

AGENDA

CLIMATE ALLIANCE DIGITAL DAYS



Climate Alliance

Tackling the double crisis – COVID-19 and Climate Change

Opening Session | 7 October 2020, 9:30 to 11:30

CONCEPT

During this session we aim to foster the exchange of good practices and finding common challenges of municipalities managing the difficulties of two of the biggest challenges this year: COVID-19 and the climate crisis. The opening input will be given by Dr. Alice McGushin on behalf of **the Lancet Countdown: Tracking Progress on Health and Climate Change**. The Lancet Countdown is a collaboration of over 120 leading experts from academic institutions and UN agencies across the globe, bringing together climate scientists, engineers, energy specialists, economists, political scientists, public health professionals and doctors publishing a yearly monitoring report ahead of the UN climate change negotiations. Their data makes it clear how climate change is affecting our health, the consequences of delayed action and the health benefits of a robust response.

Register [here](#).

DRAFT AGENDA

- 9:30 – 9:40** **Check-in and technical intro**
- 9:40 – 9:50** **Welcome by Climate Alliance**
Thomas Brose | Executive Director, Climate Alliance European Secretariat
- 9:50 – 10:05** **At the nexus of climate change and health: Learning from the global crisis**
Dr Alice McGushin | Programme Manager, **The Lancet Countdown**
- 10:05 – 10:30** **The Cities' Perspective: Panel and moderated discussion**
Input from each panellist + moderated discussion
- 1. Joana Balsemão** | Councillor for the Environment, Sustainable Development, Energy Planning and Public Participation of Cascais Town Hall, Portugal
 - 2. Glen Dissaux** | Vice-President of Brest metropole, France

3. **Angelika Gunkel** | Climate Ambassador, Sustainable Strategies, City of Hanau, Germany
4. **Albert Vendrell Roca** | Council of Barcelona, Spain
5. **Dipl. Ing. Ramón Arndt** | urban ecologist, environmental and sustainability expert, Green City e.V Munich, Germany
6. Opportunities and risks of the pandemic for climate protection strategies: a synthesis of voices from the CA Working Group Policy | **Katrin Jurisch**, Climate Alliance European Secretariat

10:30 – 10:50 Group discussions in breakout sessions evolving around 4 key questions

- What happened in your city during the first months of the pandemic?
- What were the most difficult challenges you had to overcome?
- What developments in your city surprised you positively/gave you hope for the future?
- How can we implement the necessary changes to prevent and overcome these different crises simultaneously without sacrificing action on either of them?

10:50 – 11:00 Feedback from the group discussions

11:00 – 11:20 Looking ahead: How to move forward at all levels of governance?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION | CLIMATE ALLIANCE DIGITAL DAYS 2020

Like all crises, the Corona virus is exposing our weaknesses. From social inequality and injustice to environmental degradation and unsustainable food systems, the pandemic is illustrating that the way in which we treat our environment and one another matters. How can our cities and towns emerge from the Corona crisis both more sustainable and more resilient? This is a turning point for the climate. Which way forward will our network, our municipalities and our society take?

The **Climate Alliance Digital Days** will explore local solutions out of the Corona crisis towards a truly green recovery.

Learn more

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THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE

For 30 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples for the benefit of the global climate. With over 1,800 members spread across 27 European countries, Climate Alliance is the world's largest city network dedicated to climate action and the only one to set tangible targets: each member city, town and district has committed itself to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent every 5 years. Recognising the impact our lifestyles can have on the world's most vulnerable people and places, Climate Alliance pairs local action with global responsibility. climatealliance.org