

By2020WeRiseUp: November-Newsletter

Dear all,

Here is an update on European coordination and By2020WeRiseUp. With the crucial year of 2020 coming up – carbon emissions have to be drastically reduced from 2020 on out or the 1.5° degree Celsius limit won't be achievable, as you might have heard – we will rise up to give our all for that aim and many more.

We've structured this newsletter in four different parts:

- 1.) The outcomes of the Fourth European strategy conference in November.
- 2.) What's coming up.
- 3.) What you can do.
- 4.) Examples of transnational efforts aimed towards climate justice that you may want to support.

Outcome of the November conference

* We, as different groups from the European climate justice movement, can agree on outlines of a **common Theory of Change** for 2020:

- We **MUST** change for the upcoming period – if we do not reinvent (strategies, tactics, the language we use, ourselves), we risk losing impact in the longer run.
- Big numbers are perfect to increase impact, if you have a purpose for them. We are pretty good at mobilizing numbers at this point.
- Simply doing something new/completely different can be radical.
- Diversity in the sense of including marginalized groups is a tool to protect quality of democracy and the overall space for action, for everyone.
- We must have the space for groups with different levels of radicality, for different groups to be able to take on the role of “friendly faces” and other groups as “mean faces” in a coordinated way that increases our collective impact.
- We also must create space for personal/individual radicality -exposing ourselves, being personally radical, “polarizing” means that the majority cannot live in indifference, no matter how they react
- Social justice must remain part of the movement, the goals, and the messaging

You can have a look at it in the [executive summary](#).

* During the November conference, there was a lot of agreement from groups and people of all parts of the climate justice movement, to **go for the second wave**.

All together, we are inviting everyone else to join in targeting the **finance industry**, which is still funding the climate crisis and many more atrocities. [You can find the call to action here](#) both for joining the Strike-WEF-march to Davos and decentralized actions.

If you're looking for more information, you can join the debriefing call (see below).

* To read up on these things and many more, [you can find the minutes from the meeting here](#).

What's coming up

- * First of all, the second wave! Around the World Economic Forum in Davos in January, we're [calling](#) for everyone to take action against the finance industry in decentralized actions, across countries.
- * To get everyone who couldn't make it to Nuremberg up to speed, we're organizing a debrief-call on the November conference and the call to action with a European call on the 3rd of December, from 8 to 10 pm CET. We will be meeting on Zoom, with the following room: <https://zoom.us/j/900369681>. A reminder will be sent over the info list (sign up!)
- * To make the second wave as accessible and concrete as possible, working groups are going to work out concrete suggestions and toolkits on the basis of the call-out. If you'd like to be a part of these working groups, we're happy to have you! Read on to learn how you can get involved.
- * Next European conference (!!), in Brussels, end of February or beginning of March. It will start on a Wednesday afternoon and end on the following Sunday afternoon. Stay tuned for more info on exact dates! To do so, [check our website regularly](#).

What you can do

- * You can spread the word about the call to action for the second wave in your groups and networks, and make plans. Stay tuned for action ideas and details within the next 3 weeks. If you'd like to receive more detailed targets suggestions and support in preparing actions, please write to us: by2020we@riseup.net. You can find [our PGP key here](#).
- * The lovely folks from Switzerland who are organizing the Davos action ([Strike-WEF](#)) would also be more than happy if you could sign their call and help grow the visibility and support of their action. You can simply write them an e-mail in which you declare supporting their action.
- * You can join Riot to be a part of the working groups for the second wave. [Learn more here](#).
- * You can also use Riot to create horizontal communication channels across or between countries and increase coordination and information flow. Don't hesitate [to create a new group in the community we set up](#).

There are obviously other modes of communication and we'd like to encourage you to use whichever communication channels you feel comfortable with. Just make sure that you are coordinating with other groups and aren't missing out on lots of synergy and solidarity!

- * Join the next European conference! (see above)

Initiatives you might want to support and/or join

29th November:

* On the 29th of November, *Fridays for Future* is again calling for mobilization on a global scale. Join!

* In addition, many other actions will take place around Black Friday, such as initiatives from *youth groups* in France to occupy commercial centers (#BlockFriday) or *Attac France*'s plan to make it a Black Friday for Amazon. Feel free to join their call for targeting Amazon! (for example, Amazon fulfillment centers or lockers)

* To take action against Amazon and it's world:

→ [Sign the call here.](#)

→ Use the following hashtags: #StopAmazon #VendrediNoirpourAmazon #GreenFriday #BlockFriday

→ [Toolkit \(in French only\) here.](#)

→ [Some more ideas here.](#)

→ And for more visuals and images of [past actions on Amazon by Attac.](#)

* And, of course, over that weekend [Ende Gelände will take the coal fight to the Lausitz again!](#)

COP25 and the Spanish mobilization.

Our Spanish comrades recently woke up to the (bad) joke that they had to organize a counter-summit within less than a month and they're doing it, thanks in great part to the By2020WeRiseUp Iberian coordination platform they created ten months ago!

Everyone is very much welcome to join and support. [Endorse their call, help them in their work and learn more here.](#) They are aiming at over a 1.000 organizations calling for climate justice.

World Economic Failure in Davos (strike WEF)

* The second wave would start around a week before Davos and keep going for around a week afterwards.

* Given that Davos is a militarized zone, a walk/action is being organized, but organizers are not aiming at (maximum) over a thousand participants. In coordination, and as part of, By2020, they call on people to plan decentralized actions.

* If you're geographically close, consider going to Davos and walk with them to bring the light on to this meeting of shame, but if you're from a bit further away, consider taking it to banks or financial centers in your region (see above).

* In any case, you can always [sign their call](#) and help them grow the legitimacy and weight of their action!!

2020 is waiting for us – let's rise up together!