

## Call from European decision-makers and stakeholders to EU Member States and institutions

### Integrate sustainability pledges into the future EU budget

European decision-makers, civil society organisations, academics and other stakeholders from all over Europe call on the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to integrate sustainability into the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) of the EU.

The EU budget is not an accounting tool, but a means to achieve common political goals. The EU aims for sustainable development as enshrined in the Treaty, and it is also committed to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. This is the decisive moment when the EU can demonstrate its commitment to coherently mainstream sustainability principles, goals and objectives into funding decisions for the next decade.

We therefore call on the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission to embed the “Think Sustainability First” principle when planning and implementing the next MFF and depending policies, which is also in line with the recommendations of the High Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance. Sustainability does not only increase policy coherence, but also supports the efficient use of EU funds delivering results.

We also call on the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to show their political commitment to sustainable development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in a joint declaration attached to the MFF regulation.

We are committed to work together with all European, national and regional decision-makers and stakeholders for a sustainable, strong and democratic future of Europe that benefits all people.