



2025 FALL EDITION

A TRAINING DAY ON CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY

co-designed by ecoDa and Chapter Zero Brussels

COURSE

CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY: TOPICAL ISSUES FOR BOARD MEMBERS

24th October 2025

Chapter Zero Brussels and ecoDa (The European Confederation of Directors' Associations) joint course gives board members and other governance professionals what they need to know to become climate-competent to complete their company's transition successfully. More granular topics will be explored, including how to define a differentiating and meaningful corporate purpose, what are the new ESG reporting requirements board members have to comply with, how to spot sustainability risks and opportunities...

This course is part of ecoDa's European Board Diploma, but can be attended on a stand-alone basis.



Confirmed speakers:



Olivier Boutellis-Taft
Co-founder and non-Executive
Chairman,
North Star Transition



Andrew Giffiths
Director of Sustainability
Partnerships, European
Parliament, Chair of
the UK IoD Sustainability Task Force



Sybille van den Hove
Executive director, Bridging
for Sustainability



Dr Kris De Meyer
Neuroscientist, Director
Climate Action Unit, UCL



Vincent Jamblin
Founder,
Séréus



Mercedes Sanchez Varela
Board Of Directors - EU
Climate Policy, Chapter Zero



Fiorella Sanchez
Nature and Biodiversity Lead
at KPMG Belgium.

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Programme

Timing	Session	Content
8:30	Arrival and Coffee	
9:00	Welcome and introduction	Background to the session , <i>Gilda Neiman, Chair of the Board, Chapter Zero Brussels</i>
9:15	Pillar 1: Climate context: Sciences, causes, emissions, impacts and implications	(75 min) Conversation with <i>Kris de Meyer, Neuroscientist, Director Climate Action Unit, University College London</i>
10:30	Pillar 2: The B Corp model	(60 min) Testimony from <i>Sybille van den Hove, Executive Director, Bridging for Sustainability</i>
11:30	Coffee break	
11:45	Pillar 3: Climate context: Update on policy / sustainable reporting and nature and the board	(45 min) Presentation from <i>Mercedes Sanchez Varela, Director Board Of Directors - EU Climate Policy, Chapter Zero</i> and <i>Fiorella Sanchez, Nature and Biodiversity Lead at KPMG Belgium.</i>

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12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Pillar 4: Role of the Boards for effective climate governance	(90 min) Conversation with Andrew Griffiths, Chair of the IoD's National Sustainability Taskforce
15:00	Coffee break	
15:15	Pillar 5: Circularity: best practices	(20 min) Conversation with Vincent Jamblin, Founder, Séréus
15:35	Pillar 6: Business implications: risks, opportunities, strategy, business transformation	(95 min) Case study and Conversation with Olivier Boutellis-Taft, Co-founder and non-Executive Chairman, North Star Transition
17:10	Pillar 7: Wrap up of the session and key takeaways	(20 min) Conversation with Gilda Neiman, Chair of the Board, Chapter Zero Brussels
17:30	End	

INSTRUCTION DETAILS

Rules and financial conditions

The fee for this course is €1000.

Payment must be done prior to the event by bank transfer only to ING BELGIUM with the IBAN BE97 3630 4531 9349 and BIC BBRUBEBB.

Please use your invoice number as communication.

The payment has to be made in full, one month before the start date.

Cancellations occurring 15 days before the training will be followed by a full refund.

Cancellations occurring between the 14th day and the 7th day before the training will be followed by a 50% refund.

Cancellations occurring within 6 days prior to the start of the program will not be followed by any refund.

Register !

ABOUT ECODA

The European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa) is a non-profit association founded in December 2004 under the laws of Belgium. Through its membership of 20 national institutes of directors (the main national institutes existing in Europe), ecoDa represents around 55,000 board directors from across Europe. ecoDa's member organisations represent board directors from the largest public companies to the smallest private firms, both listed and unlisted.

ecoDa's Missions

- I. To promote the role of directors, to develop professionalism and European governance standards;
- II. To influence the European decision-making process related to Corporate Governance;
- III. To provide services to its members, mainly by providing information regarding relevant European issues;
- IV. To facilitate the development of national director institutes dealing with Corporate Governance in Europe and attract new members.

ABOUT CHAPTER ZERO BRUSSELS

Chapter Zero Brussels' vision is to leverage the central position of Board of Directors, the European Union Institutions and the World Economic Forum in the fight against Climate Change, to reduce global emissions and ensure a sustainable future for all.

The non-profit organization empowers Board of Directors across Belgium and the EU to ensure climate accountability and act on reducing GHG emissions resulting directly and indirectly from their companies activities.

Activities are focused on:

- Empowering: Chapter Zero Brussels provides first-class knowledge programs, fact-based content, practical tools and best practices to empower directors to act.
- Connecting: Chapter Zero Brussels provides a network for directors to connect and exchange best practice among themselves, with key experts and stakeholders. Chapter Zero Brussels ensures dialogue with leading EU officials on pertinent climate policy topics.

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Location

Accountancy Europe
Avenue d'Auderghem 22/28/8
1040 Brussels



ACE Events is located near the Cinquantenaire Parc and is easily accessible by public transport. Schuman is the name of the closest bus, metro and train station you will find from the venue. If you would like to come by taxi, we recommend the use of Uber or Taxi Vert (0032 2 349 49 49).

Thank you for your interest

If you have any questions, please contact us to:

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