Climate Alliance Digital Days
LOCAL SOLUTIONS TOWARDS A GREEN RECOVERY
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Local Actions versus Global Crises

How cities and municipalities can act
Welcome to our Workshop

Some technical advice...

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• Participants list with non-verbal feedback options
Technical check

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- Click on the 3 dots in the upper right corner and chose “Rename”

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- go via the participant list

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Let us know, who you are.

Survey

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Participants

• Madlie Le Bihan & Tatjana Veith, Climate Alliance
• Rainer Handlfinger, Mayor of Obergrafendorf, Austria
• Dietmar Mirkes, Climate Alliance Luxembourg /ASTM
Agenda

1\textsuperscript{st} part
Situation in Latin America, especially Brazil
Short exchange in groups and Q&A

2nd part
Local Action in Europe with Rainer Handlfinger and Dietmar
Short exchange in groups and Q&A

Wrap up
1st part

Madlie Le Bihan & Tatjana Veith, Climate Alliance
Brazil’s multidimensional crises

1. **Health crisis** (COVID-19)

2. **Environmental crisis** (deforestation, fires, megaprojects, loggers,...) => **Ecocide**

3. **Humanitarian crisis** (human-, indigenous rights,...) => **Ethnocide**

4. **Political crisis and anti-democratic legislations**
Brazil’s Bolsonaro has COVID-19 – and so do thousands of Indigenous people who live days from the nearest hospital
Brazil's Amazon rainforest suffers worst fires in a decade

- Satellites record 61% rise in hotspots over September 2019
- Scientist warns: 'It could get worse if the drought continues'

Smoke and flames rise from an illegally lit fire in an Amazon rainforest reserve, south of Novo Progresso in Para State, Brazil, in August. Photograph: Carl de Souza/AFP/Getty Images
DECLARATION OF SUPPORT
ADOPTED AT THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2019 IN ROSTOCK, GERMANY

EMERGENCY IN AMAZONIA:
WE MUST ACT TOGETHER NOW!

The balance of Mother Earth depends on the Amazon Basin, allowing its devastation implies the extermination of humanity.
Open Letter of Indigenous Peoples declaring an environmental and humanitarian emergency – COICA, Quito, 22 August 2019
Marcio Astrini

Observatório do Clima

“It is impossible to compare today's situation with any other situation Brazil was in before. Bolsonaro is an enemy of democracy! His government is diminishing Brazilian governance. Environmental and Human Rights organisations do not know whether they will be able to continue working in the future because of Bolsonaro.”
HOW?

The shock doctrine in action:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pekvGx3tLCU
Despite this multidimensional crisis, the European Union still considers entering a huge trade agreement with Brazil as part of the Mercosur region.

“We, the Indigenous peoples, are the ones directly protecting the Amazon. With the ratification of the MERCOSUR trade agreement, the EU would give its approval to Bolsonaro’s genocide on the Indigenous peoples.” – Dinamam Tuxá, Brazil’s Indigenous People Articulation (APIB)
What is behind the Mercosur trade agreement?

### KEY FACTS

- A region of over **260 million** consumers
- The 5\(^{th}\) largest economy outside the EU with an **annual GDP of €2.2 trillion**
- **Closed markets** with high tariff and non-tariff barriers
- A destination for EU goods worth **€45 billion** (in 2018) and EU services worth **€23 billion** (2017)
- A market for **60,500 EU companies**
- A major destination for EU investments, with **€381 billion in investment stocks in 2017**
Who benefits from the trade agreement?

**BRAZIL**

The powerful agri-business sector, aggressively pro-Bolsonaro through logging, the expansion of soybean fields, grasslands and sugar plantations and increase in exports.

**EU**

The industry sector, especially polluting ones such as the automobile, pharmaceutical and textile industries through the opening of new markets.

Who will pay the price? The environment and indigenous peoples
Environmental impact of MERCOSUR

The agreement’s sustainability impact assessment highlights that „the decrease of deforestation will ultimately depend on the adoption and effective enforcement of appropriate environmental policy measures, such as the ones that allowed the decrease of deforestation between 2004 and 2012“.
Indigenous peoples put emergency measures forward

1. Moratorium on deforestation in the Amazon
2. Increased penalties for environmental crimes and deforestation, including freezing the assets of the 100 worst criminals
3. Application of the Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Deforestation in the Legal Amazon and respect of Brazil’s Forest Code
4. Strengthening Brazil’s agencies tasked with enforcing environmental and human rights legislation so they can carry out their mandates effectively
5. Demarcation of indigenous and quilombola lands
Kretã Kaingang

APIB (Brazil's Indigenous People Articulation)

“We need everybody’s support to protect the Amazon. In Brazil, all ecosystems depend on each other. That’s why it’s important that everybody realises that this trade agreement will favour even more deforestation, land grabbing, fires and mining ... it will put us in an even more fragile situation.”
New stakeholders raise their voices

- Supermarket chains put pressure on the Brazilian government so that a law rewarding land grabbing could not be passed.
- Investors ask for a legal framework for supply chain transparency, with public access to data on deforestation, forest cover, tenure and traceability of commodity supply chains.
- Food firms including McDonald's are urging the UK government to toughen up rules designed to protect rainforests.
Towards preconditions to the agreement?

• Economical prosperity is Bolsonaro’s main political argument and growth thanks to the MERCOSUR agreement would contribute to that goal

• The EU ratifying this agreement means international support and shows that the priority is NOT the climate

• Enforceable and measurable environmental protections are of the utmost importance in any trade negotiations with Brazil

Watch video
Breakout sessions

What was new for you?

Your question / comment...
2nd part

Rainer Handlfinger,
Mayor of Obergrafendorf, Austria
2\textsuperscript{nd} part

Dietmar Mirkes,
Climate Alliance Luxembourg /ASTM
Breakout Session

What have you learnt?

Your next steps…
Wrap-up

Graphical recording by Susanne,

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Thomas Brose, Climate Alliance
Thank you for your participation
Obrigada I Gracias
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