

What are the 10 leading CLIMATE think-tanks in Brussels in 2024 ?

Among the **generalist** climate think-tanks,

the [EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy](#) is “an initiative supported by the European Commission bringing together thousands of local governments that want to secure a better future for their citizens. By joining the initiative, they voluntarily commit to implementing EU climate and energy objectives. The Covenant of Mayors was launched in 2008 in Europe. Not only did the initiative introduce a first-of-its-kind bottom-up approach to energy and climate action, but its success quickly went beyond expectations.”

The [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy](#), the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, launched in 2015, “has been capitalising on the experience gained in Europe and beyond, and is building upon the key success factors of the initiative: its bottom-up governance, its multi-level cooperation model and its context-driven framework for action”.

[Climate Action Network Europe](#) is “Europe’s leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change”. (CAN Europe is a regional node of [Climate Action Network](#) — headquartered in Bonn, Germany — “the world’s largest environmental network with over 1,700 Non-Governmental Organisations active in more than 130 countries, driving collective and sustainable action to fight the climate crisis”.)

Launched by the European Commission, the [European Climate Pact](#) is part of the [European Green Deal](#) and is “helping the EU to meet its goal to be the first climate-neutral continent in the world by 2050”.

The [European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition](#) aims to “provide a neutral space where policy-makers and regulators can meet stakeholders to discuss climate change policy and how to manage the transition to a low GHG- economy in a sustainable way. While focused on European climate policy, ERCST fully recognizes, and incorporates in its activities and thinking, the global dimension of climate change policy”.

[Zero Carbon Analytics](#) is an international research group providing insights and analysis about climate change and the energy transition. Its researchers and analysts “specialise in understanding and synthesising the developments in

energy systems, land use, climate science, just transitions and other important topics in the climate debate”.

The [European Climate Neutrality Observatory](#) was launched in mid-2023 as an independent progress monitoring initiative that uses an indicator-based framework and scientifically rigorous analysis to help the EU achieve climate neutrality. The ECNO exists to ensure the EU is set up for climate neutrality success by regularly assessing economy-wide, on-the-ground progress and providing an independent check of the EU policy processes that drive it.

Since 2007, [Climact](#), a “leading-edge consultancy”, has been “empowering governments and organisations to act on climate change, towards a sustainable zero-carbon society by 2050”.

The **carbon-pricing** watchdog :

[Carbon Market Watch](#) is an independent, not-for-profit watchdog and research organisation with unique expertise in carbon pricing and a track record of shaping and influencing international and European climate policy. It monitors and analyses critically the carbon pricing plans and climate policies of governments and corporations and calls them out when their performance does not match their promises, leads to environmental damage or ignores people’s rights. It does not just identify what is wrong, it also proposes ways of putting it right.

And finally, on **carbon capture**,

[Zero Emissions Platform](#) is the trusted advisor to the European Union on industrial carbon management technologies. It works on developing and accelerating the commercial deployment of these climate technologies to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 and net negative emissions after that.