



Civil Society Pledge for Fossil Free Politics

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Introduction:

For decades, the fossil fuel industry has worked to block effective climate action—denying science, delaying progress, and distorting democratic debate. The fossil fuel industry has known since the 1950s, through its own research, that its products would lead to global warming, with serious implications for people and the environment.^[1] In spite of this, fossil fuel companies have lobbied relentlessly at national, EU, and international levels to weaken or derail policies aimed at reducing emissions and phasing out fossil fuels.

Through massive lobbying efforts, greenwashing campaigns, promoting false solutions and even suing countries for climate action using investor state dispute settlement (ISDS), these companies have sought to protect their own profits—at great cost to people and the planet. And now they are doubling down on increasing oil and gas production.^[2]

Fossil fuel industry influence has undermined the EU's ability to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement and to keep global warming below 1.5°C. This influence has undermined democratic, feminist climate solutions based on care while reproducing a patriarchal economic model based on profit and exploitation. It has delayed the just and urgent transition needed for a liveable future and now actively seeks to undermine the goals of COP30.^[3]

To secure a liveable future for people and the planet, we must draw a clear line: those responsible for the crisis and who continue to benefit from it should not shape its solutions. To stop the fossil fuel industry from continuing to obstruct climate and energy policy, we must free policymaking from its influence.

Regular interactions between EU and national decision-makers and fossil fuel industry representatives give the industry disproportionate influence over policymaking. This unlimited access allows them to dilute legislation, block stronger climate targets, and shape policies that serve corporate interests over public and environmental well-being.

[1] <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.abk0063>

[2] BP, Shell and Equinor have recently scaled back plans to invest in green energy, returning their focus to increasing oil and gas production:
<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/european-oil-giants-step-back-renewables-path-2024-11-18>

[3] <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/latest-news/brazil-pr-company-edelman-awarded-the-countrys-cop30-media-strategy-contract-despite-criticism-for-also-working-for-fossil-fuel-clients/>

Pledge:

In response to this ongoing interference, as civil society organisations advocating for climate justice and urgent climate action aligned with science, we recognise the harmful impact of the fossil fuel industry on policymaking.

We therefore pledge to work towards cutting fossil fuel interests out of our politics by:

Protecting policymaking from fossil fuel capture, ensuring climate policies are shaped by and for people, not polluters.

Demanding transparency from politicians on their interactions with the fossil fuel industry and their lobbyists.

Raising public awareness of the privileged access to decision makers that fossil fuel lobbyists continue to benefit from, despite profiting from an industry that harms people and the planet.

Making fossil free politics a fundamental part of our work by aligning our partnerships, event attendance, and public engagement with this goal.

The pledge was signed by :

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AirClim
Altro Modo Flegreo
Amis de la Terre France / Friends of the Earth France
Anti-Jindal & Anti-POSCO Movement (JPPSS)
ASSOCIACIÓ CATALANA PER LA PAU
Austrian Alliance for Climate Justice
Bond Beter Leefmilieu
Campagna Nazionale Per il Clima Fuori dal Fossile
CAN Europe
Canopea
CEE Bankwatch Network
Center for Climate Change
Center for ecology and energy
Center for Environment
Center for environmental research and information Eko-svest Skopje

Centre for Citizens Conserving Environment & Management (CECIC)
Christian Aid Ireland
CIDSE
Clean Air Action Group
Climate Alliance Switzerland / Alliance Climatique Suisse / Klima-Allianz Schweiz
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Friends of the Earth Europe
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Fronte Verde
Fundacja Mission Possible
Generation Climate Europe
GLOBAL 2000
Global Witness
Go Green
Green Liberty
Greenpeace (European Unit)
International Network for Sustainable
Energy (INFORSE) - Europe
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Switzerland
Protect the Planet - Gesellschaft für
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Quercus – Associação Nacional de
Conservação da Natureza
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Rete Legalità per il clima
(<https://www.giustiziadclimatica.it/>)
Rete Nazionale No Rigass No GNL
Rise For Climate Belgium
SAVE MY WORLD
Seas At Risk
Shifting Advocacy
Swiss Youth for Climate (SYFC)
The Climate Reality Project Europe
Trócaire
Ultima Generazione Lazio
United for Global Mental Health
Utviklingsfondet / The Development
Fund, Norway
Všl "Žiedinė ekonomika"
WISE Nederland
Women Engage for a Common Future -
WECF International
World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ)
Youth and Environment Europe
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