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Monthly Digest

This month, we highlight the power of education, policy and innovation in driving a more sustainable and equitable future. In our #InTheSpotlight interview, Dr Martina Erjavšek shares how education can shape sustainable lifestyles through everyday choices and hands-on learning. At the global level, the seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women calls for urgent action by 2030 to strengthen access to justice for women and girls, reinforcing the importance of equality and inclusive systems. Meanwhile, across Europe, initiatives in rural development, sustainable agriculture, and regional climate cooperation show how collaboration and forward-thinking policies are shaping a greener and more resilient future.

In this edition, we highlight youth opportunities for the upcoming month, featuring programmes, initiatives and calls that empower young people to engage, learn and lead in sustainability and social change. Discover what's ahead and take the next step as a changemaker.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



In this month's #InTheSpotlight, we feature **Dr Martina Erjavšek**, a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana, in the Department of

She is actively involved in education for sustainable development through collaboration with the **Eco-Schools** and **Eco-Camps**

education for sustainable development is highly valuable and extends beyond formal curricula and standard teaching activities.

home economics education and literacy, with particular emphasis on sustainable consumption and the responsible use of resources. She also contributes to the development of teaching materials and delivers lectures and workshops on home economics and food education within the broader context of sustainability.

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NEWS FROM ACROSS EUROPE

What's next for womens rights by 2030?



Commission on the Status of Women took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and lasted from March 9 to 19. It brought together representatives of Member States, UN entities, and NGOs.

Theme: The priority theme focused on ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls. This includes promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws and practices, and addressing structural barriers.

The review theme highlighted women's full participation and decision-making in public life, and the elimination of violence as essential for achieving gender equality and empowerment.

Key actions: CSW70 outlined urgent actions to bolster access to justice for women and girls by 2030. Actions fall into two main areas: strengthening legal and institutional frameworks and ensuring accessible, responsive justice mechanisms.

Governments must ratify international conventions, review laws to eliminate discrimination, and strengthen institutions. Justice systems need to be inclusive, accountable, and gender-responsive, providing accessible services and professional training.

The way forward: By 2030, urgent action is needed to ensure justice for all women and girls. Equality starts with access to justice and inclusive legal systems.

Leverage technology and data to make justice more accessible and effective.

Every action counts to empower women and achieve gender equality worldwide.

Source: Greenovate

Spain pushes generational renewal in agriculture to support the green transition

The Spanish government has reaffirmed its commitment to increasing the number of young people entering the agricultural sector as part of a broader strategy to strengthen rural sustainability and climate resilience. Authorities aim to double the number of young farmers by 2040, highlighting the importance of youth leadership in modernising agriculture and implementing greener practices.

Agriculture Minister Luis Planas emphasised that the ecological transition and food security in Europe depend on attracting new generations to rural areas. The initiative is linked to rural innovation programmes and public–private partnerships designed to stimulate sustainable farming and economic activity outside major cities. According to government data, rural areas in Spain have recently seen an increase in migration by young people and women, a trend seen as key to revitalising local economies.

The policy aligns with EU climate objectives and the goals of the European Green Deal, particularly in relation to sustainable agriculture and rural development.

Source: Cadena SER

National congress on rural development to discuss sustainability and demographic challenges



Spain hosted the **5th National Congress on Rural Development and Depopulation** in Boltaña (Aragon) on 25–26 March 2026, bringing together policymakers, experts, entrepreneurs, and civil society representatives to debate strategies for sustainable rural development.

The event explored topics such as **digital innovation in rural economies, sustainable agriculture, housing, and local governance**, all key issues for Spain's transition toward a greener and more balanced territorial model.

The congress also highlighted how digital tools and innovation can help smaller municipalities remain viable while contributing to national climate and sustainability targets aligned with the **Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development**.

Source: Cadena SER

The 13th Ibero-American Conference of Ministers of the Environment and Climate has concluded with a consensus among the 22 countries to adopt the Ibero-American Environmental Agenda (AMI), a document that will serve as the roadmap for sustainability in Ibero-America through 2030 and will be presented at the upcoming Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government in Madrid.

The meeting, which reinforces the region's political commitment to addressing the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and pollution, was organized by the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, together with the General Secretariat of Ibero-America (SEGIB). Spain holds the Pro Tempore Presidency of the 30th Summit of Heads of State, to be held in Madrid this coming November.

Source: Miteco

Youth Opportunities

03.04.2026 - [EU-United Nations Youth Delegates](#)

Shape global policy and represent young Europeans at the United Nations

06.04.2026 - [Climate, Art & Youth Competition](#)

Call for young creators to showcase their creative work on climate-resilient future.

19.04.2026 - [Training in Human Rights Education](#)

Development of competences of key multipliers for human rights education.

19.04.2026 - [Democracy Reloading Webinars](#)

Webinars on developing youth participation in municipal decisions

30.04.2026 - [Youth4Climate Call For Solutions](#)

Opportunity for youth worldwide to share innovative climate projects

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