Changing perspectives for Climate & Peace
Let’s build the ‘new normal’ together

The problem
Decades of prosperity, and economic and technical growth have brought us to cross planetary boundaries. We are facing a crisis on multiple levels: Global warming, ecosystem destruction, biodiversity loss, pandemics, social inequality and climate refugees. And we are running out of time.

The solution
We need a coordinated and global response in order to meet the unparalleled challenges we are currently facing. The solution needs to be anchored in understanding our common humanity and ecosystems. This requires collective leadership to build a collective vision. Climate change is not just a technical problem: it is caused by human behavior and therefore can be solved by changing human behavior.

Our role
We believe that compassionate leadership, based on cultivating inner peace is the catalyst for creating such collective vision. This is rooted in the new understanding of the science of the mind, pointing to its potential for positive development. We want to help develop the compassionate leaders for tomorrow.

Our impact
We aim to turn the current crisis into an opportunity to redesign our world. This is the moment to raise the bar, and build the ‘new normal’ together. A normal rooted in the positive vision for the future of humanity that is implicit in the modern science of the mind. We need your support in order to build the new normal.

The stakeholders that will benefit
– the current political citizenry in Europe can create the social inclusion and culture needed to embrace and embed environmental engagement such as the new EU Green Deal policy.

– the current business communities can be encouraged to take its full part in sustainable transformation by recognizing the sustainability challenges both as a societal responsibility and business opportunities.

– The current leadership gains full confidence from the younger generation, enabling them to actively co-create the sustainable future they will inherit.
We are the European Platform for Compassionate Leadership for Climate & Peace (EUPCL). We aim to connect the energy of the youth with the wisdom of compassionate leadership in order to rebuild our global community on principles of planetary health and human care.

Who are we?

We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves.

H.H. the Dalai Lama

Our principles

In order to achieve our ambition we have defined five principles.

**Holistic view**
Understanding interdependence and connectivity; the altruistic mindset as the best strategy for personal and collective well-being.

**Inner peace**
Developing a stable, clear and peaceful mindset. This is something that can be trained and developed.

**Real connection**
Taking seriously individual and collective responsibility, social inclusion, genuine collaboration and strengthening positive relations.

**Leading by example**
Building a shared purpose and a collective vision with fellow-leaders. It is about actively becoming part of the solution.

**Courage to act**
Transforming a collective vision into reality and the courage to act. Here, we will accelerate great ideas into sustainable solutions.
A diverse platform for climate and peace

A set of coordinated activities

The EUPCL-platform will offer a set of coordinated activities in support of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the EU Green Deal.

1. Summit for Climate & Peace

The EUPCL Summit for Climate & Peace will be hosted at the University of Luxembourg in May 2021. Thanks to its central location at the heart of Europe and its long tradition of neutrality, peaceful cooperation and sustainability, Luxembourg is an excellent place for this event.

The organization will be in the hands of the European Platform for Compassionate Leadership for Climate & Peace, which has been initiated by individuals from the University of Luxembourg, Garrison Institute International and Miami University European Campus in Luxembourg.

The Summit will coincide with the Transatlantic Dialogue (TAD) and the award ceremony of the Luxembourg Peace Prize.

At this moment the development of the program is in progress.
Setting a path for transition
EUPCL is supporting the EU Green Deal because it is one of the necessary global responses to meet the unparalleled challenges we are currently facing. The European Union is striving to become the world’s first climate-neutral continent by 2050. To achieve this, the European Commission presented the European Green Deal, the most ambitious package of measures that should enable European citizens and businesses to benefit from sustainable green transition.

Involvement and commitment of the public and of all stakeholders is crucial to its success. In fact, this is Europe’s most comprehensive societal change program so far. A crucial part of the transition is to win the hearts and minds of Europe’s 446 million inhabitants.

Above all, the European Green Deal sets a path for a transition that is just and socially fair. It is designed in such a way as to leave no individual or region behind in the great transformation ahead.

Engagement for the green deal
For the EU Green Deal to be effective, we will need to strengthen the engagement and cooperation among stakeholders. These include youth, educators, academia, business, religions, civil society and governments.
The heart of our approach

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

We want to stimulate sustainable engagement for collective action by connecting the energy of the youth with the wisdom of visionary leaders who have demonstrated compassionate leadership.

In partnership with PeaceJam Foundation, contributions for the summit will be requested from a selected group of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates.

Institutions

Next to this we will also seek the participation from institutions which have been awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize and exemplify the collective dimension of compassionate leadership.
Our activities further explained

2 Inner Green Deal

A crucial part of the transition of the EU Green Deal is to win the hearts and minds of Europe’s 446 million inhabitants. This requires inspiring leadership at all levels of society. The Inner Green Deal is a program to develop such leadership.

The Inner Green Deal addresses the inner human dimension of the change process. It supports leaders, social entrepreneurs and other change makers to reflect on our human nature and the interconnectedness of economic, social and environmental decisions, and the development of new habits and new partnership.

The program offers both short and year-long journeys. Benefitting from the best coaches and facilitators in the field, participants explore inner and outer change. Along the way they form groups to tackle specific Green Deal challenges.

3 Climate Peace Prize

In partnership with the Schengen Peace Prize Foundation, EUPCL will select one outstanding individual or collective for its contribution to fighting climate change in a peaceful manner. We believe that building peace and planetary resilience are two sides of the same coin. The Climate Peace Prize will be awarded in a ceremony during the CL Summit in May 2021 to emphasize that respect for planetary health and human well-being go hand in hand.

"The world is not going to change, unless we change ourselves."

Rigoberta Menchú Tum
– Laureate 1992 –
We envision supporting the Green Deal by creating specific Compassionate Leadership Action Labs (CLALs). The members of CLALs will work on real policy issues in a community of leaders from youth and other stakeholders based on compassionate leadership. These CLALs will effectively mobilize the energy of the youth, the wisdom of the Nobel Laureates and the skills of compassionate leadership.

In the run up of the summit we will host a number of online dialogue webinars with selected Noble Peace Prize Laureates, on topics such as: “Pandemics & Peace”, “From Green Deal to Green Doing”, and “Youth and Resilience”.

“Worrying about a problem is not a strategy for change.”

Jody Williams – Laureate 1997 –
The European Platform for Compassionate Leadership for Climate & Peace is a not-for-profit organization which wants to mobilize the energy of the youth with the collective wisdom of visionary leaders. We build bridges between all among us who want to contribute to a better world together.

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A non-profit, non-sectarian organization located in New York and the Netherlands, that is committed to harnessing the power of contemplative wisdom and practice to build a more compassionate and resilient future for all.
www.garrisoninstitute-int.org
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**Co-hosts**

Luxembourg, which unites an amazing mix of nationalities and cultures in a multilingual area, is a representative democracy, in the form of a constitutional monarchy. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a founding member of the European Union, United Nations, NATO and Benelux, reflecting its political consensus in favor of economic and political integration.

https://www.visitluxembourg.com

The PeaceJam Foundation wants to create young leaders committed to positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world through the inspiration of Nobel Peace Laureates who pass on the spirit, skills, and wisdom they embody.

www.peacejam.org

Founded in 1996, the PeaceJam Foundation is a global organization whose mission is to create the next generation of young leaders committed to changing the world with guidance from 14 Nobel Peace Laureates.

https://youthforclimate.lu

Each year, since 2012, the Schengen Peace Foundation and the World Peace Forum award the Luxembourg Peace Prize, an award that honors the outstanding in the field of peace.

https://luxembourgpeaceprize.org

The Transatlantic Dialogue (TAD) conference series on global citizens, held in Luxembourg since 2008, explore the significance of culture / liberal education for fostering global citizenship from both US and European perspectives.

https://transatlanticdialogue.uni.lu

The European Citizens Dialogue is a unique way for people of Europe to engage in dialogue with the European Commission to propose new laws. Once an initiative has reached 1 million signatures, the Commission will decide on what action to take.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/citizens-dialogues_en

Implementation partners

**Awaris**

Awaris wants to integrate research, personal practices and business skills – to bring about real change. Everyone has a potential to cultivate their authentic leadership – and in this way contribute to bringing about positive change to their organizations and societies.

https://awaris.com

The Global Alliance in Management Education or CEMS is a cooperation of leading business schools and universities with multinational companies and NGOs.

www.cems.org

Flow Impact Fund enables the development of sustainable leadership and socially-relevant entrepreneurship for society, working especially with young leaders and change agents. The aim is to transform business into a force for good.

https://flowimpactfund.nl/en
To conclude

“In this time of serious crisis, we face threats to our health and sadness for the family and friends we have lost. Economic disruption is posing a major challenge to governments and undermining the ability of so many people to make a living.

It is during times like this that we must focus on what unites us as members of one human family. Accordingly, we need to reach out to each other with compassion. As human beings, we are all the same. We experience the same fears, the same hopes, the same uncertainties, yet we are also united by a desire for happiness. Our human capacity to reason and to see things realistically gives us the ability to transform hardship into opportunity.

This crisis and its consequences serve as a warning that only by coming together in a coordinated, global response, will we meet the unprecedented magnitude of the challenges we face. I pray we all heed the call to unite.”

H.H. the Dalai Lama
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