



Climate cooperation

Benelux projects

BENELUX CLIMATE MITIGATION

[Benelux Talanoa Declaration 2018](#)

- Strengthening the ambitions.
- Prepare national long term strategies and plans for decarbonising.
- Impact of transport (including aviation and shipping), financing and the role of public and private investments, carbon pricing, synergies with the transition to a circular economy.
- Climate policy can stimulate economic growth and create jobs, but the negative social and economic aspects need to be looked at (just transition). For starters an overview of the shift on the job market to green jobs.

Planning to launch a Benelux Circular Climate Platform to bring regional expertise together.

Sharing a pavilion again at the next COP.

BENELUX CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Table top exercises concluding with the following needs:

- More attention for climate adaptation, risk reduction and risk prevention.
- More transparency.
- Better information flows.
- Cross border exchanges.

This was shared with the Commission in the light of the consultation for a new Climate Adaptation Strategy.

On the agenda are water (drought, little streams, rural areas, ground water, water levels for shipping) and cities (heat islands, flood hazard areas, spatial planning, greening, ...)

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The Benelux Member States aspire a regional network stimulating a more sustainable economic growth, that creates new jobs and opportunities for businesses – e.g. in the construction sector -, whilst promoting wasting less and recycling and reusing raw materials more.

BENELUX ENERGY EXPERTISE NETWORK

The Benelux Energy Expertise Network is an interdisciplinary network of knowledge and expertise in the Benelux in the field of energy and sustainable energy supply. It provides insight into knowledge structures in the Benelux, presents and promotes them and offers the actors and organizations involved the opportunity to come into contact. The network currently has around 50 members in the Benelux and North Rhine-Westphalia. Members are mainly knowledge institutes and universities, public organizations and organizations representing relevant businesses.

<https://www.benelux.int/nl/benex>

HYDROGEN

In terms of mobility, the Benelux-countries exchange on hydrogen ambitions and roadmaps in order to ensure a smooth cross-border deployment of hydrogen filling stations for road transport and inland navigation. With neighbouring countries [FR, DE, AT, CH], the aim is to design a common long-term vision for 100% renewable hydrogen and assess the possibility to coordinate definitions, certification and technical standards for infrastructure.

PENTALATERAL ENERGY FORUM

The Pentalateral Energy Forum is the regional energy cooperation in Central-Western Europe (BE, NL, LU, DE, FR, AT, CH), steered by the ministers for energy, building on the work of expert groups and supported by the Benelux secretariat. It pushes for regional market integration (flow-based market coupling), security of supply (risk preparedness, resource adequacy assessment) and flexibility (short term markets, storage, demand side response).

NORTH SEAS ENERGY COOPERATION

NSEC is a regional energy cooperation between Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, France, Denmark, Ireland, (UK), Sweden and Norway, to facilitate the integration of large-scale offshore wind in the European energy markets as well as a more coordinated offshore grid development.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS (NECPS)

On the 11th of June 2018, the Benelux countries agreed to closely exchange on the energy- and climate plans and to make use as much as possible of existing cooperation.

This resulted in June 2019 in a joint Penta chapter and a joint NSEC chapter in the NECPS.

GAS PLATFORM

The Gas Platform is a multilateral cooperation between the Benelux-countries, France and Germany. Currently, it has a focus on security of supply due to conversions of L to H-gas.