

Climate Unfiltered: The Narratives that Shape our World

*Expert Roundtable Workshop
European Parliament, 9th October 2023, 16:00-19:00*

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Climate change is not just reshaping our planet but the very fabric of our conversations, calling for an urgent societal and economic overhaul. Even as the tangible consequences of climate change intensify, an alarming surge in climate denialism and scepticism is on the rise.

The very topic which demands unison and innovative solutions has been victimized, weaponized, and polarized, with disinformation campaigns gaining momentum. In this age of flux, narratives – the frameworks that dictate our perception and interpretation of reality – emerge as pivotal. They aren't merely stories; they are powerful tools that elicit emotions, convey meaning, and more importantly, shape the way we understand the world.

Recognizing the power and influence of narratives in shaping public understanding, the Narratives Observatory combatting Disinformation in Europe Systemically (NODES) was founded earlier this year. Co-funded by the European Commission and led by Re-Imagine Europa, NODES brings together leading institutions such as Agence France-Presse (AFP), the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), PlusValue, Sotrender, Science Feedback, and Università Ca' Foscari Venezia. The initiative seeks to delve deep into the dynamics of narratives, aiming to discern trends and develop tools that address disinformation effectively.

In the light of the upcoming European Elections and the growing political polarisation around issues relating to climate change, NODES, will convene this expert roundtable, co-hosted by MEP Nils Torvalds, to bring together leading thinkers, practitioners, policymakers and experts from institutions, CSOs and NGOs working in the fields of climate change, disinformation and polarisation. The focus will be on providing an analytical overview of the evolution and shifts in climate change narratives, examining their implications and trajectory.

- 16:00 Introduction**
Erika Stael von Holstein, *Chief-Executive of Re-Imagine Europa*
- 16:05 Welcome Address**
Nils Torvalds MEP
- 16:15 State-of-the Art**
Professor Andrzej Nowak, *Chief Narrative Scientist of Re-Imagine Europa*
Professor David Chavalarias, *Research Director at CNRS and Director of the Complex Systems Institute of Paris IdF.*
- 17:00 Expert discussion and workshop**
- 19 :00 Drinks reception**