

To:  
Ministers for Environment  
Ministers for Transport  
President Juncker  
Commissioner Arias Cañete

## Statement from the Coalition for Higher Ambition

Dear Ministers,

We are writing to you on behalf of a unique coalition of businesses, associations, investor groups, trade unions, local and regional authorities, and civil society organisations.

At the upcoming Environment Council on 9 October you have been invited to discuss the European Union's contribution towards the international climate negotiations in Katowice. This is a milestone in the lead up to the COP, as you will have the opportunity to show your strong commitment to ensure that the EU delivers on its obligations under the Paris Agreement.

The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5°C. The upcoming publication of the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C will underline the urgency to scale up global ambition and to substantially increase the current Paris pledges, including the EU's 2030 greenhouse gas emission reduction target. COP24 and the Talanoa Dialogue offer the unique opportunity for the EU to send a clear signal of increased commitment to the Paris Agreement to its partners around the world. An enhanced level of ambition is critical to the ability of our organisations, businesses, cities, regions, and community-led initiatives to accelerate the transition to a zero-carbon Europe.

**We call on you to adopt a COP24 position that acknowledges the inadequacy of current NDCs and shows a commitment on behalf of the EU to increase its 2030 target before 2020 in line with the long-term objectives of the Paris Agreement.**

It is clear that to deliver on the required transition, we need transformational change in all sectors. As the transport sector is currently lagging behind, we welcome that you will also be discussing the decarbonisation targets for the road transport sector. However, the target proposed by the Commission to reduce emissions from transport by 30% by 2030 falls short of what is needed to deliver on the Paris Agreement's objectives, while higher CO<sub>2</sub> reduction rates are technically feasible and would result in higher net benefits for society. The 1.5 °C goal of the Paris Agreement leaves no room for giving the transport sector more lenient reductions goal than other sectors.

**Therefore we call upon you to support at least the target proposed by the European Parliament's Environment Committee as a minimum threshold of the transport sector's contribution to the decarbonisation of the European economy.**

We hope you will be able to take these urgent calls into account during the negotiations, as we count on you to continue to secure the protection of our planet and the well-being of Europe's citizens.



## Signatories:

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 Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável (ZERO) Portugal  
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 CDP Europe  
 Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe  
 Climate Alliance  
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 European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ECEEE)  
 European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS)  
 European Heat Pump Association (EHPA)  
 European Industrial Insulation Foundation (EIIF)  
 Health And Environment Alliance (HEAL)  
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