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FROM POLLUTION TO SOLUTION

BELLONA
EUROPA

ORIGIN: Norway, Europe

LOCATION: Brussels, the EU

DATE OF BIRTH: Work began 1994, office founded 1996.

AVAILABILITY: 24/7

LOW-CARBON NUCLEAR CLEAN-UP CARBON NEGATIVE CARBON CAPTURE ENERGY STORAGE CARBON BANK DIALOGUE ACTION BIO-CCS ARCTIC RES

EDUCATION: Engineering, Ecology, Economics, Geology, Law, Political Science, Energy, Languages and Journalism.

STAFF: Seven in Brussels, ten-fold globally.

TARGET:

From pollution to solution through constructive dialogue with policy makers, government, industry, academia, researchers and civil society.

OBJECTIVES:

Prevent climate change
BY
providing executable solutions
TO
policy makers, society and industry
IN
a changing reality
FOR
a prosperous and sustainable future.

Results	★★★★★
Getting arrested	★★★★★
Tree hugging	★★★★★
Advocacy	★★★★★
Bluntness	★★★★★
Sailing	★★★★★
Cussing	★★★★★

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1994

NUCLEAR CLEAN-UP: • 1994 Bellona starts work in Brussels as Norway votes 'no' to EU membership.

"An office in Brussels can give us greater status in relation to the EU. It is morally repugnant not to seek influence in the EU" – Frederic Hauge

• Commissioner Ioannis Paleokrassas served 'radiating' meal on Russian nuclear vessel Lepse. • EU commits €100 million to nuclear clean-up and Bellona establishes Inter-Parliamentary Working Group with Russia, EU, US and Norway.

• Several hearings in European Parliament - 'Another Chernobyl Waiting to Happen' with MEP Rebecca Harms in 2006.



1995

POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE & NIKITIN CASE: • Bellona and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) campaign for polluter pays principle in WEEE Directive (Waste of Electrical and Electronical Equipment).

"We are very impressed a Norwegian NGO could play such a significant role in the EU's decision making process" - Vice-President of Electrolux

• **Nikitin case brought to EU attention.** The Russian submariner contributed to Bellona report on radioactive contamination. Russia charged Nikitin with espionage and treason. 5 years of legal battle leads to acquittal in 2000.

"We drop all charges against Bellona" – Boris Jeltsin



2003

PETROLEUM INDUSTRY & ARCTIC PROTECTION: • In 2003 Bellona brings Snøhvit to EFTA Court for breach of EEA agreement.

• 2005 Bellona actions against petroleum activity in the high North.

Bellona Europa continues championing Arctic protection with hearings in European Parliament, with MEP Diana Wallis and MEP Satu Hassi in 2012. EU engagement in sustainable management of Arctic set to accelerate.



2005

CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE: • Ten years of Bellona's CCS work and in 2005 EU Technology Platform for CCS (Zero Emission Platform: ZEP) is established with Frederic Hauge in Advisory Council.

• In 2007 Frederic Hauge is TIME Magazine's Hero of the Environment. Following ZEP's suggestions, EU awards special status to first 10-12 CCS demonstration projects. • Several hearings on CCS, including in 2008 with MEP Chris Davies and Norwegian Petroleum Minister Åslaug Haga. CCS Directive passes.

"When I became rapporteur Bellona was the first I approached to ask: What do we need to move on with CO₂ management?" – MEP Chris Davies

• 2009 sees intense negotiation on EU Emission Trading System (ETS) and agreement on NER300 funding scheme for CCS. CCS Leadership Coalition and Bellona central to process. Bellona Environmental CCS Team (BEST) established.



2008

COP15 & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: • Engagement at 2009 climate summit included the Solutions Room, 101 Solutions to climate change publication and side events with Gro Harlem Brundtland and George Soros.

• In 2012 Bellona becomes partner in EU R&Dialogue project, tackling engagement between policy, industry and civil society in transformation to low-carbon society.



2009

CARBON NEGATIVE SOLUTIONS: • Bellona becomes Steering Committee member of EU European Biofuels Technology Platform (EBTP) and establishes Task Force Algae for advanced biofuels.

"We want to include those who have the most competence and within CO₂ management and bioenergy Bellona are among the world leaders" - EU Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs

• Frederic Hauge asked by Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger to join advisory group on EU 2050 Energy Roadmap.

"I am very honoured to be allowed to sit in such a strategically important group. This is a result of fifteen years of being present in Brussels, of working actively toward cooperation with the EU institutions, and an important recognition of Bellona's role in Europe" – Frederic Hauge

• Bellona establishes Joint Task Force Bio-CCS between EBTP and ZEP and launches report on Bio-CCS and carbon negative potential during EU Sustainable Energy Week in 2012.

• 2014 IPCC's 5th Assessment Report states need for carbon negative solutions like Bio-CCS.

