

Programme: BEACON Final Conference 16-17 June

On **16-17 June 2021**, representatives and experts from BEACON municipalities and schools, the regional and national level, as well as local climate change experts and more will come together to discuss, network, and share experiences and successes of the BEACON project. The event will take place fully online via livestream, and live **translation into all BEACON languages** will be provided for the main sessions. The programme will be regularly updated as more speakers are confirmed.

DAY 1

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
16 June – Day 1		
11:30– 11:50 (GMT+2)	Digital arrival: Login of participants	
11:50– 12:05 (GMT+2)	Conference opening: conference overview and goals <i>Interpreting available in: all BEACON languages</i>	- Gunnar Will, adelphi
12:05– 12:20 (GMT+2)	Welcoming words from the German and Czech Ministries <i>Interpreting available in: all BEACON languages</i>	- Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety - Ing. Pavel Zámyslický, Ph.D., Director Energy and Climate Protection Department, Czech Ministry of the Environment
12:20– 12:40 (GMT+2)	Keynote – "Breaking news from BEACON schools": Students for Future. Students will report on accomplishments in their schools and make demands to politicians and local authorities. <i>Interpreting available in: all BEACON languages</i>	- Florian Kliche, UfU Students from BEACON projects: - Ludmila Kozlova (CZ) - Greta Lohrenz (DE) - Daniel Parashevov (BG) - Alexia Pojar (RO)
12:40– 12:50 (GMT+2)	<i>Break</i>	
12:50– 13:45 (GMT+2)	Navigating Europe towards climate neutrality – progress, partnership, and pandemic (panel discussion, plenary): On the road to climate neutrality and achieving European climate ambitions, we've experienced progress and also setbacks. In this session, our panellists discuss	- Gunnar Will, adelphi - Silke Karcher, German Federal Ministry for the Environment - Leonor Folgado, Portuguese Ministry of Environment and Climate

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	how far we've come, how we've teamed up to get there, and how we can jointly move forward in light of pandemic recovery. <i>Interpreting available in: all BEACON languages</i>	Action - Petra Trambova, Deputy Mayor of Pisek - Dimitar Zhelev, Sofia University
13:45–14:30 (GMT+2)	Break	

Parallel sessions and networking

14:30–15:45 (GMT+2)	<p>Parallel sessions</p> <p>A) Building a truss from beams, turning single projects into long lasting structures for climate action: How do we mainstream climate action in schools? This session will discuss different approaches and visions of the Beacon project, through the exchange of ideas and best practices on incentive systems. <i>Interpreting available in: Czech, Bulgarian, and German</i></p> <p>B) More participation, fewer cars? Participatory approaches to reducing individual car use: Reducing the use of private cars – a distant dream in cities impacted by the pandemic or an achievable goal? In this session, we will shed light on mobility projects from various EU countries with a focus on good participatory practices. <i>Interpreting available in: Romanian and Portuguese</i></p> <p>C) Stepping on the scales: increasing energy management to reduce emissions Europe-wide: The lowest hanging fruit to reduce GHG emissions come from simply managing your energy. This session explores experiences with municipal energy management and avenues to scale it up – to spread good practices to municipal administrations Europe-wide. <i>Interpreting available in: Greek and Polish</i></p>	<p>- Vít Král (representative municipality CZ) - Sonja Hofmann (representative municipality DE) - Kamelia Georgieva (representative from implementing BEACON-Partner BG) - Manuela Varga and Gabriela Dirloman (teacher and representative from Curricula Task Force RO) - Markus Power, NGO level (Greenpeace DE)</p> <p>- Miguel Bandeira, Braga - Thomas Freitag, Municipality of Pirna - Monika Matei, deputy director, Decebal National College Gymnasium School, Deva - Claus Köllinger, Vision50G</p> <p>- Theodoros Argyropoulos, Municipality of Dorida - Jiří Karásek, SEVEN - Dr. Zdravko Georgiev, Sofia Energy Agency - Andrea Immendörfer, State Energy Agency Baden-Württemberg (KEA-BW)</p>
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15:45– 16:00 (GMT+2)	Break	
16:00– 16:15 (GMT+2)	End of the day one and outlook on day two	- Gunnar Will, adelphi
16:15– 17:00 (GMT+2)	Networking: Quiz and BEACON celebration: How well do you know BEACON, climate action, and general trivia? In teams you will test your knowledge on fun topics with surprising questions. Enjoy this end of the day networking activity exchanging with your municipal colleagues!	- Gunnar Will, adelphi - Julia Legelli

DAY 2

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10:00– 10:15 (GMT+2)	Digital arrival: Login of participants	- Gunnar Will, adelphi
10:15– 10:30 (GMT+2)	Tuning in: Getting ready for the day, a little energiser from the moderator. <i>Interpreting available in: all BEACON languages</i>	- Gunnar Will, adelphi
10:30– 10:15 (GMT+2)	Keynote –: Elected representatives & students in dialogue on their vision for a climate-neutral future: Visions for 2050 - in this session, expect personal narratives and visions on how life could look like in 30 years. Pupils will make themselves heard, claim their participation in climate action and question mayors on their climate plans. <i>Interpreting available in: all BEACON languages</i>	Elected Representatives: - Maria das Dores Meira, Mayor of Setubal - Kristýna Kosová, Vice-Mayor of Roznov Students: - Ludmila Kozlova (CZ) - Greta Lohrenz (DE)
11:15– 11:30 (GMT+2)	Break	

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Parallel sessions and networking		
11:30–12:30 (GMT+2)	<p>Parallel sessions</p> <p>A) Future and hope: young people in climate action: In this session, sparks may fly. Students will debate the difficulties and obstacles of the implementation of climate protection. They will not mince their words and show what the younger generation demands to be done on climate protection to secure the safety of their futures. <i>Interpreting available in: Bulgarian, Czech, German, and Romanian</i></p> <p>B) Climate action is teamwork: Cooperation is a key element in climate action - municipalities show how internal and external cooperation can succeed, how key actors can be identified and convinced, which structures need to be established, and how obstacles can be overcome. <i>Interpreting available in: Portuguese</i></p> <p>C) Green Recovery: financing climate action in European municipalities: Making use of available national, EU, and international financing as well as private financing is key to implementing the transition to low carbon municipalities. What financing is available, what are good examples and what role do the green recovery funds play? <i>Interpreting available in: Greek and Polish</i></p>	<p>Students from the BEACON project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tzvetelina Mosheva (BG) (moderating student) - Beloslava Marinova (BG) (moderating student) - Ludmila Kozlova (CZ) - Greta Lohrenz (DE) - Daniel Parashevov (BG) - Stefan Petrov (BG) - Alexia Pojar (RO) - Denis Gavrilă (RO) - Larina Casoni (RO) - Horia Sibă (RO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rosa Lopes, Municipality of Coruche - Katrin Knur, Municipality of Bottrop - Liviu Stanciu, Municipalities of Arnsberg - Alba Iulia <p>Moderation: Linda Beyschlag, Consultant, Guidehouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moritz Schäfer, Associate Director, Guidehouse - Simona Iliescu, Inspector, Local Development Department, Municipality of Ramnicu Valcea, Romania - Francisco Gonçalves, Project Management & Overall Coordination, Energy Cities - Anna Zawadka, Secretary of the City & Municipality in Sztum - João Morais Mourato, Research Fellow - Institute of Social Sciences - University of Lisbon - Sylwia Slomiak, Advisor to the Board of the Association of the Wisłoka River Basin Communes and

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		Country Expert for Poland at European City Facility
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12:45–13:30 (GMT+2)	Networking for climate action: Refreshing icebreakers and an interactive platform for exchange opens up doors to catch up with and get to know BEACON colleagues and relevant stakeholders to lay the foundation for post-BEACON climate action.	All conference participants
13:30–14:00 (GMT+2)	Conference closing: Post-BEACON pledges, inspirational remarks and continuation of the successful climate action undertaken during the project. <i>Interpreting available in: all BEACON languages</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gunnar Will, adelphi - Vitor Aleixo, Mayor of Loulé - Gabriela Dirloman, Romanian teacher - Camille Serre, adelphi - Florian Kliche, UfU - Sarah Gül, Guidehouse