



## Make Europe the World Leader of Sustainable Development: A Unique Opportunity to Build a Stronger European Union

# THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, CLIMATE & THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

*We want to be proud of the Union.*

Appeal to the Heads of States and Governments and the European Parliament in advance to the informal European Council of May 9. We are inviting the Romanian EU Presidency to convey this appeal to the members of the European Council in view of their Sibiu meeting.

1. The European Union is called to confront a series of crucial problems concerning our societies and having to do with serious social inequalities and environmental imbalances. Notwithstanding the many positive results achieved in its history, it is time to 'transform Europe' following the indications of the 2030 Agenda. This must be a fundamental transformation, implying more and not less integration and concerning the future of all of us, which must become the common objective of Member States of the EU Institutions. There is a real sense of an economic and financial model ending. The EU has an opportunity to lead a new economic and financial model. Faced with a worrying geopolitical, social and environmental context, where efforts are directed at preventing social degradation and strengthening our proactive conceptual response before accelerated ecological degradation, we need a 'leap forward', an 'evolutionary leap'.
2. We want to be proud of the Union having embraced, through the 2030 Agenda, its role vis-à-vis its inhabitants as well as its role as responsible global leader working for the entire humanity. Europe can and must be the world leader of sustainable development, bringing together economic development, social equality and environmental respect, relaunching "the European dream" of peace and well-being that guided the European Union for so many years. The risks for the future of the European Union can be solved with a strong political leadership based on the 2030 Agenda that aims to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. **We are presenting in annex a scenario *'Enhanced and Transformational Partnerships, A leap forward for living well, within the limits of our planet'* :**
  - **We are asking the President of the European Council to convey before the end of the year 2019 an 'Annual Agenda 2030 Enhanced Partnership Summit' where the President of the European Council and the Members of the European Council who would wish are taking the lead .**
  - **We are asking Members of the European Council, EU political groups and MEP's candidates to commit not to elect as President of the European Council, European Commission, European Central Bank an individual who would not have expressed his/her clear dedication to an ambitious implementation of the UN 2015 agreements unanimously endorsed by all the EU Member States.**
  - **We are asking the European Council and the European Parliament to convey in July 2020 a European Youth Convention with as objectives an *EU action plan 2020-2030 (A new Social Contract. Zero poverty, zero hunger, reduced inequalities, all living well within the limits of our planet)* and related Treaties review.**





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Annex. Following the Commission 'Reflection Paper', here an excerpt of a Scenario 1+ proposed by Europe Ambition 2030.

### **Enhanced and Transformational Partnerships**

*A leap forward for a good life for all in the limits of planet boundaries*

Enhanced and transformational partnerships, a form of 'polylaterality', the new era of multi-lateralism, for climate, biodiversity, food security and the *Transformation of the World* through the SDGs are and will be cross borders. Network Europe here is a major asset. Europeans and the EU have the skills needed. Still lacks the will to be much more efficient (SDG 17). We will focus on how to act 'as-one-brain' and set up a 'transformative alliance'.

### **Annual Agenda 2030 Enhanced Partnership Summit.**

Chair : The President of the European Council.

Members of the European Council, Heads of States and Prime Ministers willing to join

as well as Heads of States and Prime Ministers willing to join of the EEA, signatories to EU association agreements, EU candidate countries and, following its withdrawal, the United Kingdom<sup>1</sup>

The Presidents of :

The European Commission, the European Parliament, the Committee of Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Financial Stability Board Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures,

the High Commissioner for External Affairs, the Secretary-General of the Union of the Mediterranean, the Secretary-General of the African Union

And representatives of :

The Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), the Alliance Finance SDGs (detailed in the scenario 1+), Finance Watch, the Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs, SDGs Watch, IUCN (Biodiversity and Food), GIEC (Climate), International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP), International *Resource Panel*, CSR Europe (Business), The Club of Rome (prospective), Think 2030 (Science & Law think tanks), Europe Ambition 2030 (multi-stakeholder partnerships).

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<sup>1</sup> European Parliament Report PR\1174284EN.docx

§ 4 believes that, in the context of the debate on the future of Europe, consideration should be given to the development of a pan-European framework for the achievement of the SDGs between EU Member States, the EEA, signatories to EU association agreements, EU candidate countries and, following its withdrawal, the United Kingdom.

