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## European Ideas Lab - Brussels

### Greens meet changemakers

- [Read the article "1000 solutions to solve climate change"](#)

## INTRODUCTION

The European Ideas Lab aims at bringing together change-makers from all over Europe. Everyday activists, civil society organisations, citizens' movements, artists, ecopreneurs and Green innovators, we come from different background but we all share the same objective: bring a positive change in society.

While respecting the distinct roles of civil society organisations and activists and of elected politicians respectively, we want to foster mutual trust and increase our collective ability to win topics of common interest. This year, we will take a look at **5 main themes: democracy, inclusive society, liveable environment, digital society, economy & globalisation.**

The European Ideas Lab will provide a space to network, learn from each other, exchange ideas, define the struggles we share and reflect on the positive alternatives we want to bring in society and the best ways to make it happen.

Building on the successes of the [first European Ideas Lab](#) held in February 2017 and of the [regional European Ideas Lab](#) held in Dublin in October 2017, we are proud to invite you to the next European Ideas Lab that will take place on the **1st, 2nd and 3rd of March 2018 in Brussels.**

Due to the high number of requests received, registrations for this event are now closed. Thank you for your understanding, and stay tune for future editions of the European Ideas Lab.

The objectives of the European Ideas Lab are:

- To provide a forum where change-makers and Greens from all over Europe can engage in a professionally facilitated and neutral space to share ideas, experiences and knowledge;

- To brainstorm collectively on specific topics, connect struggles and spend a weekend in an inspirational atmosphere;
- To facilitate networking and to create lasting connections between the participants, which can help inform domestic and European policy, and if possible enable the participants to identify and work cooperatively on common campaigns.

Basic principles of the European Ideas Lab include:

- Making it as participatory as possible;
- No endless panel debates but spaces for collaborative thinking;
- Giving as much place as possible to changemakers. We Greens are mostly here to listen, share and take stock!

## PROGRAMME

- [click for downloadable version](#)

### Thursday, 1st March 2018

15:00 **European Parliament Tour** with Greens/EFA MEPs  
 17:00 **Accreditation** Opens at the Venue (The Egg, Brussels)  
 17:30 **Welcome** by Greens/EFA & EGP  
 18:00 **Agora**  
 19:00 **Dinner**  
 20:00 **Theatre play** - Nourrir l'humanité, c'est un métier (with EN Sub)

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### Friday, 2nd March 2018

8:45 **Accreditation** opens  
 9:30 **Opening Plenary** - *1000 Solutions to Solve Climate Change* / **Bertrand Piccard**, Solar Impulse  
 10:15 **Get to Know Each Other**  
 11:00 STEP 1 - **Inspire** - Parallel Sessions of 1:30h  
 Open Space - Acting & Thinking Together

Champions of Democracy | Advocates for Nature | Human Stories of Climate Change | Feminist Platform | Citizens for Tax Justice | Power to the Citizens - Democratising Energy Production | Take Back Control Over the Food System | Access to Culture and Information in the Digital Age | The Green Entrepreneur's Guide to Surviving Today's Economy | Access to EU funding: challenges, opportunities and networking

12:30 **Lunch**  
 14:00 **Networking Energizer** - Changemakers Meet Greens  
 14:30 **Plenary session** - *Online Campaigning and Mass Mobilisation Strategies* / **Brian Young**, The Action Network  
 16:00 Coffee Break  
 16:30 STEP 2 - **Debate & Learn** - Parallel sessions of 1:30h

## Open Space - Acting & Thinking Together

The Action Network - Training | Together for a Fair Transition in Europe | Online Platforms - to Regulate or not to Regulate | The Future of Work | What Can Europe Do for Green Businesses? | Exploring the State of Media Freedom in Europe - How to Finance Investigative Journalism? | Phasing Out Nuclear Power in Europe | Let's Invest in Our Privacy | Campaigning on Media Sexism | A welcoming Europe for asylum seekers and migrants

18:00 **Wrap-up** of the Day

Friday evening is free! Time to explore the capital of Europe and the local beers together

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## Saturday, 3rd March 2018

8:45 **Accreditation** Opens

9:15 **STEP 2 - Debate & Learn** - Parallel Sessions of 1:30h

Take the Fight for our Common Future | Radical Transparency and Openness in Politics | #MeToo, Time's up for Oppression! | The Rise of New fascism: Let's Fight Back! | Strengthening Citizen Participation - the European Citizens' Initiative & Beyond | Campaigning on GM Food | Imagine Car-free Cities | Tech for Good - Social Innovation Through Digital Technology | Cryptoparty

10:45 **Coffee Break**

11:15 **STEP 3 - Create / Moving Ideas for Europe**

13:15 **Lunch**

14:45 **Networking Energizer**

15:15 **Wrap-up** of the Weekend

16:00 **Plenary** - *Connecting the Struggles*

18:00 **Closure of the 2nd European Ideas Lab by Greens/EFA & EGP**

18:30 **Concert** - Syrians Got Talent

20:00 **Dinner**

22:00 **Closing Party** with Gayance + SupAfly Collective

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### **Venue**

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