

SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Event title

Leave nothing behind: tackling our multiple crises by centering nature and people in decision-making

Background and Rationale

Centering people in decision-making on the Green and Just Transition is pivotal for building sustainable and resilient solutions and democracies. This event will focus on innovative aspects for inclusive participation, in times of artificial intelligence, conflict, climate change, and the ascent of right-wing populism. Building on evidence from REAL DEAL, an EU research project consisting of civil society organisations and academia working around the European Green Deal. Inviting civil society, Academia, Intergovernmental Agencies and Member States to engage in a cross-regional dialogue on deliberative democracies that leaves no species behind.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

- Pan-regional discussion on how to strengthen democracy through better designing and structuring of participatory processes for the general public and nature. (SDG 16) (SDG 10) (SDG 5) (SDG15)
- Raise awareness of the right of nature as well as barriers for participation for people who are furthest left behind in the Green Transition.
- Exploring the role of Artificial Intelligence, conflicts, climate change, and the ascent of right-wing populism and how it impacts citizens engagement in the European Green Deal and the 2030 Agenda
- Encourage the States to do more participatory processes with the general public
- Foster networking opportunities, and peer-learning

Organizers

Lead organizers: EEB & WECF

Contributors: REAL DEAL, SDG WATCH Europe, Solidar, NYT Europa



Agenda and Structure

1. Welcome & opening address by representative from the European Commission (TBC)
2. Legal aspects of public participation
3. Exploring barriers for participation and recommendations
 - a. How do we ensure that no one and nothing is left behind?
 - b. How can we build new narratives for the Green and Just Transition that counter false and harmful ones?
 - c. Specifically looking at the climate crises, warp speed of AI development, digital disinformation, as well as the rise of right-wing populism and militarisation in our region.
4. Examples of successful participatory processes
 - a. REAL DEAL European Semester
 - b. Climate Assemblies
 - c. Voice of nature / right of nature
 - d. Future generations
5. Discussion from participants

List of Panellists

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Sign-up / Registration Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtd-qqpzwrH9zE6U_EpgYZfE_WbdvuFvLS