



European Network “Green Habito” declaration

Network of CSOs “Green Habito” is a network for a sustainable and green future. Founded in 2019 with headquarters in Helsinki, Finland, the Network has expanded from the Nordic-Baltic region to the rest of Europe. It includes 33 national and regional umbrella organisations and associations from 15 EU member states and the United Kingdom. The Network is supported by various European foundations and national project programmes from the Nordic countries.

We, as Network, have gathered in Narva, Estonia, from the 2nd to the 5th of February 2023 at our conference entitled “Reflections on Security: International Community, CSOs and their contribution for a more secure and sustainable Europe”

On this occasion, we discussed a variety of issues of importance to Europe and neighbouring regions, from the war in Ukraine to climate change and environmental protection, to the role of civil society in conflict resolution as well as media misuse, disinformation and digital security.

On the war in Ukraine, the network discussed the various aspects of this war of aggression and its repercussions on Europe and beyond. Participants issued a strong call for the withdrawal of all Russian military units from Ukraine. They also call upon the international community to assist in finding a solution to this war in the interest of Ukraine people and avoid further destruction and casualties.

The “Green Habito” network also calls on European CSOs to exercise every possible effort to this end and contribute to helping all humanitarian CSOs working in Ukraine and in other European countries in assisting the population of Ukraine and the refugees, particularly vulnerable groups.

A special concern was expressed by participants about climate change and its impact on the whole region and a very urgent call was issued to all concerned parties to exercise every possible effort to raise awareness and mitigate its effects.

In this context, the Network emphasises the importance of the work done by various NGOs in the field at different levels, both in Ukraine and the host countries and reiterates the need for financial support by public institutions to allow them to be of further help and support to all refugees, particularly those from Ukraine.

Furthermore, the Network calls on Russian speaking communities in Europe to contribute to a peaceful resolution of this conflict and enhance European cohesion and solidarity.

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