



## The EU Must Act Now on the 2030 Agenda to Achieve Sustainable Development!

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The year 2019 marks a turning point for Europe with the upcoming EU Parliamentary elections, the formation of a new EU Commission and the next EU budget for the years 2021-2027. On the global level, unprecedented transformation is being called for to close the gap between our status quo and the trajectory needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), simultaneously with the Paris Climate Agreement.

In 2018, the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) joined forces to work on this objective. In the EU, both networks bring together more than 50 political foundations associated with a broad range of party families, as well as more than 200 knowledge institutions.

As members of the European political (ENoP) and scientific (SDSN) communities, we recognise the urgency to solve the current global challenges. We have the shared responsibility to build on the momentum of the 2030 Agenda, to acknowledge and unfold its cohesive power for a sustainable future. We need to prove our ability as Europeans to act decisively both within the EU and globally.

This call for action builds on consultations within both networks and the input of the participants and speakers of our joint conference in October 2018 entitled “The SDGs and the Future of Europe”. The conference brought together European experts from academia, politics, and the private sector who agreed on the urgent and crucial need for European leadership on the SDGs.

Therefore we, the members of the networks ENoP and SDSN,

- **Call on the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Council, and all political parties to wholeheartedly embrace the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as an overarching framework to shape both internal and external EU policies in the current and upcoming legislature**
- **Reaffirm the commitment to promote the cooperation between our networks for a sustainable future of Europe**
- **Emphasize that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers key pathways. We need to solve the pressing social, economic, and ecological challenges in Europe such as youth unemployment, social inequalities, and climate change.**

# Joint Call for Action – The EU Must Act Now on the 2030 Agenda to Achieve Sustainable Development!

In particular, we call on

- **All political parties to integrate the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs as a reference point in their campaign platforms for the European elections**
- **The European Parliament for leadership in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda with its SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement**
- **The European Council for leadership and to build on its commitment for a comprehensive implementation strategy (European Council 18 October 2018; (EUCO 13/18)**
- **The European Commission to embrace the SDGs as a strategic framework for the EU and the guiding principles for the next Multiannual Financial Framework which covers the decisive period of 2021-2027.**

Both ENoP and SDSN are committed to actively shape and inform the run-up to the European elections. You can learn more at [www.enop.eu](http://www.enop.eu) and [www.unsdsn.org](http://www.unsdsn.org).

## ABOUT SDSN

The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) has been operating since 2012 under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. SDSN mobilizes global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical solutions for sustainable development, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement. Much of SDSN's work is led by its 31 National or Regional SDSNs, which mobilize more than 900 knowledge institutions around the SDGs. Several Thematic Networks mobilize experts from around the world on the technical challenges of implementing the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.



## ABOUT ENoP

The European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) serves as a platform for dialogue and exchange between the European political foundations, civil society organisations, active in the fields of democracy support and sustainable development, and the institutions of the European Union.

ENoP brings together 55 member foundations from 22 EU Member States and the United Kingdom. The members are affiliated to 6 political party families represented in the European Parliament, namely: ECR, EPP, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL, Renew Europe and S&D. Our members are active in over 100 countries around the world, where they bring civic education, support democratic processes and sustainable development through work with civil society and political actors.

In 2016, ENoP has signed a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) with the European Commission, acknowledging the important role of the Network in the fields of development cooperation and democracy support. This FPA marks a set of common objectives of a Strategic Partnership to:



**Promote an enabling environment for political foundations, civil society and political parties;**



**Encourage participation in policy-making processes through political foundations, their partner organizations and political parties;**



**Strengthen the capabilities of political foundations in promoting democracy and developing pluralistic societies.**

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