

The Federal Ministry and the Environment Agency Austria
invite you to the presentation of the

EEA report „Europe’s environment 2025 – Knowledge for resilience, prosperity and sustainability“

Tuesday, 27 January 2026

Wipplingerstrasse 35, 1010, Vienna, House of the European
Union

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management (BMLUK), together with the Environment Agency Austria and the Representation the European Commission in Austria, invites you to the presentation of the European Union's most important environmental report.

The goal of the European Green Deal is to guide the EU towards a more modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy. It sets out a plan to transform Europe's economy, energy, transport, and industries for a more sustainable future. While implementation is now in the focus, the EU also has to tackle challenges, in terms of security, defence and competitiveness.

In these demanding times, the European Environment Agency, in close cooperation with its member states, published its report "Europe's Environment 2025 – Knowledge for resilience, prosperity, and sustainability" in September 2025, a comprehensive analysis of the state of the environment and climate in Europe.

Where exactly do we stand now? To what extent are the impacts of the European Green Deal's implementation already apparent in Europe, and are there tangible shifts resulting from the EU's new policy priorities? Can we still pursue an ambitious environmental agenda in the EU despite current geopolitical developments?

Federal Environment Minister **Norbert Totschnig** and **Leena Ylä Mononen**, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, will address these and other questions and present the report on January 27, 2026, at the House of the European Union in Vienna, together with other high-profile speakers.

Programme



Europa im Gespräch

08:30 am Welcome, Coffee

09:00 am **Opening Patrick Lobis**, Head of the European Commission Representation in Austria

09:05 am **Keynote Norbert Totschnig**, Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management, Austria
Environmental and Climate Action Policy in Austria: Success Stories and Challenges ahead

09:15 am **Keynote Leena Ylä Mononen**, Executive-Director European Environment Agency
Presentation EEA Report Europe's Environment 2025 + Key findings of the Country Profile for Austria

09:45 am **Keynote Verena Ehold**, Managing Director Environment Agency Austria
Key Findings from the Austrian State of the Environment Report 2025

10:15 am Pause

10:30 am **Keynote Susanne Weiglein-Schwiedrzik**, Univ. Professor retd., Member of the Council of the Austrian Academy of Science
Why China goes green: unpacking the People's Republic of China's recent surge in sustainable energy enthusiasm



11:00 am Panel Discussion

- To what extent are the impacts of the European Green Deal's implementation already apparent in Europe, and are there tangible shifts resulting from the EU's new policy priorities?
- How does the influence of other global players change politics in the EU?
 - Leena Ylä Mononen – Executive-Director, European Environment Agency
 - Sigrid Stagl – Member Scientific Committee EEA – Univ. Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business
 - Verena Ehold – Managing Director, Environment Agency Austria
 - Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik – Univ. Professor retd., Member of the Council of the Austrian Academy of Science Vienna

Moderation: Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, Director for EU Environmental Policy (BMLUK)

12:30 pm End of the event and get-together (incl. light lunch)

Please note: The event will be held in English.

