



Estonia's and CLC joint COP24 side event

SPORTS AS A WAY OF ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING CITIZENS TO CLIMATE ACTIONS

18.30-20.00, 13th December 2019, followed by drinks reception
Room Bug, International Conference Centre (MCK), Katowice, Poland

Sports can make a major contribution to mitigating climate change by reducing its own carbon footprint, by impacting its supply chain and especially by engaging and empowering citizens to climate actions and introducing climate friendly ways of conduct. The event, organized jointly by Estonia and Climate Leadership Coalition (CLC), offers examples on how sports have already contributed and perspectives on what the opportunities for further actions are.

The role of citizens is critical in achieving the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement since the pledges of governments, cities, and global business sector are not yet enough. Recent studies state that on the global level, around 70% of greenhouse gas emissions are related to household consumption. Citizens should be engaged as the key drivers for the transformation.

AGENDA

Chaired by **Annela Anger-Kraavi**, Estonia

Keynote Addresses

Environment Minister **Siim Kiisler**, Estonia

Environment, Energy and Housing Minister **Kimmo Tiilikainen**, Finland

Viatcheslav Fetisov, Founder, The Last Hockey Game at the North Pole, UN Environment Patron for Polar Regions, UNESCO Champion for Sport, former NHL player voted for International Ice Hockey Federation's Centennial All-Star Team, Member of Russian State Duma and former Russian Minister of Sport

Panel discussion

Moderated by **Michael Pedersen**, Sport Lead, Global Crisis Information Network; Founder, M INC.)
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Panelists:

Neil Thorns, Chair, The Climate Coalition's Game Changer Report

Riku Kallioniemi, CEO, Finnish ice hockey league

Jouni Keronen, Executive Director, CLC

Eric McGuire, Representative, Advanced Sports Installations Europe Ltd

Melissa Harris, GLOBE Series

Miguel Naranjo, Programme Officer, UNFCCC Global Climate Action Team

Drinks Reception

You are warmly welcome!

You can be a forerunner by making [Citizens climate pledge](#) and reducing your personal carbon footprint by half within 10 years.

