

Civil Society Forum for Sustainability: Shaping the European Green Deal

3rd and 4th May 2023, Online Meeting

The *Civil Society Forum for Sustainability – Shaping the European Green Deal* is co-organised by SOLIDAR, the European Environmental Bureau and SDG Watch Europe within the framework of the REAL DEAL project, a Horizon 2020 research project focused on reshaping citizens' participation and deliberative democracy in the framework of the EGD and green and just transition.

Specifically focused upon assessing the gaps and opportunities in implementing an ambitious EGD and the 2030 Agenda, the fourth meeting of the Forum will bring CSOs together to continue deliberations on the SDGs and the European Voluntary Review (EU VR), the first time the EU has conducted an assessment and review of the SDGs, due to be published at the end of April 2023.

Building on the results of the third Civil Society Forum meeting held in January, the main objective of the fourth edition will be develop and finalise a joint civil society spotlight report on the EU VR, in an interactive discussion during breakout sessions. The Forum will also provide an opportunity for dialogue with policymakers and a space to discuss the advocacy actions taken by CSOs at national and EU level in advance of the publication of the European Voluntary Review in Spring 2023.

The results of the discussions of the forum will be collectively compiled into a civil society spotlight report for the European Voluntary Review. This will be shared with relevant European policymakers and global fora, such as at the High-Level Political Forum in July 2023, the relevant Directorate Generals in the European Commission; Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and its committees; Permanent Representations to the EU, among others.

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Meeting: 14h30-17h00 CEST, Online, Zoom, link TBD

14.30-14.40	Opening words and welcome by organisers	
14.40-15.00	Update on the EU Voluntary Review: Representative of the European Commission, Secretariat-General	
15.10-15.20	Civil Society Spotlight Report – an overview	
15.20-16.30	Breakout sessions	Planet
		Prosperity
16.30-17.00	Conclusions and closing	

Thursday 4th May 2023

Meeting: 10h00-12h00 CEST, Online, Zoom, link TBD

10.00-10.10	Opening words and welcome by organisers	
10.10-10.30	SDGs in 2023 and Civil Society Engagement – Guest Speaker	
10.30-11.40	Breakout sessions	People
		Partnerships
		Peace
11.40-12.00	Conclusions, closing and next steps	



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