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Questions

1 - Talking about climate change and environmental crisis: awareness and information

The European Climate Pact aims to increase awareness and understanding of climate change, and explore ways in which European citizens and all types of organisations can take climate action.

What **information** would be useful for you or your organisation under the European Climate Pact?

at most 4 choice(s)

Please choose the four types that are the most relevant for you.

- Climate change and environmental crises and their impacts
- Climate change and environmental policies and action
- Concrete actions that I or my organisation can take to become more climate-friendly
- Advice and support that are available to help me or my organisation to take action
- Support available to cope with the effects of mitigation measures (e.g. closures of coal mines, increases in fuel/energy prices)
- The costs of (in-)action and its social impacts
- Information on climate risks (e.g. consequences on the food chain, water availability, health...) and ways and means to prepare for those
- Support available to cope with the effects of climate change
- What others are doing (e.g. individual actions, collective initiatives)
- How to identify false or misleading information and how to best engage with sources that spread reliable information, e.g. via online social media or in my social network.
- Other

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What would be your preferred **sources** for information about climate change and how you can take action?

at most 4 choice(s)

Please choose the four most relevant sources for you.

- Scientists/experts/think tanks

- National authorities
- Regional and/or Local authorities
- EU institutions/International organisations
- Businesses
- Universities/Schools
- Civil society organisations/climate activists
- Youth organisations
- Celebrities/Influencers/Family and friends, people I know
- "Climate Pact" ambassadors in various sections of the society
- Other

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What **channels and tools** would you find useful for awareness raising under the European Climate Pact?

at most 4 choice(s)

Please choose the four most relevant for you.

- Websites
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube)
- Traditional media (e.g. newspapers, television, radio)
- Advertising
- Games/serious games/interactive platforms/apps
- EU-level events
- National, regional events
- Local events
- Conversations with citizens on specific policy topics (citizens' dialogues /assemblies)
- Grassroots initiatives
- Educational programmes at schools
- Creative events/films
- Local helpdesks for consultancy and practical advice
- Other

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What types of **face-to-face events** would you find interesting to attend?

at most 4 choice(s)

Please choose the four most relevant for you.

- Large events

- Workshops on specific topics or initiatives (Citizens' dialogues, training sessions)
- Participatory sessions, think tank events
- Networking events, opportunities to meet like-minded people
- Theatre, libraries and museum events
- Local meetings in my neighbourhood with family, friends
- Other
- Not interested

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2 - Triggering action: pledges and initiatives

We can only halt climate change if we act together. Therefore, the European Climate Pact encourages individuals, organisations and institutions to commit to specific climate action goals by making pledges that go beyond legislation goals.

For example, individuals could pledge to start or increase a climate-friendly behaviour (such as using public transport more or cycling/walking, insulating their home and installing solar panels, consuming locally/more plant-based food). Individuals could also pledge to call for governmental action (e.g. to increase public transport in cities, to maintain/create green areas).

Organisations could pledge to implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or prepare for the impacts of climate change. For example, a Business could pledge to switch to 100% renewable energy or reduce the emissions from its operations by a specific amount and within a given timeframe. Financial institutions could pledge to transition their activities increasingly towards sustainable finance.

* Would you or your organisation be **prepared to pledge** concrete climate action under the European Climate Pact?

- Yes, I have already made a climate action commitment and would be interested in building on it
- Yes, I am already considering making a climate action commitment and would be interested in engaging in this aspect
- Yes, but I would need information or non-financial support to take action (e.g. guidance, good practices).
- Yes, but I would need help to gather wider support and acceptance.
- Yes, but I would need financial support.
- Yes, but I would need ...
- No, I am not interested in contributing to the Pact.
- No, I am not interested in engaging in climate action.
- Do not know.
- Other

Please specify

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* What would you see as the main advantages of making a pledge?

- Motivation to take action by having a goal
- Accountability for my actions by making my pledge public
- Recognition for my actions by being part of the Pact
- More business opportunities as a result of commitments to sustainability
- Being part of a community of pledgers, connecting with others, sharing experience
- Lead by example, motivate others around me to do the same
- Other

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Please outline the reasons why you selected 'No'. What would make you or your organisation more likely to make a pledge?

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What **themes** could you see your pledge addressing?

- Business/organisational transformation (for organisation)/Wide-ranging change in personal behaviour (for individual: –e.g. daily consumption-changing food or household habits-)
- Transport, mobility
- Energy efficiency (e.g. buying products with the most efficient energy label, insulating buildings)
- Renewable energy usage/generation (e.g. installing solar panels, heat pumps, procuring renewable energy)
- Water management
- Circular economy: less waste (e.g. through less packaging or eco-design), re-use, recycling, waste management
- Local/sustainably produced/plant-based food
- Increasing green and biodiverse areas, afforestation
- Developing knowledge and skills for the transition to a climate-neutral society
- Other

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As explained in the introductory section, initially, the European Climate Pact could offer targeted support (e.g. awareness-raising, advice, possibly funding) in **three areas**: energy efficiency in buildings, low-carbon mobility in cities, as well as planting trees and creating urban green areas. Further areas could be added later. In which of these areas would you like to participate?

- Energy efficiency in buildings
- Low-carbon mobility in cities
- Planting trees/green urban areas
- Other
- None of the above

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3 - Working together: platforms

The European Climate Pact will facilitate collaboration and networking, providing a platform for citizens to express their ideas and work together on ambitious climate action. The Pact's website will be its central online hub.

* What would you find useful under this **platform**?

- Listing of relevant events (in my country/field of work)
- Online events (e.g. webstreamed events, webinars, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), trainings)
- Links to connect with like-minded people and organisations
- Links to other relevant platforms and initiatives
- Other

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* What do you consider as **useful for more collaboration** between individuals or organisations?

at most 4 choice(s)

Please choose the four options that are the most relevant for you.

- Opportunities for online/face-to-face contacts and exchange (networking)
- 'Matchmaking' between organisations or initiatives
- Support for grassroots and other relevant initiatives/activists in local communities
- Support for collaboration initiatives and projects (e.g. access to funding, capacity building, etc.)
- Trainings on climate change problems and collaborative solutions

- Harmonised reporting and monitoring for climate action initiatives
- Other

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As much as possible, the European Climate Pact will build on initiatives that already exist and that are run by citizens, businesses, public institutions, schools, and others. In your view, what is the best way to **promote and support** these kinds of **initiatives** and to link them more closely with climate action under the European Green Deal?

at most 4 choice(s)

- Provide material support (e.g. financing, capacity building, etc.)
- Provide non-material support (e.g. recognition, praise, greater visibility, etc.)
- Facilitate bottom-up networking among institutions, organisations or individual citizens themselves
- Establish connections with specific policy areas and processes, providing spaces for consultation and co-deliberation (for example, in the context of the research missions or the public-private partnerships under the Horizon Europe research and innovation framework programme)
- Create a more favourable environment for the activities of these initiatives, including by removing cultural, political, governance or other obstacles
- Other

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4 - Ideas and suggestions for further development

The European Climate Pact will build as much as possible on existing initiatives to engage the public and all stakeholders in climate action.

- * How do you believe the Pact can best **complement or scale-up existing initiatives** and add value? Please refer to the specific initiatives you have in mind (maximum two initiatives)

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- * What would be the most important **characteristics** of the Climate Pact for you?

- Ambition

- Transparency
- Inclusiveness
- Participation
- Other

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If you are aware of or involved in any **initiatives that could be potentially interested** in joining the Pact, please provide their name and a brief description below, including web links and contact information where applicable (maximum two initiatives)

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The involvement of '**ambassadors**' at various levels and from different backgrounds could help increase the effectiveness and success of the European Climate Pact. In your opinion, what type of 'ambassadors' could contribute to the Pact (e.g. profile, field of expertise)?

at most 4 choice(s)

Please choose the four most relevant types for you.

- Scientists, experts
- Business people, entrepreneurs
- Politicians
- Celebrities
- Artists
- Sportsmen/sportswomen
- Media, journalists
- Social media influencers
- Climate or environmental activists
- Youth
- Students
- Climate Pact ambassadors/focal points in all sectors of the economy
- Teachers
- People active in the local community
- Education and training professionals
- Other

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Would you be interested in becoming an ‘ambassador’ for the European Climate Pact in your community or sphere of influence?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please give a short description about yourself and your ideas for exploring this possibility, as well as what kind of action and awareness raising initiatives you would have in mind (if you have selected yes, we may contact you via e-mail).

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Joint green procurement is a concept where organisations collectively invest in climate-friendly options to obtain better offers from goods or service providers (for example electric buses, solar panels, sustainably produced goods).

Would you like joint green procurement to be further encouraged and developed in the EU? If so, you can elaborate on possible ways forward

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

* Please specify

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Would you like your local authority to further participate in and facilitate joint green procurement for its citizens and stakeholders?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

* Please specify

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The Climate Pact will include a **monitoring, reporting and evaluation system** on the implementation of the pledges collected, to encourage transparency, accountability, learning from experience and results. In your opinion, which approach will be the most suitable?

Please select your preferred option(s).

- Use existing monitoring and reporting systems from an independent body (e.g. for cities, towns and regions, the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy)
- Adapt reporting requirements and verification methods to participants' emissions/pollution level, to be accomplished by an independent body (i.e. stricter reporting requirements for organisations with larger impact on climate)
- Light reporting and verification methods for all participants, to be accomplished by an independent body
- Deep reporting and verification methods for all participants, to be accomplished by an independent body
- Sample verification methods for all participants, to be accomplished by an independent body
- Self- or community-monitoring by participants
- Other

* Please specify

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Could you share the name, link and brief description of such existing systems?

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* The European Climate Pact will develop and grow over time. Do you have suggestions for **additional functions** the Pact should provide or topics it should address (maximum two suggestions)?

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5 - Your climate actions and interest in the Pact

The Pact aims to bring about **social and behavioural change** of Europe's citizens, businesses and other organisations with regard to climate change.

In your view, **how climate-friendly** are you or your organisation now?

Scale from 1 (not at all climate-friendly) to 4 (very climate-friendly)

- 1. Not at all climate-friendly
- 2. Not so climate-friendly
- 3. Quite climate-friendly
- 4. Very climate-friendly
- Do not know

In your view, to what extent could you or your organisation **become more climate-friendly**?

Scale from 1 (very little) to 4 (very much)

- 1. Very little opportunities to become more climate-friendly
- 2. Little opportunities to become more climate-friendly
- 3. Some opportunities to become more climate-friendly
- 4. Many opportunities to become more climate-friendly
- Do not know

* **What would help you** or your organisation to take more climate action/become more climate-friendly?

at most 4 choice(s)

- More information of climate and environmental footprints
- Greater knowledge on what I or my organisation can do to take climate action
- Stricter laws, regulation and enforcement
- More appropriate infrastructures facilitating climate-friendly behaviours
- Connecting with others engaged or interested in climate action
- Seeing more people in my social network/similar organisations engage in climate action
- Concrete support (including financial) or incentives to adopt more climate-friendly behaviours or practices
- Moral (non-material) incentives, e.g. recognition, praise by others
- Nothing, I do not plan to change
- Do not know
- Other

* Please specify

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* Would you be interested in **taking part in the European Climate Pact**?

- Yes, as an individual citizen
- Yes, as an organisation
- No
- Do not know

* In your opinion, which types of **activities** under the European Climate Pact would have the biggest impact in society?

at most 4 choice(s)

Please choose the four types that are the most relevant for you.

- Awareness-raising on climate change and its impacts
- Educational, training and learning material
- Practical tips and consumer-friendly tools for assessing footprints and taking climate action

- Facilitating the exchange of experiences and best practice
- Facilitating bottom-up collaboration and action between people, organisations and initiatives
- Stimulating and recording voluntary commitments to climate action
- Practical (material) support to grassroots initiatives (e.g. capacity-building, access to funding)
- Non-material incentives, e.g. nudging, naming and shaming
- Other

*** Please specify**

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Thank you for participating in this public consultation. Your views, ideas and suggestions are valuable to us. All replies will be analysed and receive due consideration. We will prepare a written summary of the results and explain how the consultation influenced the final design of the European Climate Pact. We will publish this summary online, together with any position papers and policy briefs as well as an explanation on how the European Commission has followed up on your proposals. Please stay informed by consulting the website of the European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/info/index_en