

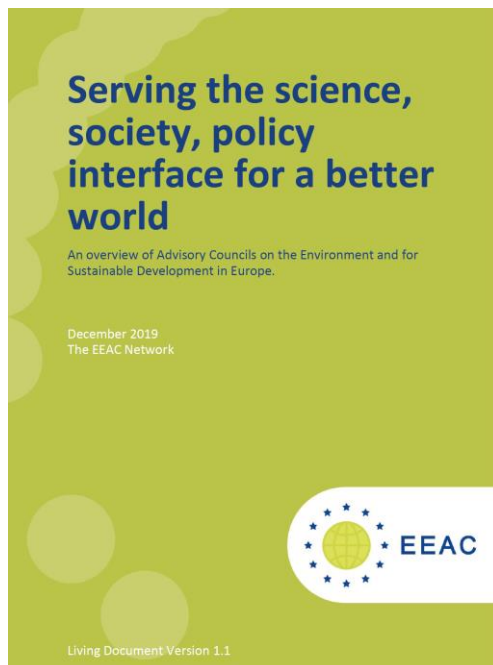


Coordination mechanism for cross-cutting issues of sustainable development and adaptation to climate change

The experience of the EEAC Network

9th December 2021

The roles of advisory councils



1. Providing a long-term vision, rigorous and independent advice to governments and parliaments
2. Cooperation between scientists, policy-makers and citizens
3. New methodologies in which citizens conduct research or contribute to scientific evidence
4. More inclusive and transparent approaches to policy advise
5. Informing the public.

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<https://eeac.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Advisory-Councils-on-the-Environment-and-for-Sustainable-Development-II.pdf>



Advisory / National councils on SD (*and similar bodies*)



EEAC (1993)

18 members
(from 14 European
countries and regions)

- Advisory bodies on SD and the Environment (different perspectives).
- Diverse in composition and mandates.
- Common denominators:
 - 1) They advise Governments and Parliaments at the national and subnational level.
 - 2) Interface Science-Policy-Society
 - 3) Created by laws / decrees
 - 4) Independency

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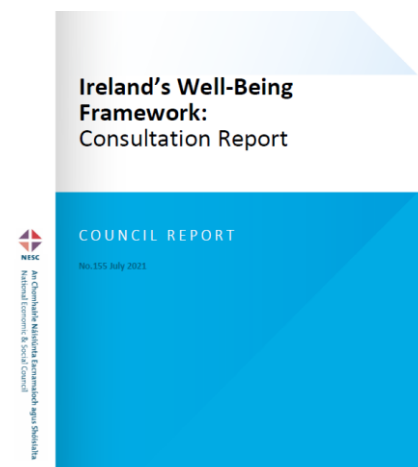
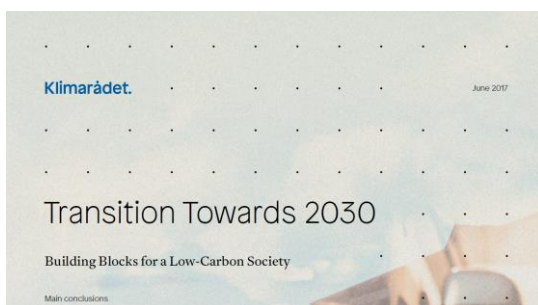
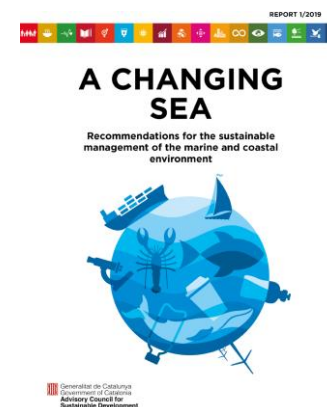
The EEAC Network

- The EEAC is a network of national and sub-national governmental and parliamentary advisory councils in the field of Sustainable Development, climate change and the Environment.
- The network was established in 1993 and includes 18 advisory bodies from 14 European countries and regions.
- The EEAC network provides an **operational framework for joint activities, knowledge sharing, dialogue, informed debate and deliberation among different stakeholders and disciplines.**
- Furthermore, it seeks to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and policymaking and it aims **to enrich the advice that individual advisory councils can give to their governments by encouraging exchange of experience among members.**
- The EEAC aims **to serve as a liaison between national / subnational councils and the UN and EU level.**

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EEAC Network Member Councils (2021)

Belgium	Federal Council for Sustainable Development
Denmark	Danish Council on Climate Change
Catalonia	Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia
Finland	Expert Panel for Sustainable Development
Flanders	Environment and Nature Council of Flanders
France	National Council for Ecological Transition
Germany	German Advisory Council on the Environment
	German Advisory Council on Global Change
	German Council for Sustainable Development
Hungary	National Council for Sustainable Development
	National Environment Council
Ireland	National Economic and Social Council
	The Climate Change Advisory Council
Luxembourg	National Council for Sustainable Development
Montenegro	National Council for Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Integrated Coastal Zone Management
Romania	National Council for Sustainable Development
The Netherlands	Council for the Environment and Infrastructure
Portugal	National Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development



Climate Change Advisory Council

Carbon Budget Technical Report

October 2021

Thematic focus areas

- EEAC members engage in exchange, knowledge building or cooperation on a variety of thematic areas of common interest.
- These thematic areas are updated on an annual basis.
- If required, a series of thematic areas are brought together under the umbrella of an EEAC Working Group.
- These groups are chaired by EEAC members on voluntary bases and bring together the views of individual advisory bodies and fellow stakeholders on selected themes.



'20: Mobility and Transport

For the first time, multiple advisory councils (Belgium, FRDO-CFDD, Germany ,SRU and RNE, Luxembourg, CSDD and the Netherlands, Rli) worked together on one overarching project: international rail serv ... [read more »](#)



Climate change and energy

The Working Group on Climate change and energy consists of representatives from different national and regional advisory bodies which have longstanding experience on matters such as climate change a ... [read more »](#)



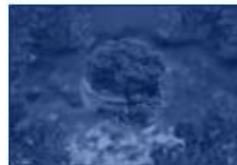
Covid-19 & Green Recovery

In a response to the Covid19 crisis that sweep the world, several EEAC member bodies drafted statements or posted blogs. On this page you will find the latest publications on the issue. In March 2021, ... [read more »](#)



Ecosystem services

The Working Group on ecosystem services consists of representatives from different national and regional advisory bodies which have longstanding experience on issues such as sustainable food product ... [read more »](#)



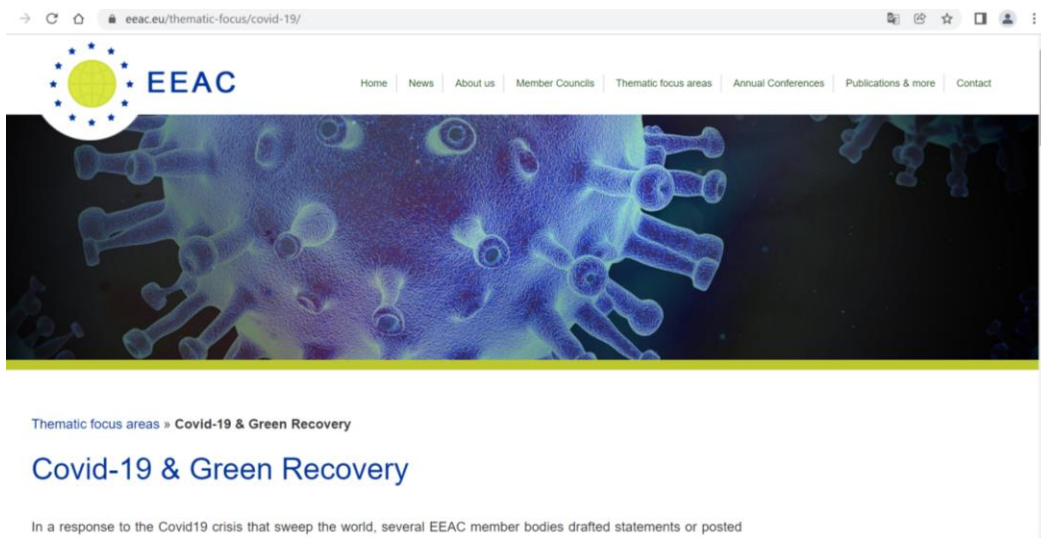
Planetary Health

The EEAC Network, in collaboration with the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, organised three consecutive webinars on the concept of planetary health. This series of web ... [read more »](#)




Sustainable Development

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European Network of Advisory Councils on Climate Change, the Environment and Sustainable Development

The Hague, April 20th 2020

Responding to Covid19:
Building social, economic and environmental resilience with the European Green Deal



MAKING BETTER POLICIES FOR FOOD SYSTEMS
WEBINAR ON 13 APRIL 10:00 | #BetterFoodSystems

Historically, greater food production meant greater land use, but there has been a "decoupling" since about 1960

What are the challenges and achievements of food systems? What is the role of policies?

Given the complexity of food systems, how can we develop coherent policies?

What stands in the way of better policies? How can we overcome these obstacles?

Webinar

**Towards net-zero:
Sound policies need science**

20 September 2021
9.30 - 11.15 CET

Institute of European Environmental Policy

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frdo-cfdd.be/en/externe/1706-webinar-corporate-sustainability-reporting-recent-developments

17/06 | Webinar Corporate Sustainability Reporting: recent developments

Start date / end date: 17/06/2021 - 10:30 to 15:30

Thursday 17 June 2021 | 10:30 am - 15:30 pm |
Webinar of the Belgian (FRDO-CFDD) and German (RNE) Councils for Sustainable Development with the support of the EEAC Network



Today, Minister Fernandes @ambiente_pt, briefed the #EEACNetwork on the agenda of the Presidency of the @EUCouncil @2021PortugalEU. We would like to thank the Minister + team & colleagues of #CNADS for this highly informative & interesting exchange: bit.ly/37pKGX8



Towards Planetary Health:
Concepts, key messages, and best practices

Webinar Series on 14, 21, and 28 October 2021



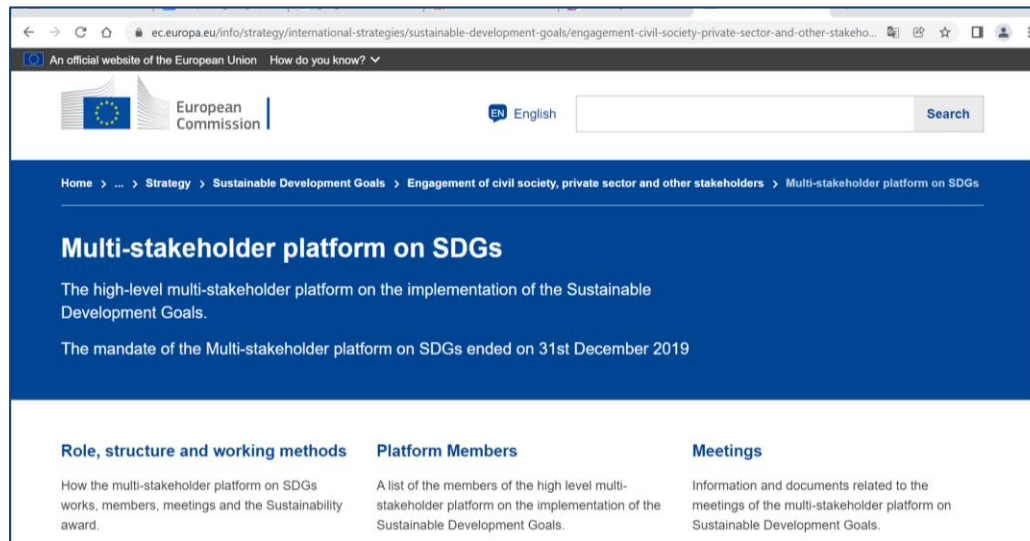


Global Forum for



National SDG
Advisory Bodies

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The contribution of national advisory bodies to climate policy in Europe

Effective action to curb climate change depends on well-defined and efficient governance systems. An increasing number of European countries have been adopting national frameworks to organise their climate actions, often in the form of climate laws. In some cases, these include dedicated advisory bodies to support policy-making. This briefing summarises key findings from research on the landscape of climate advisory bodies in European countries. It highlights the importance of ensuring the work of such bodies is effective by equipping them with a clear mandate, adequate resources and formally integrating them into regular cycles of climate policy-making, planning and progress monitoring.

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<https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/the-contribution-of-national-advisory>

Key messages

1. Of the many European national governance systems for climate policy, some only include essential elements required by EU or international law. Others are more detailed and include regular provision of scientific advice into national policy cycles. This is often done through national 'climate laws'.
2. While almost every European country has a national advisory body on climate change policy, these may differ greatly, for example in terms of composition and focus.
3. Ten countries have established independent scientific climate councils to monitor and advise on climate policy formulation. However, without a clear and visible role and proper resources, their impact is low.
4. Such bodies can play a unique role by combining various functions: watchdog, reliable information provider and convenor. Experience shows they can enhance the accountability of a national governance system.
5. Policy developments and decisions at EU level have consequences for national level climate policy and the work of climate councils.
6. Dialogue and cooperation among advisory bodies could allow for the exchange of experience and good practice and may help national governments coordinate on cross-boundary solutions for the transition to a climate-neutral Europe.

March 9, 2021

Joint letter to the European Council, the Council of the European Union, the European Commission and the European Parliament

Added value of a European Climate Change Council

Dear President of the European Council Michel, Dear Minister Matos Fernandes, Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans, Dear Members of Parliament: Guteland, Canfin, Bloss, Krasnodębski, Liese, Limmer, Modig, Torvalds and Zalewska,





We are glad to see that the EU is pursuing the adoption of a climate law with enhanced ambitions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This represents a critical and crucial step towards meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.



In the context of the EU climate law, we have been following the debate on the establishment of a Climate Change Council at the European level. As governmental and parliamentary advisory councils on climate change, the environment and sustainable development, and members and partners of the EEAC Network, we send you this joint letter to share our views on the added value that advisory councils have, and how this added value would also apply to a potential European Climate Change Council.

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European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change

The European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change will serve as a point of reference on scientific knowledge relating to climate change by virtue of its independence and scientific and technical expertise, to underpin the European Union's climate action and efforts to reach climate neutrality by 2050.

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