

### **Annual Report**

# CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK EUROPE

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CAN Europe Annual Report 2020

# Membership

Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe is Europe's leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change.

We are a unique network, in which environmental and development organisations work together to issue joint lobby campaigns and maximise their impact.

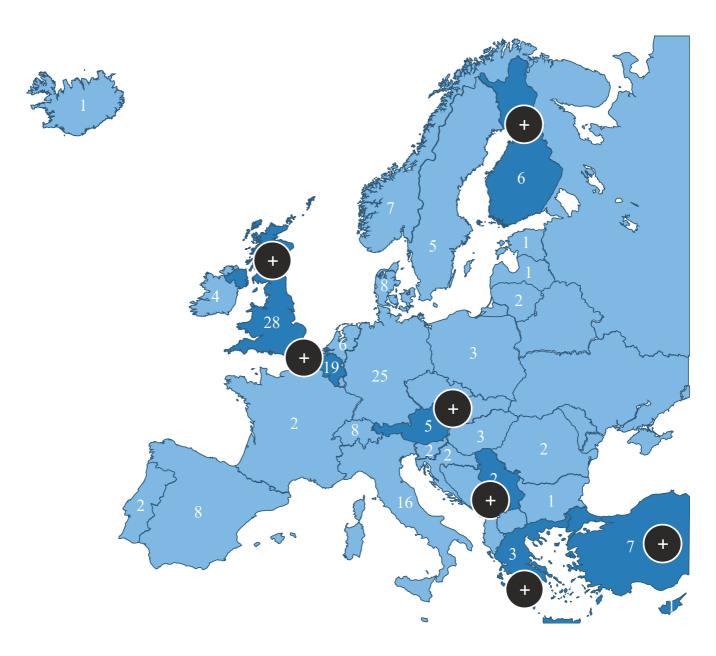
With over 170 member organisations active in 38 European countries, representing over 1,500 NGOs and more than 47 million citizens, CAN Europe promotes sustainable climate, energy and development policies throughout Europe.

"Being a member of CAN is being part of a big coalition of organisations where we can work together to create a more desirable future. Being a member of CAN is also being in dynamic and innovative projects, where we can together reunite our strengths and power and make our voices heard."

William Feys, Co-President 2021 | CliMates



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# Facts & Figures





Twitter 21,000 followers

Facebook: 7,200 followers





90,000 impressions of our top post on Twitter

63,315 website users





more than 60 webinars and events for the Network

3 events for the Network





8 joint funding applications with the Network

11 newsletters with 800 + subscribers to our newsletters





96 press releases







5 media events

2,500 mass media hits





27 letters to policy makers 17 consultations to submissions



### **Achievements**

Climate action received a much-needed boost with the new EU 2030 target of at least 55% net emission reductions. CAN Europe and its members' tireless work behind the virtual scenes ensured the case for an ambitious target was heard at the highest levels of EU decision making. Europe's more decisive action was echoed in other countries from the US to China, giving global climate policy a more promising look in what has been an incredibly tough year for all.

Last year, the National Energy and Climate Plans of all Member States became available. We published two reports highlighting where potential loopholes in the plans could be closed. Meanwhile, the Commission published its 'Renovation Wave' strategy, a cornerstone of the EU Green Deal. CAN Europe called for stepping up deep renovations to significantly improve the energy performance of existing buildings which would yield multiple benefits and help address energy poverty across Europe.

We worked to raise the case for climate justice, boost the profile of offshore wind energy and asked tough questions on the shortcomings of the Commission's new strategy to the green industry.

We also got more MEPs on board our call to end fossil fuel subsidies and we made sure the EU's Just Transition fund was both fair and not a free ticket for more fossil gas.

CAN Europe and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) released the first-ever civil society blueprint for achieving the Paris Agreement target. Grounded in science, our scenario proved that we already have the technology it takes to reach a 100% renewables-based system by 2040, while also meeting sustainability standards.

The little-known 'Energy Charter Treaty' was in the spotlight. It is a legal text that allows fossil fuel companies to sue against climate policies that harm their profits – and we're helping to write it out of the rule books. 200 high-profile people signed our open letter calling for an end to the treaty.

We also worked hard to see more ambitious climate commitments in Turkey and the Western Balkans.

2020 saw the launch of new work on gas and the beginning of the end for the misleading 'natural gas' narrative. Finally, we worked with business and investor leaders in urging the Commission to support steep emissions reductions.





Brighter outlook for global climate policy

Raising the bar for climate justice in the European Climate Law

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Pushing for more ambitious national climate plans

'Renovation Wave' promises to boost energy performance of buildings

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The Paris Agreement Compatible (PAC) scenario sets out our vision for a speedy energy transition

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Offshore wind energy gains more political backing

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### EU turns up the heat on industry climate action

# Showing the Energy Charter Treaty the door

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Coal regions set sail for a real, fair and just transformation

The time has come for a fossil gas phase out

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The Western Balkans on the path to decarbonisation

Turkey at a climate crossroads





Greener out of the crises: EU budget and recovery funding for climate ambition

Businesses and investors raise the stakes

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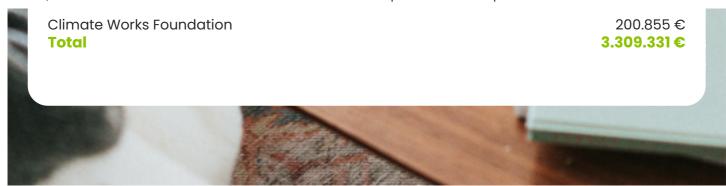
Central Eastern European societies are ready for ambitious climate action

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# **Finance**



CAN Europe	2.181.332 €
European Climate Foundation	909.135 €
European Commission	486.080 €
German Government	188.846 €
Membership fees	126.000 €
KR Foundation	115.742 €
Protect the Planet	74.318 €
Minor Foundation	60.066€
Climate Works Foundation	57.698 €
Belgian government	39.000 €
JMG Foundation	22.498 €
Schwab Charitable	2.827 €
Other income	99.122€
CAN International	57.937€
Europe Beyond Coal Compaign	1.070.062€
European Climate Foundation	537.788 €
Schwab Charitable	331.419 €



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CAN Europe has a Board of Directors, which is appointed by its General Assembly.

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