

COP24 climate change conference in Katowice

The COP24 climate change conference in Katowice, Poland, from 3 to 14 December 2018, will focus on the full implementation of the Paris Agreement and the political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue intended to support the implementation of national commitments. In preparation for COP24, the European Parliament has tabled questions to the European Commission and the Council. The Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety has tabled a motion for a resolution on COP24, to be voted during the October II plenary session.

Background

The 24th Conference of the Parties ([COP24](#)) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will focus on the full implementation of the [Paris Agreement](#). The conference is expected to finalise a package of decisions on how the provisions of the Paris Agreement will be implemented across a wide range of issues, including transparency, adaptation, emissions reductions, provision of finance, capacity-building and technology. The Fijian presidency of COP23 initiated the [Talanoa dialogue](#), in which parties and stakeholders focus on the questions *Where are we?*, *Where do we want to go?* and *How do we get there?* In the political phase of the Talanoa dialogue, which will take place at COP24, high-level representatives of the Parties will take stock of collective efforts to meet the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, and will address the preparation of the next round of nationally determined contributions. Studies such as the UN [emissions gap report](#) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [special report on global warming of 1.5°C](#) indicate that commitments must be strengthened to limit the impacts of climate change on people and ecosystems and meet the targets of the Paris Agreement.

The European Union has played a key role in the adoption and ratification of the Paris Agreement. It is about to complete the revision of its post-2020 climate and energy policies, in line with its international commitments under the Paris Agreement, and the European Commission is in the process of preparing a [strategy](#) for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reductions, to be adopted in November 2018. The [Council conclusions](#) of 9 October 2018 set out the EU negotiating mandate for COP24.

European Parliament position

Two oral questions are scheduled for debate at the October II plenary session. They ask what action the Council and Commission, respectively, are taking to ensure that COP24 will make significant progress towards finalising the Paris Agreement work programme and rulebook, implementation of the Talanoa dialogue and the scaling up of climate finance mobilisation towards the goal of US\$100 billion per year by 2020. On 10 October 2018, the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) adopted a [motion for a resolution](#) calling for net-zero global greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, to upgrade the nationally determined contributions by 2020, and to raise the EU's 2030 emission reduction target from 40 % to 55 %. Parliament is due to debate and vote on the motion during its October II session.

Parliament will also debate the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP14) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt, on 17-29 November 2018 and vote on a [motion for a resolution](#) outlining the Parliament's position. Oral questions to the [Council](#) and the [Commission](#) address the actions, financing and mechanisms to achieve current biodiversity targets and the preparation of the post-2020 framework of the CBD. Council adopted [conclusions](#) on COP14 on 9 October 2018.

Oral questions: [O-000089/2018](#) and [O-000090/2018](#). Motion for a resolution: [2018/2598\(RSP\)](#). Committee responsible: ENVI; Rapporteurs: Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP, Romania), Peter Liese (EPP, Germany), Jo Leinen (S&D, Germany), Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (ALDE, The Netherlands), Estefanía Torres Martínez (GUE/NGL, Spain), Bas Eickhout (Greens/EFA, The Netherlands), Piernicola Pedicini (EFDD, Italy).

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