



# The Green Transition at Heart

## Europe@Heart 2025 weekend

**19th to 21th September 2025, La Pairelle (Namur)**

This weekend is for people who care deeply about Europe, think about its future – and may disagree on important matters. Our disagreements reveal values, experiences, and both bitter and hopeful perspectives. If we can find a place where we can share our views, we may take a step towards understanding, maybe even transcending these divisions. Democracy will work if we all share a sense of hope about the future. Following the Jesuit tradition, we invite you to take a long view in slow time. From Friday dinner to Sunday lunch, with engaging discussions, in an open, curious, and trustworthy community, *Europe@Heart* is a weekend hosted at the La Pairelle retreat house in Namur by the Jesuits in Brussels, and offered to those who share our curiosity and dedication towards the future. In 2025, our questions will revolve around the green transition, which is both necessary and utopian.

## Programme

### Friday, 19th September

(from) 18.00 Arrivals

18.45 Dinner

20.00 **Welcoming**

- Introduction of the weekend and of the participants
- The Climate Change Wine Tasting

### Saturday, 20th September

(from) 08.00 Breakfast

09.00 **Conversation 1** “What does science say, and why aren’t we all equally worried?” - *The researcher, the politician and the NGO expert*

- **Chiara Martinelli**, Director of Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
- **Philippe Lamberts**, Special Advisor to the European Commission's Presidency
- **Gaël Giraud SJ**, Director of Research at the National Centre of Scientific Research (CNRS) France

10.30 Coffee break

10.50 **Parallel circles** (*with each speaker*)

11.50 **Final plenary**

12.20 Lunch



14.30 **Conversation 2 “Should the green transition be forced?”** - *The civil society specialist, the conservative thinker and the businessperson*

- **Erica Hope**, Director of Climate Governance of the European Climate Foundation
- **Sigrid Marz**, President of UNIAPAC - Federation of Christian Business Leaders Associations
- **Peter Hefe**, Director of Studies of the Wilfried Martens Centre

16.00 Coffee-break

16.30 **Parallel circles** (*with each speaker*)

17.30 **Final plenary**

18.45 Dinner

20.00 **Music in the Sunset**

### Sunday, 21st September

(from) 08.00 Breakfast

09.00 **Conversation 3 “Does the green transition need spirituality?”** - *The eco-jesuit, the systems changer and the practitioner*

- **Michel de Kemmeter**, founder of the Club of Brussels
- **Stephane Bourgeois**, Manager of European Relations and Policies of négaWatt
- **François Euvé SJ**, Chief-Editor of the Études Magazine

10.30 Coffee-break

10.50 **Parallel circles** (*with each speaker*)

11.50 **Final plenary**

12.20 Lunch

Departures