



6th Civil Society Forum for Sustainability

Civil society organisations strategise on a social and ecological transition ahead of the 2024 European elections

***Date: 8 - 9 November 2023
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As the EU prepares for the upcoming European Parliament elections, representatives from diverse civil society organisations (CSOs) across Europe came together to discuss emerging issues and narratives for Europe to ensure a just social and ecological transition.



The Civil Society Forum is a space for CSOs and other stakeholders from across Europe to come together and exchange views on the European Green Deal (EGD), the EU's strategy to make Europe climate-neutral by 2050. The forum is co-organised by [SOLIDAR](#), [SDG Watch Europe](#), [CAN Europe](#) and the [European Environmental Bureau](#) (EEB), alongside REAL DEAL project partners. The sixth edition of the forum witnessed the participation of more than 50 civil society organisations with an interest in sustainability, a socially Just Transition, climate and environmental action from across Europe.

Taking stock from the previous Civil Society Forum

Conducted over two half days on the 8th and 9th of November, the forum opened with a presentation by **Lucia Sanchez** of [Youth and Environment Europe](#) on the outcomes from the in-person meeting of the Civil Society Forum in June. Lucia shared the main outcomes of the policy brief on the Future of the European Green Deal, prepared jointly by the Civil Society Forum in June 2023. The policy brief offers clear recommendations for a European Green Deal with clear dimension of social justice and the recommendations aim to make sure the deal works for everyone and that Europe's move to sustainability is fair and inclusive.

Co-creating compelling narratives ahead of the 2024 European elections

Throughout the forum, the participants also discussed key topics under the themes of citizen's mobilisation, civic space and democracy, and the Green and Social Deal in smaller working groups.

On the second day of the forum, freelance campaigner **Nathan Stewart** shared valuable insights into the recipe for building successful political narratives for communications and participants discussed the potential messages centred around key emerging issues in the context of the upcoming EU elections.

The discussions were successful in advancing reflections within civil society on how to strengthen the synergies between climate and environmental and social objectives. A policy tool will be produced by the Forum to summarise the main findings of the discussions.

Civil Society Forum for Sustainability Shaping the European Green Deal Putting the Social-Ecological Transition at the heart of the upcoming EP elections

Why attend?

8th & 9th of November - Online

The civil society forum presents an opportunity to engage in inclusive dialogues, foster networks and collaborations with civil society organizations and experts, and actively contribute to holding the EU and its Member States accountable for sustainability commitments. **The Civil Society Forum for Sustainability – Shaping the European Green Deal** is co-organised by SOLIDAR, CAN Europe, SDG Watch Europe, and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), and Real Deal partners within the framework of the REAL DEAL project, a Horizon 2020 research project focused on reshaping citizens and stakeholders' participation and deliberative democracy in the framework of the European Green Deal (EGD). Building upon the discussions of the [previous Civil Society Forum](#) on the European Green Deal (EGD), the sixth forum meeting will focus on the importance of a **robust vision for the social-ecological transition**. This vision is essential for the European Union to ensure a safe future, protect the planet, and promote the well-being of its people in the context of the upcoming European Parliament (EP) elections.

The first day of the forum will focus on identifying emerging issues affecting the social-ecological transition, these emerging issues relation to the upcoming elections and potential stakeholders. **The second day of the forum** will start with an intervention from a key speaker on building narratives and messages. This will be followed with developing strategic narratives and messages for different stakeholders to accelerate the social-ecological transition. The results of the discussions will be collectively compiled into a **policy tool** summarizing the main narratives and conclusions. The policy tool will be publicly available and shared with CSOs to advocate jointly for a strong vision of the social-ecological transition needed for the EU in the context of upcoming European Elections.

Day 1: Wednesday 8th November 2023 14h00-16h30 CEST, Online, Zoom

Emerging challenges for the social-ecological transition and the 2024 EU Elections	
Time	Programme
14.00 – 14.15	Opening words and welcome by organisers
14.15 – 14.30	Presentation of the Policy Brief on the Future of EGD, Lucia Sanchez, YEE
14.30 – 15.10	First round of discussion in learning spaces
15.10 – 15.20	Break + Energiser
15.20 – 16.00	Second round of discussion in learning spaces
16.00 – 16.30	Plenary and Closing

Day 2: Thursday 9th November 2023 09h30-12h30 CEST, Online, Zoom

Building common narratives for a strong social-ecological transformation of Europe	
Time	Programme
09.30 – 09.45	Opening words and welcome by organisers
09.45 – 10.00	Building Successful Narratives, Nathan Stewart, Freelance Campaigner
10.00 – 10.40	First round of discussion in learning spaces
10.40 – 10.50	Break + Energizer
10.50 – 11.30	Second round of discussion in learning spaces
11.30 – 12.00	Conclusions, closing and next steps



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