



Network of European
Museum Organisations

NEMO report provides recommendations for including museums in the sustainable transition of Europe

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The Network of European Museum Organisations (NEMO) has published a report that reflects the status quo of European museums on their way to sustainable operations in the climate crisis. The report features seven recommendations for policy makers and the sector to tap into the full potential of museums as contributors and allies in the sustainable transition of Europe.

To develop the full potential of museums, it is key to understand where they most need support, and where their power and opportunity lie. Therefore, NEMO circulated a survey from April to June 2022 which gathered input from 578 museums from 38 European countries. The results have fed into a comprehensive report that aims at creating conditions for museums where they can contribute to fighting climate change while reducing their negative impact on the environment.

Afterall, climate change will transform our world dramatically, and every sector, including museums, must collectively advocate and adapt to this unequalled challenge. If prioritized and supported adequately, museums can be powerful partners in the sustainable, just and green transformation of Europe.

- Read the handy [2-pager that highlights the main findings and recommendations](#)
- All findings, survey results and recommendations can be accessed in the full report [Museums in the climate crisis - Recommendations for the sustainable transition of Europe](#)

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.

NEMO - Network of European Museum Organisations

The Network of European Museum Organisations (NEMO) was founded in 1992 as an independent network of national museum organisations representing the museum community of the member states of the Council of Europe. Together, NEMO's members speak for over 30.000 museums across Europe. NEMO has been engaged in the topic of sustainability and climate action explicitly since 2019.

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