

A Healthy Environment For All

SOCIAL MEDIA ACTION

In the context of today's triple planetary environmental crisis of pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss, the European human rights framework remains the only regional human rights system whose political institutions do not yet explicitly recognize the autonomous right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for the people they protect.

At the international level, the United Nations General Assembly recognized the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment in July 2022, in a resolution that has been supported by all the Member States of the Council of Europe. In addition, at the national level, more than 90% of these Member States recognize the right to a healthy environment in some capacity.

And yet, a recognition of the autonomous right to a healthy environment at the level of the Council of Europe is still missing. Recognizing this autonomous right is crucial to act as a catalyst for the adoption of more effective policies in favor of environmental and climate protection. This recognition would also assist governments in facilitating its implementation, including by corporate actors, and in promoting legal certainty, and it would contribute to unequivocally including environmental defenders as protectors of human rights, thus enhancing protection for the most at-risk category of human rights defenders. This recognition would contribute to equipping the people protected by the European human rights system with an actionable and internationally enforceable right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

We are coming together to **call upon Member States of the Council of Europe to ensure that this important topic will be duly addressed in the upcoming months, starting with the Reykjavik Summit** (a once-in-a-generation summit of the Council of Europe that will be held in May, during which Member States will convene to refocus the Council's mission in light of today's threats to democracy and human rights).

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **SHARE** messages on social media calling **YOUR Permanent Representative at the Council of Europe to recognize the right to a healthy environment at the Reykjavik Summit.**

Together, our voices have the power to bring great visibility to our message and pressure governments to act urgently. We invite you to join us and mobilize others for this critical moment.

Key hashtag:



#HealthyEnvironmentForAll #CouncilOfEuropeSummit

#TheTimelsNow - #HumanRights [if used ahead of the Summit, please also use
#RoadToReykjavik]

💡 Please, remember to include the main hashtags — **#HealthyEnvironmentForAll** & **#CouncilOfEuropeSummit** — in all of your tweets.

💡 Please, remember to tag your Permanent Representation in your graphics or directly in your posts.

Graphics:

Download graphics [here](#).

Video:

- RECORDING - Event - Human Right to a Healthy Environment and the Reykjavik Summit - April 12th: [here](#)
- Video on social media (three stakeholders calling for the recognition of the RtHE by the Council of Europe): [here](#)

Twitter posts:

We invite you to customize the following tweets as appropriate.

Tweet at your Permanent Representation in Strasbourg (see below for their Twitter handle) and ask them to recognize the human right to #HealthyEnvironmentForAll.

#1

At the upcoming #CouncilOfEuropeSummit, @coe Member States will decide if they should recognize the right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll. [ADD Handle of your PR] will you show leadership & support this demand to protect people & the planet?

#2

Over the past years, 1000+ CSOs & Indigenous Peoples' organizations have mobilized to recognize the right to a healthy environment.

[ADD Handle of your PR] will you listen to their voice & make sure this critical human right is also recognized by European institutions at the #CouncilOfEuropeSummit?

#3

We live in a global environmental crisis that currently jeopardizes the #HumanRights of billions of people on our planet.

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[ADD Handle of your PR] it's high time for the @CoE #CouncilOfEuropeSummit to recognize the right #HealthyEnvironmentForAll.

#4

A healthy environment is a prerequisite for the realization of all #HumanRights.

That is why it's critical that @coe Member States establish the right to a

#HealthyEnvironmentForAll during the upcoming #CouncilOfEuropeSummit. [ADD Handle of your PR] will you recognize this critical right NOW?

(scroll down for more suggestions of posts)

Key targets:

PLEASE use the handles below to Tweet at your National Permanent Representative at the Council of Europe and ask them to ACT NOW to recognize the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

Member State	Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe
 Albania	@AlMissionCOE
 Andorra	@AndorraCoe
 Armenia	@armrepcoe
 Austria	@AustriaatCoE
 Azerbaijan	@AzMissionCoE
 Belgium	@BELinCoE
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	@mfa_bih
 Bulgaria	@RPBulgarieCoE
 Croatia	@MVEP_hr
 Cyprus	@Cyprus_CoE
 Czech Republic	@SM_Strasbourg
 Denmark	@DKinCoE
 Estonia	@EstoniaCoE

 Finland	@FinlandCoE
 France	@RepFranceCdE
 Georgia	@GeoMissionCoE1
 Germany	@GermanyCoE
 Greece	@GRinStrasbourg
 Hungary	@HungaryMofa
 Iceland	@IcelandCoE
 Ireland	@IrishRepCoE
 Italy	@ItalyatCoE
 Latvia	@LatviaCoE
 Liechtenstein	@LIEatCoE
 Lithuania	@LithuaniaMFA
 Luxembourg	@LuxembourgtheC1
 Malta	@MaltaCoE
 Moldova	@MoldovaCoE
 Monaco	@GvtMonaco
 Montenegro	@MFA_MNE
 Netherlands	@NLatCoE
 North Macedonia	@MKmissionCoE
 Norway	@NorwayCoE
 Poland	@PLPermRepCoE
 Portugal	@PortugalCoE
 Romania	@RomaniaCoE
 San Marino	@AffariEsteriSMR

 Serbia	@SRBInCoE
 Slovak Republic	@SlovakiaMFA
 Slovenia	@SLOtoCoE
 Spain	@SpainCoE
 Sweden	@SwedeninCoE
 Switzerland	@SwitzerlandCoE
 Türkiye	@Turkey_CoE
 Ukraine	@UKRinCoE
 United Kingdom	@UKDelCoE

More Twitter posts...

#1

Everyone has the right to a #HealthyEnvironment.

Join people from around Europe in calling on the @coe to recognize at its #CouncilOfEuropeSummit our right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment: #HealthyEnvironmentForAll!

#2

The right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll has been recognized by the @UN_HRC, the @UN General Assembly & by 100+ constitutions worldwide. Yet it's not explicitly recognized in the European #HumanRights system. The @coe has a chance to change that. The time to recognize a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll is now!

#3

The human right to a healthy environment is a powerful tool to protect both people and the planet. It's time to scale up the effort and recognize the right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll also at the European level. The #CouncilOfEuropeSummit is a chance for the @CoE to do just that!

#4

All European Governments will be meeting in a few weeks for the #CouncilOfEuropeSummit while communities continue to face wildfires, drought, and severe storms. We can no longer wait. The @CoE must urgently recognize the right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll.

#5 - A THREAD

1. At the upcoming #CouncilOfEuropeSummit, @coe Member States must send a powerful message to indicate their commitment to protecting human rights in the face of environmental threats.
A thread.
2. The right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll has been recognized by the @UN_HRC, the @UN General Assembly & by 100+ constitutions worldwide. Yet the European #HumanRights system has failed to fill an obvious gap: it hasn't recognized the right #HealthyEnvironmentForAll.
3. A healthy environment is a prerequisite for the realization of all human rights. Over 150 states have already recognized the right to a #HealthyEnvironment through their constitutions, domestic legislation, or regional treaties. And more needs to be done.
4. Over 1000 civil society & Indigenous people have orgs called upon States to recognize the right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll.
In a public event last week, the  Prime Minister [@katrinjak](#) stressed the need to recognize this important right at the #CouncilOfEuropeSummit.
5. The time is overdue for @coe to recognize the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.
#HealthyEnvironmentForAll #CouncilOfEuropeSummit

Why we need a global recognition of the right to a healthy environment

#1

Explicit recognition of the right to a healthy environment can lead to more effective laws & policies and empower local communities.

The #CouncilOfEuropeSummit is a critical moment for states to step up and recognize the right to #HealthyEnvironmentForAll in Europe.

#2

#Climate change and nature loss affect our well-being and undermine #HumanRights.

The upcoming #CouncilOfEuropeSummit is a critical moment for Europe to recognize the right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll also in the European system.

#3 IPCC REPORT

Recent reports incl. #IPCC makes it clear that protecting the right to a healthy environment is of utmost urgency for communities exposed to climate-induced impacts and to toxic and hazardous substances. It is time for Europe to recognize the right to #HealthyEnvironmentForAll

#4 - AIR POLLUTION

Air pollution accounts for 100.000s of premature deaths each year across Europe.

We must hold companies & governments accountable to protect people and the planet.

Join us in calling states to recognize our right to a #HealthyEnvironmentForAll at the upcoming #CouncilOfEuropeSummit

QUICK RE-SHARE:

TWITTER

OHCHR: twitter.com/volker_turk/status/1654384345023488002

COE's Secretary General: twitter.com/MarijaPBuric/status/1651175532682174464

CIEL: twitter.com/ciel_tweets/status/1654453308231221253

EEB: twitter.com/Green_Europe/status/1655890858762440704

FIDH: twitter.com/BHR_FIDH/status/1649033195424194564

Global Pact for the Environment: twitter.com/PactEnvironment/status/1653445203368214538

Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment:

twitter.com/SREnvironment/status/1646211652415799296

LINKEDIN

CIEL: www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7059838023550545920

YEE:

www.linkedin.com/posts/youth-and-environment-europe-yee_reykjaviksummit-activity-7054761054781722624-TnKJ?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

INSTAGRAM

YEE:

www.instagram.com/reel/Cr3SfC5O4g/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

www.instagram.com/p/CrQ_uIXLPfZ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

RELEVANT RESOURCES:

- [Climate Home News article](#) on the High-Level Conference at the Council of Europe
- [European Environmental Bureau Blog](#)

Do you want to continue taking action?

- Send a letter to your Permanent Representative at the Council of Europe - [here](#)'s an example of a letter that you could personalize and send to your Permanent Representative.
- Sign up to receive more updates about this critical campaign: [here](#).

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