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"NEMO | Report on Museums and Climate Change"

"Include museums in the sustainable transition of Europe"

In a time of climate emergency, the Network of European Museum Organisations (NEMO) is pleased to contribute with a report that reflects the status quo of European museums in the climate crisis. NEMO opens the report with 7 key recommendations for policy makers and the sector that will help tap the full potential of museums as contributors and allies in the sustainable transition of Europe.

578 museums from 38 European countries contributed to the report by answering a survey that NEMO ran from April to June 2022. To develop the full potential of museums, it is key to understand where they most need support, and where their power and opportunity lie. The report suggests that if prioritized and supported adequately, museums can be powerful partners in the sustainable, just and green transformation of Europe.

We encourage you to share the 2-page summary with for you relevant politicians and policy makers to advocate for increased funding for museums to create conditions where museums can contribute to fighting climate change while reducing their negative impact on the environment.

[Full report here](#)

[Main recommendations here](#)

7 recommendations for a sustainable sector

In short, NEMO calls upon policy makers and the sector to consider these seven recommendations that have been derived from the survey data:

1. Policy Coherence

Increase communication between governing and funding bodies and museums, encourage cooperation and develop cohesive, comprehensive frameworks for museum work.

2. Relevance

Acknowledge and support the potential of museums as allies to help the public better understand climate change and become active.

3. Infrastructure

Facilitate funds for investments in the infrastructure of museums, so that buildings can be maintained in a more energy-efficient, ecological and sustainable manner. Financial support should be streamlined and coupled with financial relief in consideration of the current energy crisis impacting museums across Europe.

4. Frameworks and Guidance

Ensure that guidelines, standards and reporting requirements reflect all aspects of museum work and are aligned to support sustainable goals.

5. Risk Awareness

Invest in future citizens' sustained access to European shared heritage by funding and encouraging risk assessment, adaptation and mitigation for museums.

6. Alliances

Fund global, cross-sector, climate-focused networks and umbrella organisations that address and enable mutual sharing of skills, knowledge, and expertise - supporting and empowering the sector to address climate change.

7. Skills and Training

Allocate financial support to upskill and train staff to contribute to the museums' sustainable transition and to support society's just transition.