

CALLING THE SHOTS: SPORTS AND THE EUROPEAN GREEN EVOLUTION



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9:30 AM –
12:30 PM

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With the Paris Olympic Games and the French Presidency of the European Union approaching, the issue of sport and its relationship with environmental protection in Europe is of paramount importance. Therefore, Surfrider Foundation Europe and the French Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports would like to invite all stakeholders from the European community of Sport to two days of debates and discussions, around the Sport and Sustainability movement in Europe.

The potential of sport in addressing wider issues as Health, Economy and Social Inclusion are recognized by many organisations around the World. Environment, being at the core of the European Green deal, launched in December 9th, should also be an issue that sport tackles. There is an increasing awareness across Europe of the impact of sport on environmental issues. Sport needs to improve in terms of environmental performance and to harness its potential in using its high-profile platform to drive the agenda towards this issue.

At all levels, there are examples of good environmental practices from sport organisations. However, too often those initiatives are isolated: consistence and consolidation therefore appear as key challenges to address in the future. More than ever, climate action and protecting the biodiversity are crucial for the recovery of our society; it is therefore paramount to support them in a harmonized and coherent approach.

From sportswomen to sportsmen; from sport federations to members of the European Parliament; from Member States to industries; Today, the European world of Sport must stand as one for a greener practice of Sport.

DAY 1 WASTE

9:15
AM WELCOMING

Ms Anne-Laure BONNET

9:30
AM OPENING

Ms Roxana MĂRĂCINEANU,
Minister in charge for Sports
Minister Delegate in charge of Sports,
Ministry of Sports, France

9:40
AM TIME FOR TEAMWORK:
FROM PROFESSIONAL
TO GRASSROOTS PRACTICE,
THE NEED FOR GREEN SPORTS

Ms Giulia CARBONE KHODABAKHSH
Deputy Director Business and Biodiversity Programme
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Mr Théo CURIN
Former Paralympic Athlete
& Mr Matthieu Witvoet
Founder, O Megot
Young Inspiring Leaders

Mr Peter FISCHER
Policy Officer, Green Sports Expert Group's Coordinator,
European Commission Directorate General for Education,
Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), Sport Unit

10:30
AM STAKEHOLDERS COMMITMENTS
TO REDUCE THE WASTE ISSUE

Ms Easkey BRITTON
Marine social scientist & Pro Surfer

Mr Marc TARABELLA
Member of European Parliament

Mr Boris FOURNIER
Head of Sustainable Development, Outdoor Sports Valley (OSV)

BREAK – 30 MINUTES

11:45
AM EXAMPLES OF EUROPEAN
PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS
FOR A GREEN SPORT

Mr Lawrie McLAREN & Mr Yann LEYMARIE
Inspiring Leaders, Green Sports Hub Europe

Ms Jana JANOTOVÀ
International Relations & ASAP Project Manager,
Czech Olympic Committee/EOC EU Office

Ms Niki KOUTROU
Outreach & Dissemination Officer, PlayGreen Project

12:15
PM CLOSING

Mr Dan READING
Head of Sustainability, World Sailing

DAY 2 CLIMATE

9:15
AM WELCOMING

Ms Anne-Laure BONNET

9:30
AM OPENING

Mr Maël BESSON
Head of Sports, World Wild Fund (WWF)

9:40
AM SPORT STAKEHOLDERS
INVOLVEMENT IN THE REDUCTION
OF CARBON IMPACT

Mr Christopher MARSHALL
Consultant – Sector Engagement
UNFCCC with the Sports for Climate Action Framework

Mr Geert HENDRIKS
Founding Director, Sport and Sustainability International

Mr Stefan WAGNER
Founder & Boardmember, Sports For Future

Ms Amadea KOSTRZEWA
Sustainability Officer, PARIS 2024

10:30
AM OUTDOOR SPORTS FACING
THE CHALLENGE OF ADAPTATION

Ms Antidia CITORES
Spokesperson & Lobbying Manager, Surfrider Foundation Europe

Mr Sören RONGE
European Coordinator, Protect Our Winters Europe

Mr Benjamin BILLET
General Secretary, European Network of Outdoor Sports (ENOS)

Mr Michal NEKVASIL
Climate Change Adaptation Expert, European Commission DG CLIMA

BREAK – 30 MINUTES

11:45
AM EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS
AND PARTNERSHIPS
FOR A CARBON-FREE SPORT

Mr Valerio GIOVANNINI
Public Affairs Specialist,
Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)

Ms Amandine SINGLA
Head of Sport and Sustainability, Ministry of Sports, France

Ms Riikka RAKIC
Head of Sustainability Strategy, International Biathlon Union (IBU)

12:15
PM CLOSING

Mr Dragoş PÎSLARU
Member of European Parliament



Surfrider Foundation Europe is a non-profit organization which aims to protect and showcase the importance of lakes, rivers, the ocean, waves and coastlines. Created in 1990, it now has over 15,000 members, active in 12 countries with 46 volunteer-run branches and 5 local offices. It has recognized authority in three areas of expertise, Marine litter, Water quality and public health, and Coastal management and Climate change.

Surfrider Europe belongs to an international network (Surfrider North America, South America, Japan, Australia and Morocco) and is able to coordinate action and share knowledge amongst this network to reach global objectives. It is at the forefront of international environmental organisations. Notably, Rethink Plastic Alliance, Break Free from Plastic Movement and the Ocean and Climate Platform.

Sport and ecology are 'part of the DNA' of Surfrider. Surfrider Europe was created by Tom Curren, triple World Surfing Champion who brought nautical users protection to the core of his mission. The NGO has extended its scope to all sports, and is now involved at the spearhead of the Sport & Sustainability movement through its environmental support to the Olympic Games PARIS 2024 or the coordination of the pan-European initiative, Green Sports Hub Europe.