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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Call to Europe IX – version 2.0! Yes, that is right – after an incredible line up of exciting conferences in Brussels, which became famous for being the most interactive, participatory events and after “Tour de Call to Europe” that connected debates across the EU – now, moving with the spirit of our times – Call to Europe goes online! And believe us, this is just a beginning of an exciting intellectual and political adventure - if YOU stay tuned in, will keep YOU at the heart of the crucial progressive European debates until the conference that we will hold in FEPS new headquarters in December!

THIS YEAR

Call to Europe's tradition is to bring up the issues of particular concern. It was the space to debate millennial's and their attitudes towards politics; to address the challenge of multiculturalism and how we can gear solidarity amongst our communities; to mobilise for creating sustainability in the rough times marked by austerity. The courage to tap on what the difficult issues are, the well-founded arguments echoing the FEPS studies and the openness of the exchanges were the key ingredients to attract participation of the leading politicians and renowned academics, civil society and trade unions leaders, as also activists and just interested citizens. And they have never been disappointed taking part in Call to Europe unique format plenaries, highly interactive seminars or Dragon's Den exercises.

This time will get even more exciting, as next to the debates we have prepared a whole set of accompanying activities, which will make our Call to Europe IX stand out from the multitude of all the other webinars or online conferences that one can follow these days. Offering here a little spoiler, we can share that should you step in our virtual conference venue, you will not only connect with speakers and other participants there – but will also take a virtual journey to diverse Europe's cities!



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THE LEADING TOPICS

What is more, designing this year's edition, we have been determined to make our Call to Europe about something that is in the hearts and minds of everyone. We refer here to what has made us individually and collectively persevere through the COVID crisis in a conviction that a different, better tomorrow is still a feasible plan. That is a strong belief in core values – solidarity and equality – and those are put as compass and reference point for the programme that is built out of two ideals to strive for: gender equality and climate justice.

Those two issues connect very strongly as the topics that in the midst of previous, financial crisis were put on hold. Back then, when Europe entered into the era of austerity, both suffered from cuts and were side-lined as sets of policies that “we couldn't afford”. But they are not extras. They are in fact key in defining the well-being of individuals, in modernising our societies to become more egalitarian and in ensuring our policies are in line with the Paris agreement. That is why we consider them as leading issues for this year's “Call to Europe” feeling the responsibility of making sure that a new Roadmap to Gender Equality and Green Deal are at the heart of all the post-COVID strategies for Europe. And that is precisely the message we want to articulate now in June, when diverse paths are under discussions and the proposal for Multiannual Financial Framework is yet to arrive; and we will repeat in December – when we meet just a week ahead of the Summit.

In that effort, we hope you will join us – entering the debate, forming the proposals and enjoying the unique character of the “Call to Europe”. Your presence will mean a lot to us and we promise that if we can win your attention, we will do utmost to keep it – engaging you in an exciting pan-European adventure throughout all these 6 months ahead!





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DAY ONE of Call to Europe will focus on **CLIMATE JUSTICE**

The current health pandemic has highlighted the extent human impact is having on natural ecosystems and how interrelated this is with our consumption and production patterns, yet at the same time the consequences of the crisis threaten to derail the European Green Deal. The next 5-10 years will be crucial in securing a climate-proof future. That's why it makes sense to implement an investment strategy that harnesses the European Green Deal now, alongside the recovery from the health pandemic. If we are to truly ensure that the way we run our societies respects the climate justice principles of intra-country, inter-country and intergenerational solidarity, as well as gender justice for climate, our actions will need to be bold in order to provide certainty and a clear pathway in order to 'build back better' and to ensure the transition is just. Swift action is needed to kick-start systemic change. We have all the ingredients to hand, so what are we waiting for?

The guiding questions framing this discussion will be how do we ensure the European Green Deal for All is at the heart of a recovery plan? In which way do we need to 'build back better' for a more sustainable society? Which major steps need to take place in the next 5-10 years to catalyse action for climate justice? What lessons can we take from the COVID-19 pandemic?

09:30 – 10:00 ZOOM REGISTRATION & ONLINE ENERGIZER **JOIN FEPS INSTAGRAM CAMPAIGN FOR CALL TO EUROPE**

Are you interested in Climate Justice and you have a question or message you want to address to Europe's progressive leaders and experts? Write it up, take a selfie and send it to FEPS team!

Moderated by Maria FREITAS, FEPS Senior Policy Advisor, Portugal

10:00 – 10:45 CLIMATE JUSTICE FISHBOWL

Join an exciting fishbowl debate where your ideas and questions with regard to Climate Justice will be at the centre of the discussion! There is one condition though: you need to quickly immortalize your presence and contribution to the discussion by taking a selfie with your message or by raising a question in the Zoom chat box – the most voted question will be asked to our speakers!

- **Javi LÓPEZ**, MEP S&D Group, Chair of PES Network for Climate and Energy, *Spain*
- **Professor Tahseen JAFRY**, Director, The Centre for Climate Justice, Glasgow Caledonian University, *Scotland, UK*
- **Wendel TRIO**, Director of CAN Europe, *Belgium*

Moderated by Céline GUEDES, FEPS Project Officer, Belgium





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10:45 – 11:05 EUROVISIONS

Call to Europe will take you on a virtual travel to a couple of Europe's capitals where experts from FEPS network will bring about a country perspective dimension to the European discussions!

From the Slovenia studio, powered by Društvo Progresiva

- **Aja VRENJAK**, Youth for Climate Justice (Mladi za podnebno pravičnost), *Slovenia*

From the Latvia studio, powered by the Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

- **Edmunds CEPURĪTIS**, Co-Chairman Progresīvie Party and environmental activist, *Latvia*

From the Austria studio, powered by the Renner Institut

- **Nina ABRAHAMCZIK**, Member of the Vienna City Council, *Austria*
- **Ana PIRTSHKALAVA**, YES and IUSY Secretary General, *Georgia*

11:05 – 11:45 PLENARY SESSION: PROGRESSIVES IN ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Delara BURKHARDT, MEP S&D Group, *Germany*

Anita SOWIŃSKA, MP, The Left Coalition Parliamentary Group, *Poland*

Roman SIELER, Generation Climate Europe - FIMCAP

(International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Movements), *Germany*

FOLLOWED BY Q&A

Moderated by **Charlotte BILLINGHAM**, FEPS Senior Policy Advisor, *UK*

11:45 – 12:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Dan JØRGENSEN, Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities, *Denmark*

12:00 – 12:05 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Maria João RODRIGUES, FEPS President, *Portugal*

YOUR SELFIE FOR CALL TO EUROPE

The highlight of Call to Europe is you! Your participation, your contribution! So, make sure you take part in the Call to Europe campaign with your selfie and messages, so we can showcase them to Europe's leaders!



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DAY TWO of Call to Europe will focus on **GENDER EQUALITY** and will offer the opportunity to reason about the different building blocks of the EU Gender Equality Strategy in the current context of COVID-19 in an exchange with female change-makers on how to shape gender-sensitive policies improving everyone's life. The discussion will endeavour to provide answers to why (and how) 2020 has to be the turning point for women's rights and gender equality! After many years of deadlock in the area of gender equality, it is time for the EU to become a real game changer in building a strong feminist Europe. A European Union that gives women equal opportunities to reach their full potential will be more social, sustainable and powerful. What are the true potentials of the new EU Gender Equality Strategy? In what ways will the coronavirus crisis interplay with the fight for women's rights across Europe? What are the progressive answers in addressing the main gender equality challenges and in creating a fairer and more inclusive society? Are women the secret weapon to more progressive politics? Come and join the debate to find out more!

09:30 – 10:00 ZOOM REGISTRATION & ONLINE ENERGIZER
JOIN FEPS INSTAGRAM CAMPAIGN FOR CALL TO EUROPE

Are you interested in Gender Equality and you have a question or message you want to address to Europe's progressive leaders and experts? Write it up, take a selfie and send it to FEPS team!

Moderated by Maria FREITAS, FEPS Senior Policy Advisor, Portugal

10:00 – 10:05 OPENING

- **László ANDOR**, FEPS Secretary General, *Hungary*

10:05 – 10:20 WOMEN UP PECHAKUCHA

Tune in for a speedy, visual and engaging session where women will share their testimonies on their fight for a more gender equal and progressive Europe.

SCENE SETTERS

- **Evelyn REGNER**, MEP S&D Group, European Parliaments' FEMM Committee Chair, *Austria*
- **Yoomi RENSTRÖM**, First Vice President PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions, Mayor of Örebro, *Sweden*
- **Manuela BORA**, Vice President PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions, Minister for Gender Equality Marche Region, *Italy*
- **Sally STARKEN**, Co-initiator #Stattblumen Campaign, *Germany*



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10:20 – 10:45 KEYNOTE SPEECH

- **Helena DALLI**, European Commissioner for Equality, *Malta*

FOLLOWED BY Q&A

Moderated by **Laetitia THISSEN**, FEPS Gender Policy Advisor, *Belgium*

10:45 – 11:30 PLENARY SESSION: A EUROPE FOR ALL WOMEN, ALL WOMEN FOR EUROPE

OPENING

- **Renate TENBUSCH**, Friedrich Erbert Stiftung Brussels Office Director, *Germany*

DEBATE

- **Joanna MAYCOCK**, Secretary General European Women's Lobby, *UK*
- **Alicia HOMES**, MEP S&D Group and YES President, *Spain*
- **Janna BESAMUSCA**, Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam, *The Netherlands*

FOLLOWED BY Q&A

Moderated by **Laetitia THISSEN**, FEPS Gender Policy Advisor, *Belgium*

11:30 – 11:35 RISE UP FOR WOMEN!

- **Zita GURMAI**, PES Women President and FEPS Vice President, *Hungary*



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CALL TO EUROPE CONCEPT

Since its first edition in 2011, *Call to Europe*, the annual signature conference of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), has become a reference point for the progressive family in Europe. This is due to its capacity of bringing together a unique multi-stakeholder community of progressive politicians, civil society and media to discuss issues of common concern and develop concrete and positive responses to contemporary European challenges in the most interactive and inclusive ways.

The name **Call to Europe** stems from FEPS' core mission of **bridging the gap**. It highlights the need for a two-way dialogue between European citizens and the institutions that represent us all by ultimately bringing us all closer together in our shared challenges and common future. To this end, FEPS has always strived to provide skills and capacity building, particularly through civic engagement and active participation in democratic life.

In this respect the objective of FEPS Call to Europe is to stimulate a more **Positive, Participatory and Progressive Europe**:

- By enabling **Participatory** debates in an interactive and inclusive platform engaging diverse stakeholders, interested parties, citizens and the progressive family to express their expectations, issues, concerns and recommendations;
- By creating a **Positive** mood and constructive discussion around the European project refusing to give in to contemporary debates that focus on the question of Europe and rather focusing what kind of Europe there can be in the future;
- By bringing together the most promising talents from all over Europe for a **Progressive** intellectual fermentation/fertilization providing input on a strong, determined vision and strategy for social democrats to address the challenges facing Europe and to deliver policies that respond to the issues affecting citizens.

In spite of the present challenging context, FEPS - as the only European progressive think tank - does not shrink from its core mission to foster open, provocative and fresh debates. More than ever before, we need to stimulate new thinking in Europe and within the progressive movement with the support of member foundations and partners. That is precisely why the **9th edition of Call to Europe** will go online! Do you want to be part of this journey? Then join us for the online debate on **10th – 11th June 2020!**

More information at www.feps-europe.eu and www.calltoeurope.eu



FEPS RECOMMENDED READINGS

COVID-19

- [FEPS COVID-19 articles](#)

CLIMATE JUSTICE

- [United for Climate Justice – Policy Paper with Declaration and Guiding Proposals for Progressive Climate Action](#)
- [FEPS article series on intergenerational solidarity and climate justice](#)
- [FEPS-IEEP Policy Paper Green Deal for All – How to achieve sustainability and equity between the people, regions, countries and generations of Europe in a post-COVID-19 era](#)

GENDER EQUALITY

- [The #Metoo Social Media Effect and its Potentials for Change in Europe](#)
- [European Observatory on Sexism and harassment at work](#)
- [Does Europe Care about care?](#)
- [Gender pay gap – the venom is in the details](#)
- [Interview with MEP M. Noichl on the EU's gender equality strategy](#)
- [EU Gender Equality Strategy](#)
- [PES Women Joint Letter to EC President Ursula von der Leyen](#)



RECOMMENDED FEPS TALKS PODCASTS



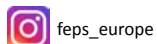
- [#7 FEPS Talks](#) Eradicating violence against women
- [#8 FEPS Talks](#) Hopes of ensuring a sustainable planet, from a youth perspective
- [#16 FEPS Talks](#) UE et climat: Plus que quelques mois
- [#17 FEPS Talks](#) How to finance a Green New Deal
- [#21 FEPS Talks](#) 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration:
realising women's rights for an equal future in 2020!
- [#25 FEPS Talks](#) For a free and green Budapest
- [#26 FEPS Talks](#) Climate justice and EU recovery plans
- [#27 FEPS Talks](#) For a Gender-sensitive response to COVID-19!
- [#34 FEPS Talks](#) World Environment Day - Time for Nature



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