

## Localising the EU Green Deal

Policy Session | 10 September 2021, (9:15 to 11:15)

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### CONCEPT

Turning the ongoing crisis into a longer term opportunity for systemic change will not happen easily, but cities are already showing leadership in the recovery process and further accelerating the transition towards climate neutrality.

How are the local and regional leaders already localising the EU Green Deal? How to ensure they are (or will soon be) well equipped in their transformation towards climate neutrality? How could the EU further support the local implementation of its Green Deal? These are some of the main questions that our policy session will address.

The session will also highlight some policies and solutions undertaken by Climate Alliance member cities for delivering a genuine societal transformation – thus contributing to making the EU Green Deal a success.

### FINAL AGENDA

**Moderation:** *John Tanner › Member of the Climate Alliance Board & Councillor, City of Oxford (UK)*

**09:15 – 09:20** Welcome by Climate Alliance

**09:20 – 9:50** The European Green Deal | What's in for local and regional leaders? And how to build on the Covenant of Mayors transformative power?

Elena Višnar Malinovská › European Commission, Directorate General, Climate Action › Head of Unit, Adaptation to climate change, cities, international cooperation

Ricardo Rio › Mayor of Braga (PT) › Member of the European Committee of the Regions & Chair of the 'Green Deal Going Local' working group › Covenant of Mayors-Europe national ambassador

**09:50 – 10:10 Principles for Transformation: How can the European Green Deal support a system change?**

Introduction to the climate action principles of Climate Alliance and its (re)new(ed) Charter

Tine Heyse › President of Climate Alliance

Thomas Brose › Executive Director of Climate Alliance

**10:10 – 10:40 How are Climate Alliance municipalities localising the EU Green Deal?**

(1) Meeting societal needs through system changes (sustainable food system, circular economy)

Tine Heyse › Deputy Mayor › City of Ghent (BE)

(2) Engaging local stakeholders through Local Climate Pacts

Julie Lernoès › Vice-President › Nantes Metropole (FR)

(3) Tailor-made energy advice to prevent energy poverty

Herbert Ritter › Deputy Head of the Energy Planning Department › City of Vienna (AT)

**10:40 – 11:10 Moderated discussion**

**11:10 – 11:15 Closing remarks & next milestones by Climate Alliance**

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION | CLIMATE ALLIANCE CAIC-2021**

With its newly minted Green Deal, the European Union is striving to become the first truly climate neutral continent by 2050, setting the course in fields ranging from biodiversity and agriculture to sustainable energy, construction and mobility. While the EU's wide-ranging and ambitious goals will have a direct influence on municipal activities, our local action will, perhaps even more importantly, also be a decisive factor in the European Green Deal's success. How we interpret these lofty plans and fill them with life on the local level is thus of the essence. How do we shape the future we want? How do we turn the challenges we face into opportunities for a better world?

This edition of the Climate Alliance International Conference (CAIC) will explore how municipalities across Europe are already building on EU climate policy by making it tangible, working with stakeholders from around the corner and around the globe towards a just and inclusive transition for all.

The 2021 Climate Alliance International Conference is being made possible both online and in Wels (Austria) with the cooperation and support of the State of Upper Austria and the City of Wels.

## Learn more

- **Programme & registration**

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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](https://climatealliance.org)