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Science-policy solutions for
a more sustainable Europe

THINK 2030 voices

As part of Think2030, we reached to a number of policy-makers, EU officials, and stakeholders. Here are their takes on science-policy solutions for a sustainable Europe.

‘Just transition, sustainable consumption and production, climate, biodiversity, oceans, plastics, the way we consume, the way we produce water, droughts, fires, are key words that should be thought and anticipated in time to provide the right answers’.

‘And #Think2030, bringing together the think tanks of Europe, is absolutely key to succeed.’

Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Minister for the Ecological Transition of Spain.



‘Our old perception is of a linear model of growth with limitless natural resources. Our economic theory revolves around this impression of a boundless universe. We have to learn to understand, appreciate and preserve the limited amount of resources available and accept natural boundaries’.

Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament – European People's Party, Finland



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'At the turn of 19th century, humans became the main transforming force of the geology of the planet. Decades of population and economic growths and industrial innovation in the 20th century led us to the cross of at least 4 of the 9 planetary boundaries.'

Ricardo Serrão Santos, Member of the European Parliament - Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Portugal



'The EU can lead the way to a green era and living well within the limits of the planet'.

Hans Bruyninckx, Director of the European Environmental Agency





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'The plastic rubbish in our oceans is the equivalent of 1000 Eiffel Towers every year. It is imperative that we, you, I and Think 2030 come together to make sure that the only Eiffel Tower we have is the one in Paris'.

Theresa Griffin, Member of the European Parliament – Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, UK

'Worse than realising that we are moving away from the SDGs, is to NOT know where we stand as European Union. It is the same as to choose the sails to a boat but not setting a course, or a destination, or having an estimated time of arrival.'

José Inácio Faria, Member of the European Parliament, European People's Party, Portugal



'We need to bend the linear economy round and turn it into a circular one: from degenerative to regenerative'.

Kate Raworth, English economist working for the University of Oxford. She is known for her work on the 'doughnut economy'.



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‘To keep the environmental effects of our consumption within the limits of our planet, we need to effectively apply the principle of sufficiency by everyone.’

We need to do more for upscaling the local initiatives as most of the decisions finally are made locally by the local communities including nature-based innovations’.

Benedek Jávor, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Hungary



‘To reach sustainable consumption, we need to phase out all fossil fuels by 2030 and we need to invest heavily in a real circular economy.’

‘I am dedicated to the work on climate justice and climate feminism. We need to protect the rights of the most vulnerable people because climate change is very unjust’.

Linnéa Engström, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Sweden

