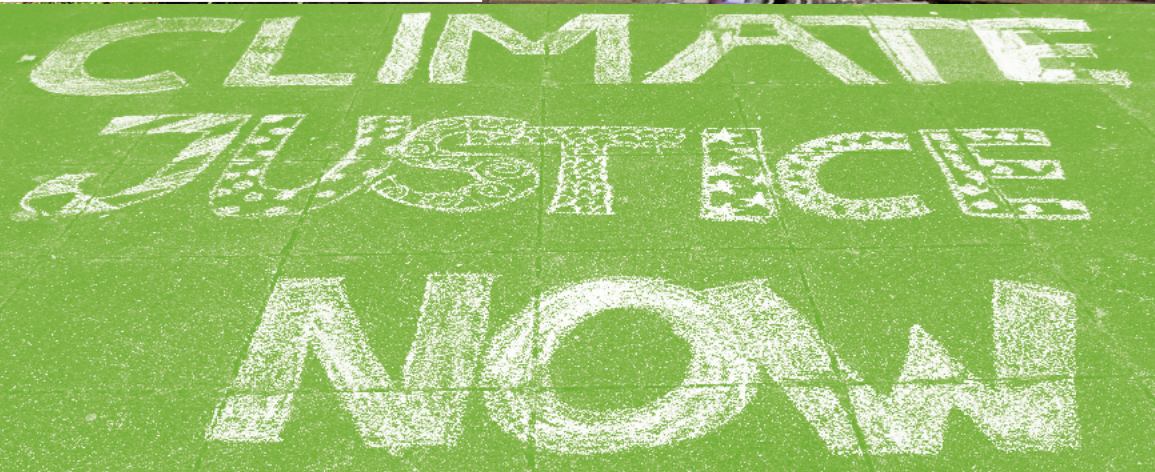




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# Municipalities for Climate Justice





**Climate change is a global challenge** that requires local solutions with global perspectives. Our economic activities must be aligned to the ecological limits of the planet – in Europe and in the “Global South”. Alliances are essential tools in this process. Climate Alliance puts climate justice into practice through partnerships between municipalities of Europe and indigenous peoples of Amazonia.



**“We, as European municipalities  
and world citizens, bear responsibility.  
Everyone can make a contribution  
towards climate justice and sustainability.”**

Tine Heyse  
Councillor for Environment, Climate, Energy  
and North-South of the City of Ghent (Belgium)  
President of Climate Alliance



# Climate justice - a pillar of the Climate Alliance

Our actions in Europe influence the livelihoods of people in the "Global South".

It is fairness and sustainability that are needed in trade and economic matters, not injustice and overexploitation.

At the same time, we must support those who, like the indigenous peoples of Amazonia, have contributed least to climate change in claiming their rights and preserving their traditional ways of life.

**Climate justice** means recognising our common but differentiated responsibility in fighting climate change.

**Our indigenous partners play a key role** in the conservation of the Amazon rainforest. Their territories are an enormous carbon sink, harbouring more than 50 percent of the total carbon found in the entire Amazon region. Indigenous peoples possess profound knowledge about their environment: only by using their territories and natural resources with care they are able to secure their livelihoods. Like municipalities, they are local actors. As such, they are best placed to implement climate protection in their territories.



Climate Alliance member municipalities have stood for a comprehensive approach to climate protection since the association's founding in 1990, combining concrete local solutions with global responsibility.





**Partnerships** and global alliances between European municipalities and indigenous communities have been very successful, making climate justice tangible. Climate Alliance's cooperation with COICA, the umbrella organisation of the Amazonia's indigenous peoples, illustrates the importance of partnerships to the promotion of climate justice.

**“The destruction of the Amazon rainforest and the dangers faced by indigenous peoples, the guardians of the forest, are manifold, influencing the climate at the regional and global level. With Climate Alliance and European municipalities, we can work for global climate protection and a better future for all!”**

Harol Rincón Ipuchima  
Coordinator for Climate Change and Biodiversity of COICA  
Vice President of Climate Alliance

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Indigenous communities and European municipalities alike have developed ways to enhance adaptation and resilience worth sharing.

Through direct partnerships, Climate Alliance works with towns and cities across Europe to raise awareness of the global challenges facing us all.

From projects with indigenous organisations to study trips and from direct partnerships with indigenous communities to information campaigns and educational activities, Climate Alliance members have many opportunities to engage in climate justice.

**“Climate partnerships between indigenous communities and cities empower indigenous peoples and contribute to rainforest protection. In this way, we take local challenges to an international level and highlight their connection to climate protection.”**

Andreas Wolter

Mayor of the City of Cologne (Germany)

President of Climate Alliance



**Learning from each other**



**Real support**

**By supporting our indigenous partners you can help protect the Amazon rainforest**, preserving the home of indigenous communities and biodiversity while contributing to global climate protection. In addition to a Corona relief fund for the fight against the pandemic in the Amazon Basin, our funds support indigenous peoples in developing renewable energies and accessing legal aid.

Find out more [bit.ly/AmazoniaFunds](https://bit.ly/AmazoniaFunds)

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## Raising awareness

Climate Alliance supports its members with campaign and educational materials to inform their citizens about the consequences of our modern lifestyle and to sensitise them to global interdependencies and challenges.

Raise awareness amongst your residents with our exhibitions on climate change, resource consumption or land grabbing; use our campaign, *A Good Life is Simple*, to promote climate friendly behaviours in everyday life; and motivate people to take concrete action with our online tool, *Change the Future*.

More information available on [overdeveloped.eu](http://overdeveloped.eu)

**We are happy provide you with information and advice!**

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