

# THE CRITICAL DECADE OF ACTION

EEAC  
**30<sup>th</sup>**  
anniversary

Mobilising sustainability  
transformation in Europe



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**SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH, 2022**

**Helsinki, Finland**

**ORGANISED BY THE FINNISH EXPERT PANEL FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT, THE FINNISH CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL & THE FINNISH  
NATURE PANEL**

**08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION & MORNING COFFEE**

*Venue: House of Estates*

**09:00-09:30 HIGH LEVEL OPENING**

*Venue: House of Estates & Online*

Finnish Prime Minister, **Sanna Marin**, tbc  
Arnau Queralt-Bassa, chair, EEAC Network

**09:30-10:30 KEYNOTE SESSION: JOINING FORCES FOR SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATION**

*Venue: House of Estates & Online*

Sustainability transformation requires a systems level approach where all societal actors work in an integrated manner towards a common goal. This session explores mechanisms of joint goal setting, roadmap development, decision making, budget development and follow up. It will explore questions such as: How the economy is equipped to the transition? Who should lead the process? How to ensure that citizens get are brought along? What are the roles of business and what about science? Is it possible to have sustainability transformation that is both effective as well as just and inclusive?

**Speakers:**

Christina Henriksen, Chair, Saami Council

Juha Majanen, Permanent State Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Myriam Boveda, Team Leader for Sustainable Growth, European Commission  
Directorate-General for Regional & Urban Policy

Dr. Åsa Persson, Research Director and Deputy Director, Stockholm  
Environment Institute

Professor Eeva Furman, Chair, Finnish Expert Panel for Sustainable  
Development

**10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00-12:45 PARALLEL SESSIONS #1, #2 & #3**

**11:00-12:45**

## **PARALLEL SESSION 1: SUPPORTING SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY IN EUROPE**

*Organised in collaboration with the Finnish Sustainable Development Committee*

## **PARALLEL SESSION 2: SUSTAINABILITY OF THE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES: ROLE OF BIODIVERSITY OFFSETTING**

## **PARALLEL SESSION 3: GREEN TRANSITION AND WORK - CONTRIBUTING SKILLS AND ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Organised in collaboration with the Finnish Climate Change Policy Round Table*

**12:45-14:00 LUNCH**

## **14:00-15:30 KEYNOTE SESSION: EUROPE'S GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Venue: House of Estates & Online*

Europe has strong and ambitious climate targets, but how to look at Europe's impact beyond its geographical boundaries? In this sessions the EU's global responsibility is brought to the forefront of necessary climate action. Questions we will look at are what is next for the EU in climate diplomacy, how to take care of negative impacts beyond our borders, and how to produce climate solutions to promote green growth.

### Speakers:

Professor Emeritus Markku Ollikainen, chair, Finnish Climate Change Panel  
High-level speakers from the EU and academia

**15:30-17:15**

## **PARALLEL SESSIONS #4, #5 & #6**

### **PARALLEL SESSION 4: EMPOWERMENT IN INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE**



DAY I

*Wednesday 14th of September*

**15:30-17:15**

**PARALLEL SESSION 5: GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY – DECISIONS  
MADE IN EUROPE AFFECT BIODIVERSITY GLOBALLY**

**PARALLEL SESSION 6: ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE  
UNDER TRANSBOUNDARY CLIMATE RISKS**

**18:00-19:00**

**RECEPTION AT THE HELSINKI CITY HALL**

Invitation only

Speakers:

Mayor of Helsinki, Juhana Vartiainen

**19:30-21:30**

**DINNER CELEBRATION**

Invitation only

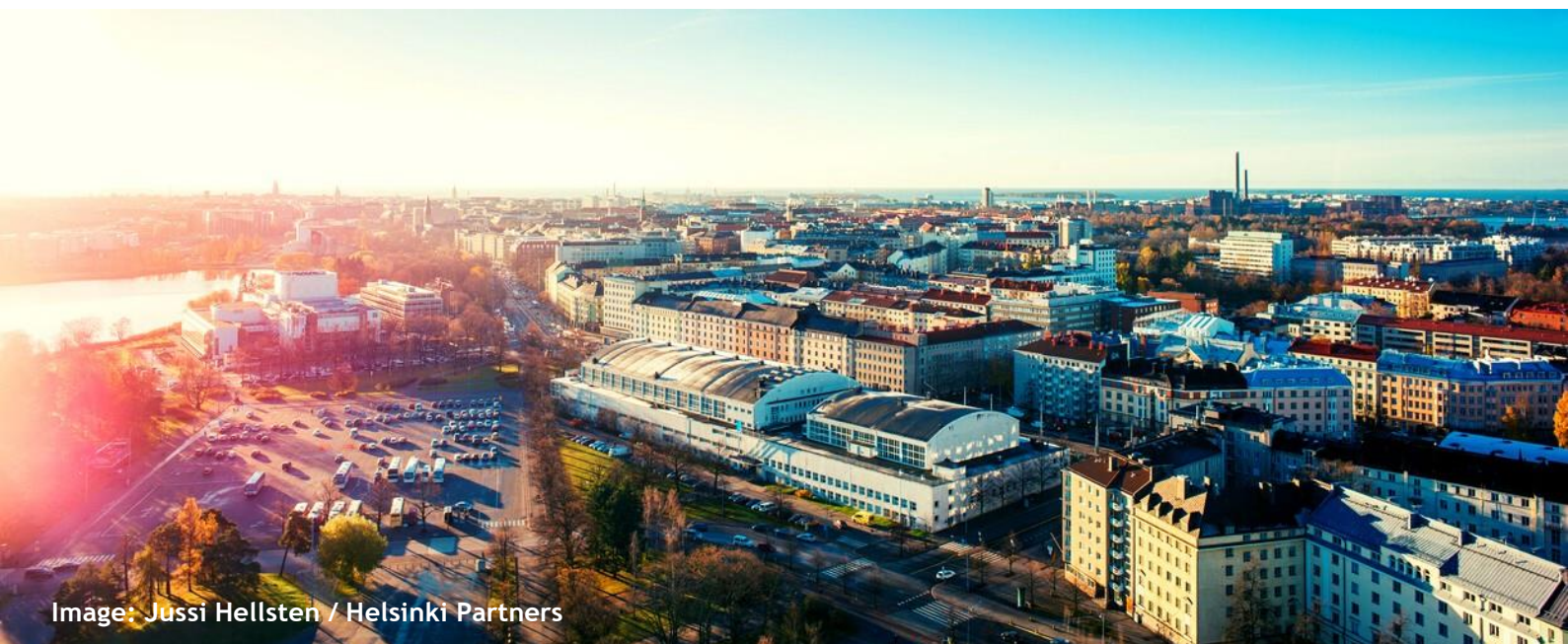


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**08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION & MORNING COFFEE**

*Venue: House of Estates*

**09:00-09:30 OPENING OF THE DAY 2**

*Venue: House of Estates & Online*

**09:30-11:00 KEYNOTE SESSION: MID-TERM POLICY ACTIONS NEEDED AGAINST BIODIVERSITY CRISIS**

*Venue: House of Estates & Online*

This session will review previous successful policy actions to halt biodiversity loss and especially what type of concrete actions are needed now. We will discuss how those could be addressed and what are the most difficult stumbling blocks for the change from different viewpoints.

**Speakers:**

Professor Josef Settele, Member of the German Advisory Council on Environment (SRU) & Co-chair of the previous IPBES Global Assessment Report  
Professor Janne Kotiaho, Chair, Finnish Nature Panel  
Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director General, European Commission Directorate-General for Environment, TBC  
Representative from the Parliament of Finland (not named yet)

**11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30-13:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS #7, #8 & #9**

**PARALLEL SESSION 7: SYSTEMS LEVEL APPROACH TO FOOD, BIODIVERSITY AND LAND USE CHALLENGE**

**PARALLEL SESSION 8: EDUCATING THE YOUNG GENERATIONS IS NOT ENOUGH: THE CHALLENGE OF AWAKENING THE CIVIL SOCIETY INTO ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZENSHIP**

**PARALLEL SESSION 9: FORESTS AND DEFORESTATION - LINKS BETWEEN CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY**

# EEAC 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

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DAY 2

Thursday 15th of September

13:15-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-16:00 CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

**CRITICAL DECADE OF ACTION: MOBILISING  
SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATION IN EUROPE**

*Venue: House of Estates & Online*

September 15, evening: **OPTIONAL TRIP TO HARAKKASAARI, TBC**  
Organised in collaboration with Helsinki City

September 16, morning: **EEAC Annual Plenary Session**  
Invitation only

**REGISTER NOW:**

<https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/eeac2022>

