

Paris' vow here : <https://elus-paris.eelv.fr/wp-content/blogs.dir/630/files/2018/05/Amendement-oral-%C3%A9crit-Voeu-n%C2%B028-SIGNE.pdf>

Vow 28 on the liability of the insurance sector for air pollution

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Considering that major European insurance and reinsurance companies such as Allianz, SCOR and Generali massively support, insure and invest in the coal industry in Poland, thus being among the leading investors of Polish coal companies;

Considering that coal is the most polluting industry in the world and is responsible for 23 000 premature deaths in Europe, and that the Polish coal industry alone is responsible for 6 000 premature deaths per year in Europe, well beyond Poland's borders and therefore partly in France;

Considering that, while the background pollution is mainly attributable to road traffic in Paris, during the pollution peak in the Île-de-France region on 21 February 2018, an AirParif report noted that a significant proportion of fine particles were imported from Eastern Europe (Benelux, Germany and Poland, which had been condemned on the same day by the European courts for exceeding the emission thresholds for fine particles due in particular to its coal industry);

Considering the action of the City of Paris in the fight against air pollution, whether through traffic restrictions (restricted traffic zones with Paris Respire operations and car-free days, Crit'Air stickers), the objective of the end of diesel by 2024 and the development of alternatives to internal combustion engines, as well as an ambitious policy of developing soft transport..;

Considering that the coal industry contributes to the acceleration of climate change and that insurance companies are involved in the issue of risks related to climate disasters;

Considering that to stay below 2°C of global warming, OECD countries would have to phase out coal by 2030, but that the coal industry is forecasting a growth of +15 GigaWatts in Europe and +9 GigaWatts in Poland with the opening of new coal and lignite mines and power plants;

Considering the vows adopted by the Paris Council at the initiative of the ecological elected officials: "Vow for a commitment of the City of Paris against investments in sectors contributing to climate change" in March 2015, and "Vow to continue and deepen the commitment of the City of Paris against investments in sectors contributing to climate change" in June 2015, committing the City of Paris and its partners to divest from the fossil fuel industry and from sectors contributing to climate change;

Considering the "Unfriend Coal" campaign carried out by NGOs and civil society organisations;

- The City of Paris invites insurance and reinsurance companies, meeting in Paris at the Geneva Association meeting at the end of May, to take action against air pollution and to withdraw their support to projects and companies in the coal sector, particularly in the European Union and more particularly in Poland,

- the City of Paris, as it has done for the bodies in charge of the funded pension system for the elected representatives of Paris municipalities, and the pension bodies with which it has contracted, encourages the insurance companies with which it has contracted not to invest in companies in the coal sector, but to increase their investments in the renewable energy sector.