

Sixth European Strategy Meeting of By2020WeRiseUp

The first ever online and fifth European Strategy Conference of By2020WeRiseUp took place from the 31st of July to the 2nd of August. Due to being held online, it was unfortunately the least accessible European Strategy Conference yet which resulted in significantly lower total attendance than before. However, almost everyone in attendance showed remarkable commitment and resilience and participated throughout the whole of the conference. In attendance were people from at least 12 different European countries representing climate justice groups from all parts of the movement (“classical” climate justice grassroots groups, Fridays for Future, XR, and NGOs) or coordination efforts. The number of participants fluctuated due to the nature of the grassroots summit being online and varied from 23-36 a day. These are the exhaustive minutes, [you'll find the executive summary here](#).

In the following, “the movement” doesn't refer to the By2020-platform but to the movement for climate justice as a whole. “We” is to be understood as representing the participants of the conference, as groups or people, as part of the climate justice movement.

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Friday

Welcome

Objectives for the conference:

- Getting an agreement on Autumn framework;
- How current events affect the climate justice movements;
- What are the needs of the different groups and how can we be more coordinated;
- How can we have a stronger connection between social and climate justice;
- What is the future of platforms like By2020 after the autumn.

What are expectations for the conference?

- Want to work more on Climate Care Uprising moment - online strategy
- Understand common strategy ideas / moments on the table
- Inspirational input on how to do strategy conferences
- Networking

Session 1: What has happened and where are we going?

Objectives: Clear picture of what has happened and strategic analysis of what will happen in the coming months. Understanding the will to focus on social justice and examine levels of energy / hope in participating groups.

What has happened since the Brussels conference?

- Last grassroots summit in Brussels in early march - 150 people came together to set up 3rd wave, skillshare and talk about the COP
- Global pandemic threw all the plans out the window
- By2020 started bi-weekly European calls - discussed the changes due to COVID, updates to narratives and new action ideas during spring
 - Resulted in a clear desire to move past just agreeing with social movements but taking the justice part of climate justice to heart and shift the way we work to be in support and collaboration with social and racial justice
- June 5-6th - Call to Action - Reclaim the streets as lock-downs ease
- July 4th : Climate Lockdown Actions conference
 - Organised by By2020 and Greenpeace
 - Speakers and facilitators came from allied movements (Indigenous rights, BLM, anti-war)
 - Set up the "Climate Care Uprising" moment for late September - early October
- The By2020 calls resulted in an Autumn working group
 - Identifying all the parallel strands of work going into autumn was a challenge resulted in the proposal to have 3 moments, creating an autumn choreography that together builds our movements. Starting with Climate Care Uprising targeting the criminals profiting from this crisis while recognizing the interconnections of the crisis at the moment. Then to a justice moment, where we as climate justice movements act as allies in 3 stages of escalation; support and join

social justice activities, collaborate on common demands with one other social justice movement, and finally build broad coalitions that tackle the interconnected crisis. Finally the wave ends with the Glasgow agreement moment where our groups sign and clarify our commitment to continue the struggle in 2021.

Where are and where are we going?

Group 1: Political Situation

- [Minutes](#)
- Conclusions/presentation:
 - School starts again
 - Political EU and global level events/summits
 - Political elections (USA)
 - Actions for the protection of the amazon florest and indigenous people
 - Covid-19 consequences: new wave of evictions / social dimension

Group 2: Strengths and weaknesses

- [Minutes](#)
- Conclusions/presentation:
 - Weaknesses:
 - potential lockdowns, hard to plan actions
 - short in time
 - we lost energy in groups and media momentum
 - harder to recruit people to organizing, it's harder for people to join movements
 - strengths:
 - easily reach more people
 - we are going to challenge ourselves with new forms of actions and learn from it
 - trying new tactics
 - new allies in social justice movements
 - reality is slow, good set up to rethink our work and how we are organizing

Group 3: Objectives for the autumn in the current situation

- [Minutes](#)
- Conclusions/presentation:
 - intersectionality: connect fights, not only in temporal alliances, but long term (esp. social justice): social crisis and climate crises is one
 - target new people, link western and eastern Europe in climate movement
 - revealing that it's companies who profit from crisis, who profit from every crisis
 - be more accessible about how to join the movement and make the movement more sustainable

Saturday morning

Session 2: Existing plans for the autumn

Objectives: Wrap up of the conversations that have happened so far, share existing plans for autumn and introduce the idea of connection between climate justice and social justice.

Action calendar

- link without editing access: <https://teamup.com/kssq4fuvphqmiezpjt>
 - please also see page 22 for the [action calendar](#)

1st suggestion for an autumn framework: Climate Care Uprising

- Suggestion for a framework for actions in the autumn
- Conference on July 4th
 - Process started in By2020-calls and was elaborated in the conference.
 - Title changed from Climate Lockdown to Climate Care Uprising because it was more positive and reflective of the movement and the idea of the moment. The title needed to be inviting and showing that this is something common (title doesn't equal narrative).
- Intersectionality and variety important (e.g. taking into account BLM, militarization, etc.)
- Being understanding of situation we are in
- This conference will give space to further work around online strategy and narrative (in working groups)
 - For those who want to see the whole Climate Care proposal (incl. narrative) to this conference, [you can see it here](#).

2nd suggestion for an autumn framework: Bail out the future not profit

- Proposal from the Portuguese By2020-coalition on the basis of perceived needs of climate justice groups/movements
- integrates the complexity of crises
- anticipates revolutionary conditions during economic and other crises--> need to build uprising movement
- people want to hear positive messages about "us" solving the problem
 - narrative suggestion with title bail out future not profit: helps to incorporate also e.g. healthcare workers (sectoral mobilization)
- wave proposal/action proposal:
 - launch wave in September by encouraging different social and climate movements and workers to do actions with their own demands
 - common moment in October for escalation (large alliance of movements doing actions together)-
 - in November reflection and pointing to signing Glasgow Agreement and reclaim initiative from institutions
 - upsides:

- tactical flexibility; pathway for building movement of movements; positive overarching narrative
- there has been done a lot of work already that can be adapted to different contexts

BlockFossilsOut

- Browser extension (similar to add blocker): blocks out fossil and coal companies (e.g. RWE) and their financiers e.g. banks
 - blocks out their webpage etc. and gives you the chance to invite others to join the blockade
 - can be easily downloaded: <https://beyond-coal.eu/blockfossilsout/>
- Idea: additional tool to participate in blockading fossil finance while you cannot be physically present
- More fossil fuel companies and financiers will be added from many countries (national campaigns possible)
- Next big launch in September but can be used by all groups already

Glasgow agreement

- Homepage: <https://glasgowagreement.net/>
- Global project, currently 31 organizations building the draft
- It's a space for different groups and movements in every continent, building narrative/agreement together and coordination around actions in regional contexts
- Idea is to reclaim power and action from governments
 - not focused on institution any more (because institutions have been failing us again and again)
- Idea is to use variety of tactics, including civil disobedience
 - currently building climate agenda for emission cuts that can be signed later
- Regional strategy: improve regional communication and coordination; common strategy

Session 3: JusticeS

Objectives: Raise discourse – Social justice and intersectionality; why it is important and what this means in practice.

Radical solidarity

COVID19 crisis and the current anti-racist uprisings have led us to feel a need to make a bigger effort to work on our intersectionality and our way of supporting other movements. The leading topic of the fishbowl-discussion was radical solidarity.

- Example from Greece, 2016:
 - Outreach to many different groups for a mass mobilization with the slogan "Break free from injustice": 75 different organisations committed to joining in only 6 weeks, great visibility
 - BUT: lost contact after the march, no long-term relationship was created; no clear definition of what breaking free from inequality actually meant
- Example from the Netherlands:
 - Climate change affects different parts of the world differently. Support other movements' causes by promoting their actions and taking part in them.

- Practical example: Human chain organised by BLM, feminist groups, climate groups and labour unions.
- Challenge: How not to lose the focus in those broad mobilizations?
- Example from Ende Gelände:
 - Remark: Ende Gelände is a special case because the alliance can mobilise up to and over 5000 people to our mass actions – we've got massive capacities. We do other and more local things, too though.
 - On the one hand, it is good to take up existing struggles if you have capacities to do so! EG has successfully done this with Hambacher Wald for example (not an intersectional example, just one for providing existing capacities to an urgent struggle!)
 - On the other hand intersectionality is a long term project that needs more work than simply joining actions. EG has only female spokespeople and aims to overcome capitalism - we're intersectional in certain regards – but the alliance is still is very white and academic so we need to put in more work.
- Example from the Netherlands after the corona crisis broke out
 - a few groups reached out to different grassroots groups and NGOs and created a new coalition "Better out of the crisis".
 - Challenges: having to do everything online, BLM very occupied with their own actions (but received support from coalition).
 - Conclusions: keep going on a long term, share agendas
- In Portugal there has been a lot of thinking about what actually has to be done against climate crisis
 - massive investment in public transport, sustainable buildings, labour rights etc.
 - easier to work on these issues together with e.g. housing groups, labour unions, urban rights groups etc. because its them who actually know about their specific issues that go beyond climate itself.
 - Also, take up the idea of Defund the Police to create better conditions for migrant, anti-racist, antifascist etc. groups.
- Example from Catalonia: talking about recovering justice and the city:
 - Recover Justice: In Catalunya we are organizing under the frame "recuperem la ciutat" ("we recover the city"), as a way to refocus covid-recovery sentiments towards active and engaged public participation (rather than just political processes).
 - This opens narrative space for transversal direct action as we "recover" our streets from cars, "recover" our health services, and "recover" our democracy from corporate takeover. The very word "Recover" immediately brings to mind the "Coronavirus recovery" and "Economic recovery" that will be central to coming political debates, but reframes those sentiments as one of direct public participation, rather than exclusively pass forms of representational political participation.
 - While "Recover Justice" doesn't necessarily need to be the frame, the inclusion of the word "Recover" opens useful space for participation and action.
- Comment: The time frame for autumn in a Greek context might not be enough for organizing a large scale intersectional struggle – there is a need for more time to build a common base and strengthen relationship.

- Agreement: intersectionality is a question of years if not decades. However, even if we won't be able to do it perfectly this autumn, let's take concrete common project as a first step to build common struggles and commit ourselves to keep doing intersectional work long-term instead of doing isolated or temporary projects.

Session 4: Making a plan for the Autumn

On the working basis of the pre-existent Autumn framework, breakout groups talked about the choreography of the autumn. Objectives: Reflect upon the existing plans and what it would take to get a coherent whole – finding points of agreement and disagreement in the autumn plan.

tl;dr Autumn Framework:

- 3 moments: climate care uprising (Sep/Oct), JusticeS (Oct), People's Climate Commitment (Nov)
 - [A visualisation can be found on the By2020-Website.](#)
- key narrative elements:
 - heal ecologies & societies
 - normalise intersectionality, shift in narrative
 - Glasgow Agreement

Breakout Discussions

- Room 1: [Minutes](#)
 - excited about collaborating with others, renewing momentum
 - worried about new corona wave: problems for gathering
 - not enough time to build intersectional alliances?
 - clear message about connection between climate & social justice
- Room 2: [Minutes](#)
 - possibility of interference of other groups? --> see if other things going on and announce properly
 - concerns about short time frame
 - could open intersectionality be detrimental to our aims?
- Room 3: [Minutes](#)
 - what are the objectives?
 - concerns about saying and not doing intersectionality
 - excited to do REAL intersectional actions
- Room 4: [Minutes](#)
 - worries about a potential lack of participation
 - worries about intersectional narratives in Eastern Europe (could have counter effects)
 - worries about superficial solidarity

Saturday afternoon

Session 5: Autumn Framework

Objectives: Clarifying the working base for the weekend, with the aim of having a more elaborate framework reaching consensus on Sunday.

- Wrap-up in regards to the autumn proposal:
 - Objective: clarify what to do going forward and reaching an agreement.
 - Some confusion was noticed concerning the choreography, and concerns around the JusticeS movement that might be disconnected from the other movements.
- Clarification on the choreography:
 - Climate Care Uprising is very much focused on intersectionality.
 - There has been a lot of excitement among the participants to work with other movements.
 - Three levels of escalations are to be distinguished depending on the context and political situation. On the 3rd level there is the idea of building a broad coalition and support, on the 2nd level, it is a first step to create a common push, and on the 1st level it is about showing solidarity to other groups.
- The facilitation team had the impression that the only concern raised were on the JusticeS moment and not on the other aspects that have been discussed. Is this impression correct?
 - Question: "Climate Care Uprising" title might be difficult to translate in another language. Can we find an alternative title?
 - Response: This is an internal title, not binding, there should not be worries about concrete wording of translations
 - Comment: we should discuss more about the JusticeS part, I am concerned that it might be in the shadows. Showing radical solidarity is different from creating a real coalition.
 - Comment: the fact that there are three blocks, could imply that we split the climate conversation. We should challenge ourselves to have an integral conversation about what should be achieved. The second wave of By2020 had a unique branding, that can happen again.
 - Question: Climate Care Uprising is already intersectional, what difference is there then between the whole thing and the JusticeS moment?
 - It is intersectional, that's why it will be possible to built on it for the JusticeS moment. Concrete aspects to be discussed in detail tomorrow in the working groups.
- A temperature check is made concerning whether we feel comfortable on climate care uprising and people's care commitment, but need to talk more about JusticeS movement:
 - There is a majority of agreement, although consensus agreement will be taken on Sunday based on the results from the working groups.
- Objective of this afternoon: to talk about narratives and objectives in working groups. Try to work more practically on these points moving ahead in the agenda.

Session 6: Start shaping the wave

Objectives: Give input to the working groups of the autumn framework, allowing people to give input and join other groups later on.

WorldCafé, Table 1: Common narrative for the wave

Minutes

Initial proposal: A story for the autumn

2020 has made everyone think about what is essential... how we need to care for people, for society and for the planet that sustains us. Crisis is all around us: health, the economy, colonialism, structural discriminations of all kinds, injustice and inequality, ecological collapse... And these crises are interconnected.

This autumn, the Climate Justice movement in Europe will face these challenges by taking 3 steps. First by taking direct action, based on local realities, to block politics and companies of mass destruction during the Climate Care Uprising. Then we recognize the interconnectedness of our struggles and during the JusticeS Moment escalate our support to other social justice movements and building those relationships. Finally we commit to continuing our struggle by bringing our groups together and signing the Glasgow agreement setting us up to continue our struggle with increased momentum in 2021.

[Also accessible on the By2020-Website.](#)

What works?

- Clear indication and starting point for the movement and groups to work intersectionally
- We all agree that we need intersectionality and more urgently than ever!
- Relating the climate to other crises => talking about just transition and care

What is missing? / What doesn't work?

- Is missing demands, and focus. Too broad
 - counterpoint: a narrative isn't supposed to be specific :) it's a story-thread
- We need to offer urgent and clear solutions (to offer a counterargument to the far right)
- We need to make clear WHY and HOW intersectional struggles are connected
- Solution: Care (for nature and each other) => already part of the Climate Care Uprising narrative

Major concerns

- There probably is a major systemic crisis (at least economically, quite possibly politically) coming: the major players with transformative solutions are the Climate Justice Movement and the Far Right. We (Climate Justice Movement) need to start building an intersectional platform
 - Anti-facism is absolutely crucial and should be part of all of our work. We shouldn't get too abstract, we need to be specific!
 - Attention point: getting back to the main topic of this room. Agree there is a major crisis and the existing institutions do not respond adequately to the crises. We need another way out other than the far right, but I think we have different strategies and tactics as a movement. We're strongest as an ecosystem.
 - The second moment should be the overarching goal not just a middle-section of an autumn-choreography. intersectionality shouldn't be compartmentalised

- The intersectionality and connectedness of all JusticeS should be overarching in the complete climate narrative and not just a single focus point in wave 2
- We need to ask ourselves: would it be sufficient to include possibly small and first steps in the narrative? Or would it be more sense to frame it as an overarching goal, philosophical aim?
 - It's not necessarily either/or, we could try to do both! => do we put an emphasis on one? how do we frame it?
 - (for example Sunrise movement has a broader vision and concrete steps that relate to people)

WorldCafé, Table 2: Common objectives for the wave

- [Minutes](#)
- Objectives short term:
 - escalation during the wave ;
 - audience (who we want to support us during the wave);
 - targets for this wave;
 - Objectives for the message of the wave:
 - clear to governments that people are coming together --> fear
 - better geographical coordination between
 - focus on governments and fossil industry
 - post corona just recovery: states & govs --> health & jobs, public services
- Objectives long term: what do we want to have change in 2021 due to the 2020 autumn wave?
 - clear connections of issues
 - intersectional coordination
 - global uprising
 - new perspective of climate movement: need to build coalition + with GA reclaim the movement
 - GA: targets will be corporations and industries --> hold them accountable through inventory
 - more connections globally
 - focus on fossil fuels

Session 7: Working/Consensus groups

Objectives: Begin work on concrete proposals for frameworks and individual moments of the autumn in order to bring to consensus proposals on Sunday. Due to the discussions in Session 6 - the facilitators choose to combine the Autumn Framework and JusticeS moment working group to make sure the plans were coherent.

Working/Consensus Groups

- Autumn Framework + JusticeS: [Minutes](#)
- Climate Care Uprising: [Minutes](#)
- Glasgow Agreement: [Minutes](#)

Session 8: Presentations and day closure

- Group 1: Autumn framework + JusticeS moment
 - capacity issue of 3 moments
 - risk in regards to intersectionality: saviourism instead of transformational work
 - keep JusticeS moment to encourage practical steps but add intersectional work as over-arching ambition, not just as one moment, entire autumn & beyond

- encourage all groups to take necessary steps
- Group 2: Climate Care Uprising
 - narrative: choice of words, keep audience in mind --> more inclusive of more moderate/radicals
 - clear demands
 - need to translate
- Group 3: GA
 - need an event with cameras/political attention --> meaningful
 - regional meetings organised by local groups

Sunday morning

Session 9: Working/consensus group session

Objectives: Finalise the proposals to the consensus decision making sessions.

Group 1: Autumn Framework

- [Minutes](#) (starting at page 3)
- Autumn ambition:
 - need to change narrative
 - build coalition
 - reach momentum
- Objectives:
 - inclusivity
 - intersectionality
 - escalation
 - empowerment

Group 2: Climate Care Uprising

- [Minutes](#)
- Proposed narrative: same as before with some new elements
- Announcement in two stages (mid August for activists, then in September for wider public)
- Coalition website hosted by Greenpeace, data managed by by2020, managed by coalition
- Digital working group

Group 3: JusticeS

- [Minutes](#)
- Long-term commitment to intersectionality ≠ a one-time performance
- Improve groups' intersectionality: showing up for each other, intersectional demands, coalitions
 - Putting care, justice, life, and democracy at the centre of our relationships and societies

Group 4: Glasgow Agreement

- [Minutes](#)
- Supporting groups of By2020WeRiseUp should enter and shape the GA process
- Creating a working group to start thinking and organising the regional signing event in Europe - the groups supporting groups By2020WeRiseUp should organise and/or participate in the regional events

Session 10: Trying to reach a consensus

Objective: Reach consensus on the proposals created in the working groups.

Explaining consent procedure

- Idea: not voting a minority down but everyone actively supporting a decision
- Levels of consent:
 - 1) Minor concerns: agree, but minor concern
 - 2) Major concerns: major concern but agreeing – possibility to be heard, taken into the minutes
 - 3) Veto: not supposed to be personal but political – blocks the decision
 - 4) stand-aside: cannot agree (e.g. personally) but will not block the decision
 - 5) Blank vote: I don't know enough, etc.
 - 6) Agreement: I agree fully with this decision

Consent procedure on the different proposals:

All of the following statement were approved in a consent procedure, meaning that everyone actively supported it. Major concerns are offered to be taken up in the minutes, they are to be read as still supporting the consensus.

Due to the Portuguese coalition thankfully providing critical tech- and facilitation-support without which the conference wouldn't have been possible, there was a certain over-representation of Portuguese voices in the consensus process. To be transparent about this, instances in which they voted largely unanimous are pointed out. The Portuguese coalition originated from regional coordination work between climate justice groups in the context of By2020WeRiseUp and has now blossomed into an intersectional coalition with social justice groups.

Keep in mind that not everyone participated in every single consensus process (Portuguese folks e.g. were at times busy with tech support), therefore numbers fluctuate some for different levels of consent.

Proposal 0: Mandate for By2020

By2020WeRiseUp is intending to continue it's work as a platform for coordination, strategy, and escalation until at least an autumn strategy conference. It's mandate is re-newed by it's supporting groups. Due to a lack of personnel capacities in the current facilitation team, supporting groups will make their best effort to reserve a certain amount of their own personnel capacities for coordination on a regional as well as European level.

Levels of Consent on Proposal 0

- 0 serious concerns
- 0 slight concerns
- 0 blank votes
- 0 stand-asides
- 0 vetoes
- 16 in agreement (*7 from the Portuguese coalition*)

Proposal 1.1: The Autumn Ambition

2020 has made everyone think about what is essential... how we need to care for people, for society and for the planet that sustains us. Crisis is all around us: health, the economy, colonialism, structural discrimination of all kinds, injustice and inequality, ecological collapse... And these crises are interconnected.

We recognize that both the roots and the solutions of these crises we face are intersectional. We cannot win alone and we need to collaborate with other social and racial justice movements to bring about systemic change. To that end we commit to keep educating ourselves about systemic oppression and working on building relationships with allies in other social justice movements. Our ambition is to be part of creating coalitions capable of facing the interconnected crises we are in.

This autumn, the Climate Justice movement in Europe will face these challenges by taking 3 steps. First by taking direct action, based on local realities, to block politics and companies of mass destruction during the Climate Care Uprising. Then during the JusticeS Moment we escalate our work by taking concrete steps to build our relationships to other social justice movements and strengthen our connections to them. Finally we commit to reclaim our power by bringing our groups together to sign the Glasgow agreement - setting us up to continue our struggle with increased momentum in 2021.

Levels of Consent on Proposal 1.1

- 0 serious concerns
- 0 slight concerns
- 4 blank votes
- 8 stand-asides (*7 of those from the Portuguese Coalition*)
- 0 vetoes
- 8 in agreement

Proposal 1.2: Autumn Objectives

Not all objectives are to be achieved – this is a list of possibilities to help think strategically about what makes sense depending on the context & target.

- **Inclusivity:** Create forms and spaces of escalations that are not exclusively disruptive in a confrontational way. Allow the coexistence of different opinions and levels of radicality, while fighting for the same goal.
- **Intersectionality and JusticeS:** Practice intersectionality in targets & actions Intersectional messaging promoting other groups' solutions such as: bail out healthcare/ housing, end exploitation/ patriarchy, bring colonial fossils and statues down, offer support to other groups, listen to how climate justice movements can be useful to others.
- **Escalation:** Disrupting business as usual around the same time frame in order to increase impact. Reclaiming democracy, tie the momentum to the Glasgow agreement Visibility is power: common hashtags (eg: #EnoughIsEnough) + visual actions + media work to occupy media space.
- **Empowerment:** Giving groups a framework so that activists can understand how they play a role Feeling of power and achievement Learning from one another and acting together Including solutions + radical solidarity Reinforce one another by taking turns in acting.

Levels of Consent on Proposal 1.2

- 0 serious concerns
- 7 slight concerns (*6 of those from the Portuguese coalition*)
- 3 blank votes
- 3 stand-asides
- 0 vetoes
- 9 in agreement

Proposal 2.1: Climate Care Uprising - Narrative

The working group proposes the following text to be a generic external narrative for the Climate Care Uprising, but having it as non-binding, meaning that we agreed on narrative and tone of voice but wording could be changed, elements (like demands, examples, dates format, etc.) could be added/deleted from it. The working group suggests you especially keep an eye on elements in [...] and adjust it according to your/your audience needs. [Text also accessible on the By2020-Website.](#)

Levels of consent on Proposal 2.1

- 0 serious concerns
- 0 slight concerns
- 2 blank votes
- 1 stand-aside
- 0 vetoes
- 19 in agreement (*7 of those from the Portuguese coalition*)

Proposal 2.1: Climate Care Uprising – Technical Elements

We propose to have *two-stage announcement*. The first stage will target groups and activists who already connected to the Climate Care Uprising (mid August latest). The second, and bigger, announcement will take place just a few weeks before the Climate Care Uprising (early September) and will target wider public, and connected groups will be asked to spread the word through their channels.

We propose to have a coalition website for Climate Care Uprising (at climatecareupraising.org), created and managed by joint effort of coalition, data to be managed by By2020, domain to be hosted by Greenpeace.

The digital working group for the Climate Care Uprising continues to develop ideas incorporating the feedback reflected in the [pad](#). Feedback to be given by anyone concerned before August, 9. [*This was decided about on the 2nd of August.*]

Levels of consent on Proposal 2.1

- 0 serious concerns
- 0 slight concerns
- 1 blank vote
- 2 stand-asides
- 0 vetoes
- 18 in agreement (*4 of those from the Portuguese coalition*)

Proposal 3: JusticeS

The supporting groups of By2020WeRiseUp intend to take the next step towards practical and concrete intersectional work in the JusticeS moment as part of the autumn choreography, following the Climate Care Uprising. It is important that intersectionality is neither just used as a label nor done performatively nor restricted to just being one moment in the autumn choreography. The JusticeS moment should be the next or first step in a long-term commitment to working intersectionally.

We acknowledge that different groups in different countries are in different places in regards to intersectionality. Intersectional work can and should take place within our movements and groups as well but perspective, the aim needs to be reaching out beyond our own struggles. Along the levels of intersectional work (Showing Support - Intersectional Demands - Building Coalitions) we intend to either intensify our intersectional work on the level we're at or step it up onto the next level.

Recommendations for framing our work and actions during the JusticeS moment include putting care, justice, life, and democracy at the centre of our relationships and societies. We should try to pose moral questions along the lines of: Which side are you on?

Levels of consent on Proposal 3:

- 0 serious concerns
- 0 slight concerns
- 0 blank votes
- 0 stand-asides
- 0 vetoes
- 20 in agreement (*7 of those from the Portuguese coalition*)

Proposal 4: Glasgow Agreement

Note: The consensuses reached below do not imply any obligation to anyone, as is always the case in By2020 processes. They are merely an intent from participants at the conference to convey to By2020 supporting groups interested in the Glasgow Agreement process that they have an opportunity to engage and develop this moment. Participation is especially welcome given that the final text of the Glasgow Agreement is not finished and may change. This also means it is not binding to any group wishing to help shape it.

Proposal 4.1: Joining the Glasgow Agreement

The groups in By2020WeRiseUp commit to entering and shaping the Glasgow Agreement process

Clarifications:

- Each group and not the platform
- Work on the process of building the agreement and the platform
- We understand that activists need to double check with their groups and confirm it by filling the form in the GA website

Levels of consent on Proposal 4.1

- 0 serious concerns
- 1 slight concern
- 4 blank votes

- 0 stand-asides
- 0 vetoes
- 12 in agreement (*4 of those from the Portuguese coalition*)

Proposal 4.2: Signing the Glasgow Agreement

Create a working group to start thinking and organizing the regional signing event in Europe - the groups in By2020 commit to organizing and/or participating in the regional events.

Clarifications:

- The working group will understand if the best solution is to have 1 event or decentralized. If decentralized, groups organize in their local region. Otherwise, groups will organize or just participate in the regional event.
- The group will work with the finance and logistics WG from Glasgow Agreement that is responsible for the signature event.
- This will happen in November
- This was the proposal that raised most concerns (for example the time and energy that each group will have at the end of the wave)

Levels of consent on Proposal 4.2

- 0 serious concerns
- 3 slight concerns
- 5 blank votes
- 0 stand-asides
- 0 vetoes
- 13 in agreement (*5 of those from the Portuguese coalition*)

Sunday afternoon

Session 10: The climate justice movement after autumn

Objective: Begin exploring of what 2021 would look like for the climate justice movement

After an initial short plenary discussion, breakout groups worked more in-depth. Leading questions:

- 1) *What are the priorities for 2021?*
- 2) *What tactics are we missing to win?*
- 3) *What type of space do the climate justice movement need (coordination, decision power of the space, organization, escalation)?*

- Three priorities:
 - Building and sustaining intersectionality.
 - Coordination between all levels.
 - Balance between commitment and coordination, scale up coordination as well as organization.
- Agree to building the intersectional world. To create it, we have to create a space to discuss this alternative world that we want. Further thoughts:
 - How to get in the media (having headlines).
 - Getting more people involved in the political life to make lasting changes.
 - Focus on the institutions like IMF and world-bank.
 - Get more experts support to gain credibility.
- Agreement with the initial three priorities, added thoughts
 - in regards to intersectionality: Organize around triggering events (e.g. COP21), increase collaboration and communication between groups. Start building the world that we want to see.
 - in regards to coordination: Education is very important, for example making it clear that fighting against coal does not mean we want to take away coal employments. Have more intersectional coalitions on a global level.
- General agreement, additional thoughts:
 - Expand the movement, create more mobilization in Eastern Europe. Have a better coordination and build alliances with other social and climate justice movements in the world. The Glasgow agreement could allow us to have both global and regional movements.
 - Getting social disobedience more massive and normalize it in order to have more people engaging in direct actions. Have kind of an education strategy so that people are not afraid to participate to these actions.
- General agreement, additional thoughts:
 - Continue escalation. Build momentum in autumn, have more outreach and people know about our fight. Decentralize our activity in the world and make connection with movements beyond Europe. Make sure that we will actually make those escalations and that people consider us instead of the far right, when looking for solutions outside the system. See more coordination between movements, bring intersectionality into practice.

- Become better digitally, spread the world online. Engage people who are not core activists. Make the movement more accessible for the wide public. Stand-up with workers (ex: from the oil industry) so that they see us as allies and not enemies.

Breakout groups

- Room 1: [Minutes](#)
- Room 2: [Minutes](#)
- Room 3: [Minutes](#)
- Room 4: [Minutes](#)
- Room 5: [Minutes](#)
- Room 6: No minutes were taken
- Room 7: No minutes were taken
- Room 8: No minutes were taken

Session 11: Which space do we need after the autumn

Objective: Explore alternatives for the future of the By2020 platform and understand interest in the different options.

Input from the By2020WeRiseUp facilitation-team

The By2020WeRiseUp facilitation-team is exhausted. It cannot continue its current coordination work, but it recognizes the need for a similar platform to exist. It would not be good to lose links, know how etc. There should and will be a transition period instead of abruptly ending the campaign

Three identified options for next year by the By2020WeRiseUp facilitation-team:

- Merge with/handling over to Glasgow Agreement (GA):
 - escalation, mobilization and coordination space
 - tool for reclaiming initiative from the governments
 - is global - helps to coordinate with beyond Europe but keeps regional coordination spaces as well
 - gives opportunity to connect with scientific world
 - it's a different space, some groups might not want to join it others not present in by2020 could join (list of supporters will be different)
- New Team, new name - similar platform:
 - new people to maintain the platform and organize conferences
 - platform would have to change, for now it was not sustainably managed
 - necessary to think about what spaces in this platform would be needed for the future
- End the campaign and focus energy/boost on the Climate Justice Action network (or other neutral coordination space)

Questions in regards to the input

- How do the GA resources look like? How many people work on it, how much time they contribute? Are there any regional structures of Glasgow Agreement?
 - Currently, there are 42 organizations committed to the GA process. Several working groups (from 10 to 30 people). Majority of groups are from Europe (but also Latin America, Africa - working on North America and Asia).

- We need most energy possible to make something that would be relevant.
- No regional spaces yet. Text is not yet closed. Based on the inventory made locally groups commit to closing the most dangerous emitters. We want to start building spaces, where the local decisions will be made.
- Is it not possible to keep By2020WeRiseUp running?
 - Name is expired by the end of the year.
 - Facilitation team of volunteers is exhausted. In total, supporting groups have not continuously invested the necessary resources into the platform to keep it running sustainably.
 - If a platform of similar fashion continues, it would have to be defined what would be its relation to GA.
- Does the GA have an expiry date?
 - There is no explicit expiry date.

Fishbowl discussion: Where are we headed?

- Doubt: It's possible that groups working now on developing text of GA will drop out afterwards and not take part in NVDA's.
 - Answer 1: Some groups don't have capacities to commit now, but once the text is ready they would join a NVDA wave. But it's an open question.
 - Answer 2: Signing the agreement groups commit to building inventories and then taking steps to shut down the industries. Regional spaces have to start being build so decisions can be made there and next steps can be taken. NVDA is not the only possible tactic to close the industries.
- Opinion: Merging/passing to GA should be done as fast as possible (if we decide to do it) not to lose a coordination space.
- Remark on merging: Passing to GA does not mean merging. What we are discussing is - by2020 stops to exist, but we haven't discussed option of groups belonging to by2020 joining GA.
 - Answer: Maybe it's something we should discuss. By 2020 was a campaign initiated within CJA. Glasgow Agreement is a totally different thing, taking it to a different level. That's why we can't just merge By2020WeRiseUp with GA.
 - Reminiscence: By2020 was started to built escalation, but on the way it got transformed and became a coordination platform. The reality changed it due to the needs of supporting groups.
- Opinion: The By2020-campaign showed that coordination is a decision that needs to be made. Some countries (especially Portugal and Spain) got involved and committed themselves to coordination work a lot – they have results to show for it (like committed, dependable, intersectional alliances).
 - The flip side to such a high and committed degree of coordination is that groups who are considering joining have a relatively high barrier of entry by committing themselves to the pre-existent level of coordination.
 - By2020WeRiseUp as a neutral and non-binding space had the advantage of being accessible and the disadvantage of not being able to produce dependable results.
- Input from people who hadn't been involved in the By2020-process before:
 - Impressed with the level of commitment and professionalism.

- Impressed with attentiveness, inclusivity. I would hate to see this go to pieces. I hope I can see you in further conferences. We need you.
- We all feel urgency to have space like this. We need a space to connect European Climate Justice Movement (and not only). I think we should work with GA but not sure in what way yet.
- We still have some time till the end of 2020. We still have some time to discuss how to work beyond 2020 and By2020WeRiseUp.

Session 12: Farewell and next steps

Objectives: Understand needs of groups for the coming weeks / months. Discuss potential meeting spaces in September.

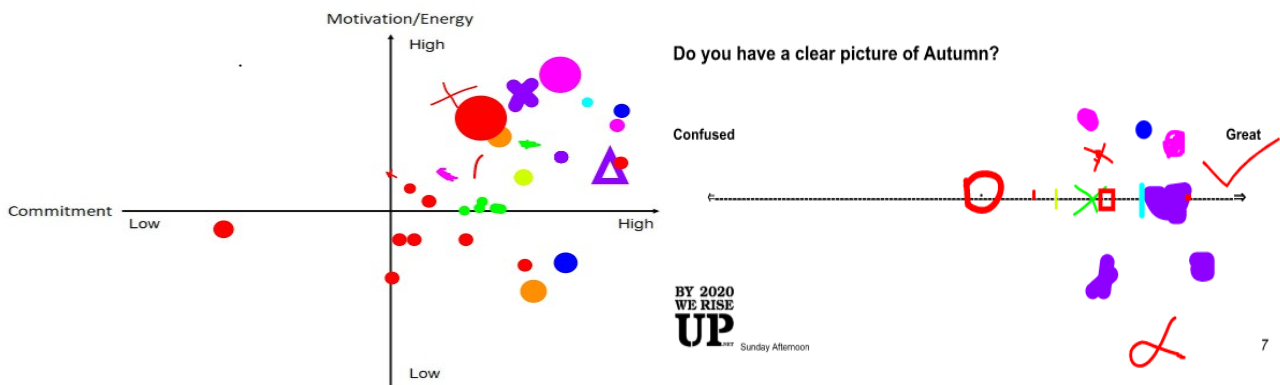
Wrap up of mandates and decisions

- We have an action calendar
 - During the conference we used the teamup-tool to create a calendar for the Autumn Wave. We understood that this is an important tool for coordination between groups and actions. Therefore, we now share the following link that:
 - allows adding new events
 - existing events can be read but not changed
 - newly added events can be modified only during the current session (approx. 30 minutes).
 - Link: <https://teamup.com/kswyd672wuboeuk342>.
 - Please be careful:
 - Team-up can save your IP address so please use a VPN;
 - Anyone with access to this link can see everything on it; only share it with people and groups you trust.
 - Remember that this is an unencrypted online tool so don't share
 - information you wouldn't share on an email/telegram/zoom etc.
 - Contact us if you see mistakes or false information on it under sunflower2020@riseup.net.
- Yesterday we talked about objectives for the autumn. We also worked on framework, understanding plans, and big moments for the autumn.
- Today we finalized that process, understanding that now we have a framework for the autumn
 - By2020 will carry on working until the autumn Strategy Conference; supporting groups will make their best effort to reserve a certain amount of their own personnel capacities for coordination on a regional as well as European level.
 - We have an albeit weak consensus on the autumn framework and ambition.
 - We have a consensus on objectives for the autumn wave.
 - We have a strong consensus on the Climate Care Uprising
 - We had the strongest possible consensus on working intersectionally during and beyond the JusticeS moment.
 - We have consensus for groups entering the Glasgow Agreement
 - We have a weak consensus on groups working on the signature event
- After consensus process we started talking about 2021
 - there is a will to carry on working

- internal team cannot carry on the work
- coordination space is deemed necessary
- there are options on the table for spaces to coordinate and escalate

Next Steps

- Sign up for working groups if you'd like to:
 - Working Group to build the next By2020 conference, please reach out to axolotl8@riseup.net.
 - For the working group on the Glasgow Agreement regional event WG, please reach out to glasgowagreement@riseup.net.
 - For the Climate Care Uprising working groups on Tactics, Outreach, Digital, and Announcement. please reach out to sophie.bjerregaard@greenpeace.org.
- Poll on the need for a follow-up call: Beginning of September 27%; mid September 23%; not needed 1%; neutral 46%
- There will be a meeting for the Climate Care Uprising end of August
- Should we organize a small European conference in September?
 - Facilitation team doesn't have the capacity to do that.
 - Venice climate camp (8 - 12 September) offered a space for us to do European coordination there. People who usually organize By2020-conferences can't organise it, but we want to know if people would consider going to Venice and want to use the space.
 - Poll: Yes 8%; Not sure; 42%; No 50%
 - No one volunteered to organise and the idea was therefore dropped
- Feedback on the conference was done via a spectrum exercise:



Closing Speech

The send-off speech during the last European Strategy Meeting closed by noting that, if there is hope in these times of climate and many other crises, it lies in taking hope. I'd like to build on that shortly before talking a little bit about togetherness on the basis of a verse by Phoebe Bridgers.

First on hope: It is not only a feeling. One of the most basic and profoundest insights of sociology is that most anything social and human is created in interaction, that social reality is created by actively doing something – you might have heard of 'doing gender', for example. And so it is with hope: We don't always have to feel it, we can also bring it into the world by doing hopeful things – by taking action.

The verse of Phoebe Bridgers that I'd like to touch and build on is also very much about doing hope. It goes like this:

“When the sirens sound you'll hide under the floor /
But I'm not gonna go down with my home-town in a tornado /
I'm gonna chase it /
I know, I know, I know /”

I find that 'chasing tornadoes' is a quite good metaphor for fighting the climate crisis. Because whether we're chasing tornadoes or trying to push back rising tides: these are deeply heroic times. Because either we'll manage to save a lots of lives and avert a lot of harm by stopping the climate and many other crises and make it a vastly better place along the way. Or greed, egoism, and arrogance will be too strong to overcome.

And make no mistake: To solve the climate and many other crises, we will have to fight. We have to overcome strong and massive opposition. We can neither expect to win just because we're fighting the good fight nor should we blame ourselves if – in spite of our best, coordinated, strategic, and escalated actions – the opposition proves to be stronger.

Because I know that I won't go down without a fight. I know that all of you won't go down without a fight. I know that we won't go down without a fight.

I'm well aware of how we all can often-times feel isolated and hopeless in fighting so many crises and against so much opposition. But please, do not feel alone and do not despair. Because we're in this together and by taking action we are the hope in this world.

Thank you all.