

Report of Conference on the Future of Europe Talk
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It is time to speak - Climate-neutral Rakvere 2050



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Organised by:	Rakvere City Council
Partners:	Association of Estonian Cities and Valdade European Commission Representation in Estonia
Date and time of the event:	27.05.2022 10.30 – 13.30
Event type:	Hybrid/on-site and online
Location(s) of event	Art Hotell Rakvere Conference room
Total number of participants:	50
Type of participants:	Urban citizens, local government representatives
Name of CoR Members participating:	Jüri Gotmans, Rait Pihelgas, Jan Trei
Name(s) of representatives from other EU institutions	Vivian Loonela; Ave Schank - European Commission Representation in Estonia
Conference on the Future of Europe theme(s) covered during the event:	Climate change and the environment A stronger economy, social justice and jobs EU in the world Digital transformation
Other ideas:	Joining the Pan-European Covenant of Mayors movement
Recommendations/conclusions from the debate:	1) Estonian municipalities need to develop an energy and climate action plan within two years to reduce CO2 emissions by at least 40 % by 2030 2) the climate and environmental ambition of Estonian municipalities in rural areas must be ambitious in order to meet Europe's objectives

	<p>3) The main challenges are sustainable management, the abandonment of fossil fuels for district heating, energy-saving buildings and energy production.</p> <p>4) By 2025, one of the biggest challenges for municipalities is to reach 55 % of recycled municipal waste</p> <p>5) It is important that municipalities play a role in highlighting the environmental performance of citizens</p>
<p>Other relevant messages expressed by citizens or speakers during the event:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New pathways for climate neutrality set by Rakvere are discussed and partly endorsed by the City Council • Citizens need to engage for climate on their own behalf and on behalf of the environment
<p>Hyperlinks to web / press / social media coverage:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://virumaateataja.postimees.ee/7534186/rakveres-arutati-kuidas-saavad-omavalitsused-kaasa-aidata-roheleppe-elluviimisele • https://www.laanevirumaa uudised.ee/uudised/2022/05/30/rakveres-arutati-kuidas-saavad-omavalitsused-rohelepet-ellu-viia • Recording of event https://play.saundland.ee/cofoe • https://www.facebook.com/eesti.linnade.valdade.liit • FB event https://www.facebook.com/events/3153207524967974?ref=newsfeed • https://www.laanevirumaa uudised.ee/uudised/2022/05/25/eesti-kliima-ja-keskkonnagurud-kogunevad-rakveres • https://www.facebook.com/saved/?list_id=5437959572916131 • https://www.facebook.com/euroopakomisjon • http://www.kuulutaja.ee/rakveres-diskuteeritakse-roheleppe-ule/

