussels

Green Growth and Sustainable Development (GGSD) Forum – 27 - 29 November – Paris







European Parliament Plenary Session – 28 - 29 November  
– Brussels

G20 Summit – 30 Nov - 1 Dec – Buenos Aires, Argentina

### December

G20 Summit – 30 Nov - 1 Dec – Buenos Aires, Argentina

UNFCCC COP24 – 3 - 14 December – Katowice, Poland

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (TTE  
Transport) – 3 December – Brussels

Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) – 4  
December – Brussels

World Soil Day 2018 – 5 December

2018 EU Agricultural Outlook conference – 6 - 7 December  
– Brussels

Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) – 10 December – Brussels

General Affairs Council – 11 December – Brussels

European Parliament Plenary Session – 10 - 13 December  
– Strasbourg

5<sup>th</sup> Rural Networks' Assembly Meeting – 11 December –  
Brussels

European Council – 13 - 14 December – Brussels

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH) – 17 - 18  
December – Brussels

Environment Council (ENVI) – 20 December – Brussels

### January 2019

European Parliament Plenary Session – 14 - 17 January –  
Strasbourg

European Parliament Plenary Session – 30 - 31 January –  
Brussels

European Parliament Plenary Session – 11 - 15 February –  
Strasbourg

Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and  
Agriculture – 18 - 22 February – Rome, Lazio, Italy

4<sup>th</sup> annual Planetary Security Conference – 19 - 20  
February – The Hague, The Netherlands

### March 2019

European Parliament Plenary Session – 11 - 14 March –  
Strasbourg

Fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly – 11 - 15  
March – Nairobi, Kenya

European Council – 21 - 22 March – Brussels

European Parliament Plenary Session – 25 - 28 March –  
Strasbourg

### April 2019

European Parliament Plenary Session – 3 - 4 April –  
Brussels

2019 Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and  
the International Monetary Fund – 12 - 14 April –  
Washington DC, US

Basel Convention COP14, Rotterdam Convention COP9  
and Stockholm Convention COP9 – 29 April - 9 May

European Parliament Plenary Session – 15 - 18 April –  
Strasbourg

### May 2019

Basel Convention COP14, Rotterdam Convention COP9  
and Stockholm Convention COP9 – 29 April - 9 May

49<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC – 14 - 18 May

4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Agroforestry – 20 - 25 May –  
Montpellier, France

European Parliament election – 23 - 26 May

Tenth Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM 10) – 27 May –  
Vancouver, Canada

### June 2019

UNFCCC First sessional period – SB 50 – 17 - 28 June –  
Bonn, Germany

European Council – 21 - 22 June – Brussels

### July 2019

European Parliament Plenary Session – 2 - 4 July – Brussels

High Level Political Forum – 8 - 19 July – UNHQ, New York

European Parliament Plenary Session – 15 - 18 July –  
Strasbourg

# IEEP Books and Publications



## **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) briefing for the European Parliament**

6 July 2018

ACCESS PUBLICATION

## **Brexit negotiations: Equivalence, environmental standards and risks**

8 May 2018

ACCESS REPORT

## **Trade Liberalisation and Biodiversity**

15 April 2018

ACCESS REPORT

## **EU Pollinator Initiative informed by EU Member States initiatives: successes and gaps**

12 April 2018

ACCESS REPORT

## **Greening taxes and subsidies in the Pacific islands**

11 April 2018

ACCESS PUBLICATION

## **Plastic Packaging and Food Waste – new perspectives on a dual sustainability crisis**

10 April 2018

ACCESS REPORT

## **Climate action in Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry in the EU Member States**

2 March 2018

ACCESS PUBLICATION

# IEEP Conferences and Events



## **Think 2030**

Together with GLOBE EU and a coalition of Europe's leading sustainability think tanks, IEEP launches Think 2030, a new platform for European environmental policy.

Find out more at [www.Think2030.eu](http://www.Think2030.eu)

## **Developing an environmental governance assessment framework**

IEEP is organising a DG ENV workshop on a new environmental governance assessment framework we are developing.

Join us September 26-27 in Brussels. More information here <https://lnkd.in/eZrCHZj>





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