

# Ten EU countries say the Green New Deal is part of the ...

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I was delighted to read a joint article by ministers from ten EU countries calling for the Green New Deal to be part of the coronavirus recovery plan. As they said in [Climate Change News](#):

*The world is facing an unprecedented crisis. In just a few weeks, the Covid-19 pandemic has swept across the world and caused tremendous human tragedy and a historical economic setback of which we still do not know the full impact.*

*Our societies have shut down, borders are closed, unemployment is on the rise and companies are struggling.*

*The focus is presently on fighting the pandemic and its immediate consequences.*

*We should, however, begin to prepare ourselves to rebuild our economy and to introduce the necessary recovery plans to bring renewed, sustainable progress and prosperity back to Europe and its citizens.*

The rest is available to read by following the link, but as they concluded:

*We need to send a strong political signal to the world and our citizens that the EU will lead by example even in difficult times like the present and blaze the trail to climate neutrality and the fulfilment of the Paris Agreement.*

*In the same vein, urgent action to protect and conserve biodiversity must be a key part of our response to the global health and environmental crisis and a key aspect to ensure the long-term survival and well-being of our societies.*

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*Krista Mikkonen Minister of the Environment and Climate Change of Finland*

*Sergio Costa Minister of Environment, Land and Sea of Italy*

*Juris PÅ«ce Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia*

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*Isabella LÃ¶vin Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden*

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*Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany*

*Kostas Hatzidakis, Minister of Environment and Energy, Greece*

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The UK is, of course, absent and far from the action. But we can live in hope that someone here might take note.