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Towards a climate neutral Europe

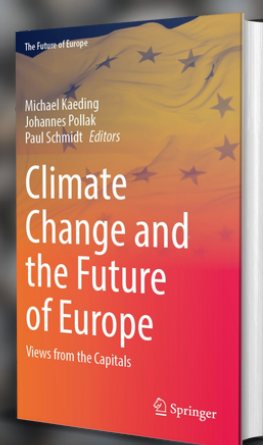
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A public debate and book launch marking the publication of "Climate and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals", co-edited by Michael Kaeding, Johannes Pollak, and Paul Schmidt, and published by Springer. While the ambitious objectives outlined in the EU's Green Deal aim at making Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, national implementation greatly varies depending on local geographies, history, culture, economics, and politics. This book analyses Member States' and EU neighbours' national efforts to combat climate change. It subsequently draws on these factors to highlight local challenges, tensions, and opportunities on the road towards climate neutrality.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: VIEWS FROM THE CAPITALS

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Sandrine Dixon-Declève is Co-President of The Club of Rome, dividing her time between leading The Club of Rome, advising, lecturing, and facilitating difficult conversations. She currently Chairs the European Commission Expert Group on Economic and Societal Impact of Research & Innovation (ESIR) and sits on the European Commissions Mission on Climate Change & Adaptation. She also sits on several Non-Executives & Advisory Boards including EDP, BMW, UCB Climate KIC, Leonardo Centre, and Imperial College London.



Francois Roux is Senior Advisor at Egmont. Former Chief of Staff of the President of the European Council (2019-2020), Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union and Sherpa of Prime Minister Charles Michel (2016-2019). Ambassador Roux was Director General for European Affairs at the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2012-2016). He holds an MA in economics from the University of Paris and an MA in public Affairs and International Relations from the University of Louvain.

Adélaïde Charlier is 21 years and studies Social Sciences at the VUB. Together with Anuna De Wever, she co-founded in 2019 the Youth For Climate movement in Belgium, which organised over 25 school strikes and demonstrations with thousands of youth to demand political actions for the climate crisis. She contributed over the past few years to various mobilisations and actions at the Belgium, European and international levels. Since 2021, she is a Special Advisor to the European Commission Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, Frans Timmermans.

