

**EEB 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Boosting the Deal for a Greener Europe in Turbulent Times**

**Date: Friday 17 June 2022**

**Venue: [Les Ateliers des Tanneurs](#) – Brussels with live streaming of plenary sessions**

**About the conference**

When it was unveiled in late 2019, the European Green Deal, the Von der Leyen Commission's flagship policy, promised to deliver 'a set of deeply transformative policies'. As we approach the mid-point of the EU's five-year cycle and start to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is timely to reflect upon the progress made in delivering on that promise. The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss where the Green Deal has been a game-changer for the better, where results have been mixed and where it has simply disappointed. It will also reflect upon the implications of the terrible war in Ukraine, which has provided compelling reasons for accelerating the green transition and at the same time has been used by some as an excuse to undermine it. Europe's role in the wider world will also be discussed. Looking forward, the discussion will shift to how to mobilise a whole-of-society transition to living within planetary boundaries and what has to be done to ensure the Green Deal is the credible transformative agenda that is so urgently needed.

The conference will bring together a broad swathe of environmental organisations, politicians, policymakers and representatives from EU, regional and international institutions as well as international civil society actors working on the transformation of the European Union. The conference reception is also a good-bye celebration for Jeremy Wates, the EEB's outgoing Secretary General who will be retiring at the end of June, and we welcome you all to join the festivities.

## PROGRAMME ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

The latest updates and full speakers' profiles are available at [conference.eeb.org](https://conference.eeb.org)

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SPEAKERS
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Registration and networking coffee</b>	Registration desk/area
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening</b>	<p><b>Message of welcome</b></p> <p><b>Johanna Sandahl</b>, EEB President</p> <p><b>Ukraine: building a greener future from the ashes of war</b></p> <p><b>Andriy Andrusevych</b>, Resource &amp; Analysis Center "Society and Environment", Ukrainian EEB Board member</p>
10:10 – 10:40	<p><b>SESSION ONE</b></p> <p><b>Science and Policy: how is Europe doing?</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation on State of Environment</b></p> <p><b>Luc Bas</b>, Head of Coordination, Networks and Strategy, EEA</p> <p><b>Mid-term review of the European Green Deal</b></p> <p><b>Patrick ten Brink</b>, EEB Deputy Secretary General and EU Policy Director</p>

<p>10:40 – 12:10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION TWO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Will geopolitics knock Europe’s green ambition off course – or could it speed it along?</b></p>	<p>Video message from <b>Pascal Canfin MEP</b>, Chair of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee, European Parliament</p> <p><b><u>Stakeholder Panel</u></b></p> <p><b>Veronika Hunt Šafránková</b>, Head of the UN Environment Programme Brussels Office</p> <p><b>Florika Fink-Hooijer</b>, Director General, DG Environment, European Commission</p> <p><b>Petros Kokkalis MEP</b>, European Parliament</p> <p><b>Jan Dusik</b>, Deputy Minister for Climate, Czech Republic</p> <p><b>Jeremy Wates</b>, EEB Secretary General</p> <p>Discussion with <b>Patrizia Heidegger</b>, EEB Global Policies and Sustainability Director</p>
<p>12:10 – 13:20</p>		<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
<p>13:20 –15:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION THREE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The EGD sector by sector: pass, fail or ‘could do better’?</b></p>	<p><b>Small group workshops</b></p> <p>Two sessions, each with four parallel breakouts on the following themes:</p>

	<p><b>Plenary room</b></p> <p><b>Gamay room</b></p> <p><b>Syrah room</b></p>	<p><b><u>Round 1:</u></b></p> <p><b>Circularity:</b> cutting Europe's resource footprint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: <b>Carsten Wachholz</b>, Senior Policy Manager, Ellen MacArthur Foundation</li><li>• Presenter: <b>Stephane Ardit</b>, Director of Policy Integration and Circular Economy, EEB</li><li>• Panelists: <b>Meadhbh Bolger</b>, Friends of the Earth Europe <b>Bente Bauer</b>, Policy Hub <b>Assia Oulkadi</b>, European Youth Forum</li><li>• Rapporteur: <b>Justin Wilkes</b>, Executive Director, ECOS</li></ul> <p><b>Nature:</b> reversing the sixth mass extinction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: <b>Faustine Bas-Defosse</b>, External Impact Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)</li><li>• Presenters: <b>Sergiy Moroz</b>, Policy Manager for Water and Biodiversity, EEB <b>Tobias Troll</b>, Marine Policy Director, Seas At Risk <b>Celia Nyssens</b>, Senior Policy Officer for Agriculture and Food Systems, EEB</li><li>• Rapporteur: <b>Martin Harper</b>, Regional Director, BirdLife Europe &amp; Central Asia</li></ul> <p><b>Economy:</b> from fiscal reform to systemic change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: <b>Anelia Stefanova</b>, Energy Transformation Area Leader, CEE Bankwatch Network</li><li>• Presenter: <b>Katharina Wiese</b>, Policy Officer for Economic Transition and Gender Equality, EEB</li><li>• Rapporteur: <b>Ester Asin</b>, Director, WWF EPO</li></ul> <p><b>Chemicals:</b> towards a non-toxic environment</p>
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	<b>Merlot room</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presenter: <b>Patrizia Heidegger</b>, Global Policies and Sustainability Director, EEB</li> <li>• Rapporteur: <b>Sascha Gabizon</b>, Executive Director, Women Engage for a common future (WECF) international</li> </ul> <p><b>Pollution:</b> making zero pollution a reality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: <b>Jouni Nissinen</b>, former EEB President, Senior Specialist at Ministry of the Environment of Finland</li> <li>• Presenters: <b>Christian Schaible</b>, Policy Manager for Industrial Production, EEB <b>Margherita Tolotto</b>, Senior Policy Officer for Air and Noise, EEB</li> <li>• Rapporteur: <b>Vlatka Matkovic</b>, Senior Health and Energy Policy Officer, Health &amp; Environment Alliance (HEAL)</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:30		Coffee break
15:30 – 16:15	<b>SESSION THREE</b> <b>(Part 2)</b> <b>The EGD sector by sector</b>	<b>Reporting back</b> Moderated by <b>Patrick ten Brink</b> , EEB Deputy Secretary General and EU Policy Director
16:15 – 17:15	<b>SESSION FOUR</b> <b>Mobilising a whole-of-society transition: how can we do better?</b>	<b>Stakeholder Panel</b> <b>Monique Goyens</b> , Director General, BEUC – the European Consumer Organisation <b>Tetiana Stadnyk</b> , Secretary General, Youth and Environment Europe (YEE), and EEB Board Member

		<p><b>Jorgo Riss</b>, Director, Greenpeace European Unit, and current Chair of the Green 10</p> <p><b>Ludovic Voet</b>, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</p> <p><b>Petros Fassoulas</b>, Secretary General, European Movement International</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Janez Potočnik</b>, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel, UNEP, and former European Commissioner for the Environment</p>
17:15 – 17:30	<p><b>SESSION FIVE</b></p> <p><b>Conclusions and the way forward</b></p>	<p>Successes and failures of the past, challenges of the future: a long view</p> <p><b>Jeremy Wates</b>, EEB Secretary General</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <p><b>Johanna Sandahl</b>, EEB President</p>
17:30 – 21:00	<p><b>Reception</b></p>	

## ORGANIZERS

### **About the European Environmental Bureau (EEB)**

Set up in 1974, the EEB is Europe's largest network of environmental citizens' organisations, bringing together 180 organisations from 38 countries, including a growing number of European networks, with a combined membership of an estimated 30 million people.

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