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#EUGreenWeek

May 31 → June 4

Zero pollution

EU Green Week 2021 will be dedicated
to **Zero Pollution Ambition** and will take place
as a virtual event.

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Pre-Conference Events			
10:30	European Week for Waste Reduction Awards		
12:30	Event organised by the European Committee of the Regions, Brussels		
	Opening session		
13:30	For healthier people and planet – can you imagine a world without pollution?		
15:00	High level political session		
15:15-15:30 Break			
	1.1	1.2	1.3
15:30	A healthy environment for healthy lives	Lightening the load - removing environmental pressures to set global biodiversity on a path to recovery in Kunming	Inspiring good habits –behavioural change through storytelling and tools
16:30	High level	High level	

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09:45-10:00 Break				
10:00 11:00	2.1 Safe and healthy with sustainable mobility <i>High level</i>	2.2 Microplastics pollution: risks, occurrences & the case of synthetic textiles	2.3 The Special Programme: catalysing progress towards the sound management of chemicals and waste	2.4 Clean seas with a sustainable blue economy – challenges and opportunities
11:00-11:15 Break				
11:15 12:30	LIFE awards <i>High level</i>			
12.30-13.00 Lunch break				
13:00 14:00	3.1 Building cleaner, more circular industrial plants: challenges and opportunities from the review of the Industrial Emissions Directive	3.2 Tackling pollution through Citizen Science: effective actions in the field	3.3 Stemming the plastic tide: global partnerships to reduce pollution	3.4 Towards clean air in the Western Balkans <i>High level</i>
14:00-14:15 Break				
14:15 15:15	4.1 Upgrading the ambition of EU Air Quality legislation <i>High level</i>	4.2 Safe and Sustainable-by-design: from greenwashing to competitive advantage	4.3 Counting down to a cleaner future: monitoring the risks of hazardous chemicals	4.4 Space is the place – monitoring the planet’s health with Copernicus <i>High level</i>
15:15-15:30 Break				
15:30 16:30	5.1 Dirty footprints on the magic carpet – the impacts of soil pollution on human health <i>High level</i>	5.2 Farewell PFAS – calling time on the Forever Chemicals		5.3 Money talks! Everything you always wanted to know about the “EU taxonomy” (but were afraid to ask)
16:30-16:45 Break				
16:45 17:45	6.1 Rebuilding greener! Maximising the environmental co-benefits in times of recovery	6.2 Making waves – young people’s views on water pollution <i>High level</i>	6.3 Zero Pollution and the new Horizon Europe <i>High level</i>	6.4 Cleaning our rivers and seas – quantitative modelling of water & marine pollution

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09:15 09:45	Zoom into the future Integrated Monitoring and Outlook Framework for Zero Pollution			
09:45-10:00 Break				
10:00 11:00	7.1 Environmental sustainability and equality: dilemma or opportunity? <i>High level</i>	7.2 Burning wood to heat our homes: challenges & solutions to limit indoor and outdoor air pollution	7.3 LIFE for clean air– EU funding in pollution hotspots	7.4 Exhaust & non-exhaust emissions: putting transport research & health impacts in perspective
11:00-11:15 Break				
11:15 12:15	8.1 Who pays for pollution?	8.2 Walking tall and treading light – creating sustainable lifestyles with the environmental footprint tool	8.3 Local pollution - nature-based solutions to the rescue <i>High level</i>	
12:15-13.00 Lunch break				
13.00 14.00	9.1 The search for sustainable buildings: innovative solutions from Level(s) and the New European Bauhaus <i>High level</i>		9.2 The Natura 2000 logo for goods and services - supporting a healthy, clean environment and local communities	
14:00-14:15 Break				
14:15 15:15	10.1 How will young Europeans #DiscoverEU while polluting less	10.2 Hubs for Circularity (H4C) – co-benefits from a zero-pollution perspective	10.3 Investing in water for a toxic free environment	10.4 Exhaust & non-exhaust emissions: putting transport research & health impacts in perspective
15:15-15:30 Break				
15:30 16:30	11.1 Water legislation in practice – flowing freely or clear as mud?	11.2 Filling the knowledge gaps on exposure to pollution: a holistic approach with the Human Exposome Network	11.3 Steering innovation in energy-intensive industries – challenges and opportunities	11.4 Right to clean air : mock trials comparative session <i>High level</i>
16:30-16:45 break				
16:45 17:45	TRAPPED BY PLASTIC Screening of a short documentary followed by a debate on how we can end marine plastic pollution <i>High level</i>			

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10:00 11:00	12.1 Achieving zero-pollution cities through regional policy and the Green City Accord <i>High level</i>	12.2 Redirecting sustainable investment: green bonds and beyond	12.3 Cancer & environment pollution – how to better protect citizens
11:00-11:30 Break			
11:15 11:45	“Gen-E Fights for Zero Pollution” – And the winners are... <i>High level</i>		
11:45-12:00 Break			
12:00 13:30	Closing session Together towards zero pollution - becoming the change we need <i>High level political session</i>		

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Thematic strand	Description
Health	Different types of pollution through air, freshwaters, seas and soil, and toxic elements in several products can all harm our health. To prevent or reduce pollution and build a toxic-free environment, all relevant actors across economic sectors, civil society levels need to contribute. Actions for zero pollution go hand in hand with our public health policy efforts and the green transition.
Biodiversity & Ecosystems	Pollution is one of the main threats to biodiversity and ecosystems. An integrated effort to prevent or reduce pollution will help to bring us more in line with planetary boundaries, and contributes to international efforts, too.
Production & Consumption	Steering the EU towards zero pollution requires more sustainable industrial systems, cleaner technologies, less polluting business models and consumption habits. We need to make sure that both production and consumption modes become more sustainable. In other words, the zero pollution ambition is part of the transformation towards a clean, climate-neutral and circular economy.
Enabling change in the EU and abroad	Pollution results from multiple activities in most economic sectors, it is regulated by different authorities at international, EU, national, regional and local level, and ultimately affects all people and the environment across the globe. The zero pollution ambition aims at boosting collective action and change across society. Everyone has a role to play in creating the zero pollution transformation together and promoting zero pollution change worldwide.

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Strands	NAME OF ORGANISATION
1	Architects' Council of Europe
2	RECOPHARMA
3	Dark Sky® Alqueva Portugal
4	Plastics Recyclers Europe
5	European Green Capital and European Green Leaf Awards Secretariat (DG ENV)
6	Smart Cities Marketplace
7	Mediterranean Emission Control Area Network – Together against Air Pollution from Ships
8	Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry
9	Cetaqua, Water Technology Centre
10	Plastic Planet Austria - Circular Vienna
11	EU LIFE Programme CommTeam “on behalf of the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency”
12	Bilbao Urban & Cities Design
13	European Commission’s Joint Research Centre
14	European Environment Agency
15	Urban Logistics as an on-Demand Service
16	Healthy Seas
17	KTH Royal Institute of Technology, H2020 Project ReCiPSS

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18	B-FERST Bio-based fertilising products as the best practice for agriculture management sustainability
19	D-Noses - Distributed Network for Odour Sensing Empowerment and Sustainability
20	EURECAT Technology Centre
21	European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law
22	Interreg Europe
23	Green City Accord
24	Veolia
25	United Nations Environment Programme
26	Oceana
27	International Union for Conservation of Nature, European Regional Office
28	Pollinator Park virtual reality experience
29	Gen-E Fights for Zero Pollution Hackathon
30	European Climate Pact

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Dates	Time	Title	Organiser
Tuesday, June 1	15:00-15:30	"Gen-E Fights For Zero Pollution" – Meet the students part of the hackathon	Junior Achievement Europe
Wednesday, June 2	10:00-10:30	Vitalising Europe's Urban	HOOB
	11:00-11:30	Partner Events Networking session	Partner Events secretariat
	13:00-13:30	FORENV, the EU environmental foresight system- Emerging issues that will impact our ability to deliver a zero-pollution ambition	Directorate General for Environment, European Commission
	14:00-14:30	Smart Cities Marketplace	Smart Cities Marketplace Team
	15:00-15:30	"Gen-E Fights For Zero Pollution" - Daily check-in with the participating students	Junior Achievement Europe
	16:00-16:30	The Industrial Emissions Portal	European Environment Agency & Directorate General for Environment, European
	17:00-17:30	Partner Events Networking session	Partner Events secretariat
Thursday, June 3	10:00-10:30	Environmental Footprint training session	Directorate General for Environment, European Commission
	11:00-11:30	Bathing Water Quality – Review of EU rules	Directorate General for Environment, European Commission
	13:00-13:30	Energy Poverty Observatory	Directorate General for Energy,
	14:00-14:30	Partner Events Networking session	Partner Events secretariat
	15:00-15:15	"Gen-E Fights For Zero Pollution" - Daily check-in with the participating students	Junior Achievement Europe
	16:00-16:30	Towards Clean and Healthy cities for Europe: the Green City Accord	Eurocities
	17:00-17:30	Micro- and nanoplastics: What knowledge gaps need to be filled, and why?	CUSP-The European research cluster to understand the health impacts of micro- and nanoplastics