

# Carinthian Declaration

We, the undersigned of this declaration, as participants of the 12th ENCORE Conference, which took place on 23.09.2016 in Pörtlach am Wörthersee, indicate our concern about the rapidly advancing climate change, whose limitation is man's biggest challenge of the 21st century. In addition to the necessary courageous cooperation of all nations to realise ambitious climate goals, we wish to emphasize the need and importance of the European regions as pioneers in climate protection.

The 12th ENCORE Conference therefore welcomes

- the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development adopted on 25 September 2015 by the General Assembly of the United Nations. This document, which is divided into 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), presents a plan of action which contains the topics People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership,
- and
- the ambitious climate target decided at the 21st UN Climate Change Conference in Paris. The aim of the "Paris Agreement" is to limit global warming to significantly below 2 ° C, preferably 1.5 ° C, up to a decarbonisation in industrialised countries in the second half of the century

The 12th ENCORE Conference emphasized the necessity that

- after the historic agreement at the "Paris Agreement" and the signing of the Agreement on 22 April 2016 in New York through the EU and all 28 Member States, the national ratification processes are now advancing as quickly as possible, and
- regardless of effective climate protection measures need to be implemented immediately and continuously in order to ensure that the long-term goal is achieved by 2050 and beyond, and
- the European Union needs to implement the SGDs in its long-term strategy ("Europe 2030 Strategy") in all sectoral policies, including the structural policies which are of special importance for the European regions, and
- the ENCORE regions aim to contribute to the implementation of the SGDs at their own level.

The 12th ENCORE conference strives to, in its regional alliances,

- Combatting Climate Change - Decision Making structures and Political Tools
- Defence against Flooding - Best Practise on Climate Change
- Cradle to Cradle - Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency
- Use of Waste as Alternative to Fossil Energy
- European Platform on Landstewardship
- New energy systems for decentral, renewable energy production

to contribute in a long-term and effective way, in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals concretely and directly.

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