

## By2020 Newsletter: A new happy year of rising up

Dear all,

Welcome to this new year and decade! We're all in this together, and we know how decisive they'll be regarding our respective futures.

We, as movements, have already come a long way – but sufficient climate action is almost nowhere to be found. We need to come together. We need to rise up – and conveniently, that's precisely what we're all here for and have already started doing. This newsletter will inform you about everything you may need to know regarding the By2020 process: the next European strategy call, the second wave that took place in January, the next European strategy conference in Brussels, the framework of the planned 3rd wave, and how we can work together across borders.

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### Next European call

Date: 11th February, 7pm CET

Zoom-Room: <https://zoom.us/j/401423541>

Agenda Pad: [https://pad.riseup.net/p/J\\_\\_3IsofMHOz811TKD7--keep](https://pad.riseup.net/p/J__3IsofMHOz811TKD7--keep)

Please read the agenda and think in advance within your organization the main questions. It will be open until 1st February, leave suggestions on the pad.

We also would like you to mail us updates/input beforehand about the following points:

1. Next European call - What are your desired outcomes for the next call? (e.g.: urgent strategy discussions we need to have, connections/contacts that need to be built, information that needs to be spread...)
2. Support - Is there a specific type of support or information you would need?
3. Action calendar - can you please send us the following information:
  1. Dates of actions/meetings (not secret ones) you already know of (whether in your group, country or abroad);
  2. Do you have links towards common calendars, whether local/regional or national that we could put on a map?

### Second wave - World Economic Failure

It's still early to draw a full picture of what happened over the 2nd wave, but we can already tell you that groups took action in Portugal (targeting banks such as Santander, Bank of China and BNP Paribas but also taking it to the ministry of finance and to company insurance Allianz - financing coal company RWE all the way to Germany where Ende Gelände and Hambacher Forest activists are fighting the coal mines!), Spain (targeting Santander again), Belgium (targeting the Brussels motor show and two weeks later disrupting and successfully preventing most of the official "debriefing from Davos" conference in Brussels, with other 200 activists and a convergence of 25

groups) and Austria (dancing dinosaurs brought Fridays for Future activists with other groups to the Vienna car fair in a joyful but determined action).

Meanwhile, the investor BlackRock announced that it'll move into the right direction, showing once more that pressure on financial players is the way to go.

And, of course, \*hundreds\* of activists from all over Europe hiked for three days (and skied!) to Davos to #strikewef, blocking one of the two roads leading to the summit, to denounce a real #WorldEconomicFailure and let them know that we know what they are doing.

In the meantime, we saw Swiss activists walk free after their trial brought on by the bank Crédit Suisse, and the massive media action asking Roger Federer to stop supporting the same bank reaching mainstream newspapers and forcing a reaction both from him and the bank. 20 000 people took the streets in Germany to protest the animal industry while the Fridays for Future movement along with other groups targeted in an intense way Siemens for fueling the climate crisis by supporting the #Adani project. In Scotland, 10 days of action of #RigRebellion took place against the fossil fuel industry and groups took action against the MSP pension fund). In France, across-sectors strikes have now been going on unabated for nearly two months, with widespread anti-capitalist slogans and calls for revolution.

And things are not stopping here, of course... Just as a couple of examples, on 10th of February, Youth for Climate will target a capitalist company around Paris #AvenirEnFeu and XR France will take on the construction industry on 17th February #FinDeChantier. We are here, we are rising!

So much happened around finance this January - so much is being planned for the next weeks and months already. If you want to have a look at pictures and videos from all this, check our Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/By2020WeRiseUp> - and if you plan an action or want your content to be spread there, send us a message!

This begs the question of: where do we go from here, do we have everything we need to achieve this re-evolution, what are we lacking, which plans are in the making? To work this out, please make sure your group is represented in the next European Conference:

## **Next European Conference, Brussels**

### General info:

As we've already announced, we'll host the next European strategy conference in Brussels from the 4th to the 8th of March. If you already want to book your tickets: We'll start at 6pm on Wednesday, the 4th and wrap up with lunch on Sunday, the 8th. And we can only encourage you to come to Brussels! Not only will we strategise and plan together for the year ahead, but we'll have somewhat of a grassroots summit in Brussels. In the spirit of coordination, the CJA-meeting and a meeting for COP26, hosted by Reclaim The Power will take place in a shared framework from the evening of the 6th until the 8th of March. Registration is already open: <<https://www.ende-gelaende.org/en/grassroots-registration/>>.

### Agenda:

We've already started to put together an agenda. If you have input or proposals in that regard, please do get in touch with us! In order to build an agenda that lives up to the expectations, we would like to know what are your desirable outcomes of this conference. We will talk it further on the next European call but if you are not able to attend it, please send it by email.

## Third Wave

It's 2020, where do we go from here? How do we achieve the change we need? How do we escalate, or take our ideas to the next level?

For the past year, groups have been trying to figure out answers to these questions.

Spring is coming and, with it, many calls for mobilizations: from the youth to XR to targeting fossil companies online or AGMs in the real

world, or even taking it to infrastructures, or spreading people's assemblies across Europe in a push for reclaiming political sanity and

real democracy, conversations are well underway and plans being made.

We will take on the fossil economy, showing this problem has roots. We will aim at disrupting those that destroy our planet, our future.

Our diversity will show in our actions, be it by preventing AGMs from taking place, reclaiming the streets or blocking the arrival of fossil fuels

Prepare your plans and ideas, and come to Brussels so that we can sketch an uprising together.

## Summary / tl;dr

- Next European call: 11th February, 7pm CET; Open agenda until 31st Jan; Please read and think about main questions before.
- Next European conference, Brussels: From 6pm on Wednesday, the 4th March until lunch on Sunday, the 8th; CJA-meeting and a meeting for COP26 from 6th until the 8th of March.
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  - Next European conference: What are your desirable outcomes of this conference? Do you have any agenda proposals?

We're grateful for your activism, time and energy. We'll rise up in a coordinated and strategic manner, escalating on each step. We are the ones we have been waiting for. Let's do this.

Rage and love,  
By2020WeRiseUp