

## Dear enraged climate and social justice people

We're writing to you to update you about everything new from the By2020 side. We decided to do so in the form of a FAQ, to make it easier to navigate through the latest developments. Sooo, here is what we're going to talk about in this September 2019 newsletter:

- You want to be a part of By2020WeRiseUp?
- What happened at the Third European Strategy Meeting in the Rhineland?
- How do we communicate on the local/regional/national level?
- What's new with the By2020-Website?
- Is By2020 doing external communications?
- When will the next European strategy meeting take place?
- Which areas of work is By2020 facilitating?
- What can I do to help you support us ?

### ● You want to be a part of By2020WeRiseUp?

That's great news! First of all, if you're new to By2020WeRiseUp we recommend you reading our [Beginner's Guide](#).

If you're part of a group, you can join an established coordination dynamics close to you. Have a look at our supporters map or send an email to your [national contact email address](#).

If your country is not listed there, it means we don't have anyone yet who feels like they could take care of the contact email address. Would you like to do it along with some other like-minded climate and social justice people? Write us an email! [outreach2020@riseup.net](mailto:outreach2020@riseup.net)

As a general rule of thumb, you can always simply start one by inviting other groups to talk about coordination and strategy (for instance, by joining your Discord national channel – to do so, write us: [outreach2020@riseup.net](mailto:outreach2020@riseup.net))

If you're looking for a group to join, check our [supporters map](#) and/or write to your [national contact email address](#).

### ● What happened at the Third European Strategy Meeting in the Rhineland?

An intense meeting over four days with over forty people from at least fifteen different countries. There were agreements on frameworks for demands as well as for internal and external communication.

An advisory for ending the first wave was crafted and the thought process about the second and third wave in 2020 started.

You can read up on all of that and much more in the [exhaustive minutes](#) or the [executive summary](#).

### ● How do we communicate on a European level?

- Communication to the platform :

To be able to make the first wave a success, it is critical for the platform to get **contacts per country**, people who will be in contact with the platform on a European level and be in charge of feeding information back to the common communication channels so that we can see that the wave is happening, that people are indeed rising up, and also so that we can have a good enough overview on what happened throughout the autumn to be able to work on the next waves during the November conference.

If you feel like you can be a contact point for your country (or region, or group), please write to us <[2020-actions@riseup.net](mailto:2020-actions@riseup.net)>!

Other than that, European strategy calls are going to continue, invitations will be sent over the info list, as they have been in the past (to subscribe: [by2020we@riseup.net](mailto:by2020we@riseup.net))

➤ Communication between groups:

- European strategy calls (monthly). To join them, write us!
- European strategy meetings. Keep an eye on the website for more info concerning the next one in November.
- Discord – for more information on what is Discord and how to join, see [website](#)

● **How do we communicate on the local/regional/national level?**

The most important thing is that you do communicate, that you do coordinate.

➤ By2020 is proposing to use Discord as a tool for internal communication and we'd like to encourage you to use it!

While it is not the only tool we use (there are still mailing lists, chats, phone conferences, pads...), it is a very handy additional one

We are aware that Discord is not the best for security and privacy. We recommend thinking about what you want to share there.

We will switch away from Discord before the second wave to a more secure platform. However, we ask you to still use it in the meantime, so that communication is already flowing.

There is already an existing structure with regional, national and international groups. There are also groups organised by themes; you can join them, or create one that you feel is missing.

To join these groups, please send an email to [outreach2020@riseup.net](mailto:outreach2020@riseup.net).

However, the final decision is up to you, you can use physical meetings, mailing lists, Wire- or Signal-groups or whichever medium suits you best to stay in touch and coordinate.

- There are already coordination efforts existing in many countries; to find out about them, write to your [national contact email address](#)
- You want your actions to be seen?

Join our social media team or, alternatively, send us the hashtags and channels you think we should follow! We're keeping our eyes and ears open, but we don't have enough for all the amazing stuff happening!

Get in touch with tips at: [2020-actions@riseup.net](mailto:2020-actions@riseup.net) or directly fill in this [pad](#) (please *make sure* you add what this channel is or a short explanation why it is a good idea to follow it – that will help us greatly!)

We are currently working on spreading all this information through our website, social wall, Twitter account (#By2020WeRiseUp and #By2020) and other means of communication.

### ● **What's new with the By2020-Website?**

- ✓ The website's aim is not only to [inform about By2020](#) and provide the [minutes](#) of the European strategy meetings. Its aim is also to give visibility to [supporting groups](#) and [actions](#).
- ✓ It is also an *entry point for more communication* between groups and countries
- ✓ Last, but certainly not least, the website is *offering resources*: as of now, there are [logos, stickers, and flyers](#), a list of [action ideas](#) and offerings for [external communication](#).

A lot more is coming, stay tuned and check it regularly! We're also open for all ideas and suggestions: write to [2020webadmin@riseup.net](mailto:2020webadmin@riseup.net)

### ● **Is By2020 doing external communications?**

No, By2020 is a platform and has no mandate to speak in the name of supporting groups.

*However*, we're offering support to communicate that you're part of people rising up across countries and movements all over Europe.

- ✗ First of all, there's a [framework for external communication](#) in the context of By2020.
- ✗ On top of that, there are different offerings from our side, for example a core messaging, a narrative for the first wave and a communication package that you are free to use. You can already find the first communication package and everything else [here](#).

Our suggested common hashtags during the first wave will be: #By2020WeRiseUp and #By2020 (we know, such originality here!).

However, national hashtags that you think are general enough for everyone to use and create a common story are amazing initiatives. For example, in Spain, groups have created (and will be mostly using) #2020RebeliónPorElClima!

### ● **When will the next European strategy meeting take place?**

The next European strategy meeting will take place from the 31st of October to the 10th of November. It will be split in three parts - more explanation below and more to come on the website.

- The first weekend (31.10.-03.11.) will be dedicated to debriefing on everything that happened during the autumn and the first wave, along with strategical planning for people who won't be able to join the second weekend.
- Between the first and the second weekend, we will arrange a space(s) for a reduced number of people to keep on working in the form of working groups, turning all the work done during the first weekend into even more concrete proposals for the second weekend.
- Then, during the second weekend from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, we will finalize concrete strategy planning for 2020 and coordination.

There will be options for groups who cannot send a representative, for example in the form of a call for papers.

However, if we do want to plan together a European uprising in 2020, meeting face to face and spending a few days together is probably a good idea!

If you can't come for the whole length or even both weekends and don't know how to decide on when to join, don't worry, we will send around an explanation of the conference so that you can decide when coming would make most sense for you.

As a general piece of advice, keep posted with everything new that's happening on our side by regularly checking the [website](#) and making sure you are on the info list.

### ● Which areas of work is By2020 facilitating?

- demands
- people's assemblies
- translation support
- collecting action ideas
- trade unions (in Andalucia, Spain, the trade union CGT is legally calling for striking on the 27<sup>th</sup> : <https://cloud.disroot.org/s/ofgXJaHaBcw9DXj> )
- solidarity structure support (legal teams, kitchen...)
- planning the November conference
- making all the autumn actions visible to all of us taking action (Twitter, social wall, website, map)

Are you interested in one of these areas of work and would like to help out? Get in touch!  
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A bit more on people's assemblies and trade unions: these are two very new areas of work and potentially very crucial ones.

They've been set up as a way to:

- 1) increase information flow
- 2) create a space for coordination and brainstorming

They therefore depend entirely on you contributing to them => [outreach2020@riseup.net](mailto:outreach2020@riseup.net)

### ● What can I do to help you support us ?

→ [Become a supporting group](#); that means you support the [call](#) and that you think we have to rise up, together, determined, in 2020, and that you are willing to help make this happen.

→ Spread the word, make sure coordination is up and running at different levels.

→ Feedback information to us throughout the first wave (from now on until the end of October) about actions you've done or heard of ([2020-actions@riseup.net](mailto:2020-actions@riseup.net)).

→ Send us the Twitter channels and hashtags you think we should be following over the next weeks ([2020-actions@riseup.net](mailto:2020-actions@riseup.net)).

→ Let's use common hashtags to make our call for an uprising in 2020 even more visible!  
#By2020WeRiseUp and #By2020

→ If you know of volunteer translators who could support our work (translating the website, key documents etc.) please write an email to [by2020\\_translation@riseup.net](mailto:by2020_translation@riseup.net)

→ If you are willing to help with the organization of the November conference, no matter your level of expertise, get in touch! [by2020we@riseup.net](mailto:by2020we@riseup.net)

→ Come to the November conference! Keep an eye out on the website for details concerning the agenda but also the length, location, translation, registration and other practicalities.

Love and rage, and see you in the streets,  
#By2020WeRiseUp

