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“Fossil Free Zones” - new global bottom-up climate action framework launched

COP27 Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt - Today, the new global climate action framework “Fossil Free Zones” was presented at the UN Climate Summit in Egypt by a group of organizations. Fossil Free Zones are places that do not burn or extract fossil fuels. The framework aims to highlight the pioneers of ending fossil fuels and inspire others to follow in their footsteps. 250 Fossil Free Zones in 30 countries (list in the Annex) have already been identified.

Fossil Free Zones can be entities at any scale, such as a home, a city, a country or an entire continent. The framework includes zones that do not burn or extract oil, gas or coal or all three fossil fuels. Examples of existing Fossil Free Zones include Antarctica - a Fossil Extraction Free continent, several countries and dozens of municipalities that are Fossil Extraction Free, Samsø, Denmark, a Fossil Free Island in transition and many buildings which are completely fossil free.

“In a climate emergency, ending the burning and extraction of oil, gas and coal as quickly as possible is the only appropriate response. We call this going “fossil free”.” said Kjell Kühne, director of climate NGO LINGO, which is hosting the framework.

“Fossil free will become the new normal sooner or later. This framework makes it plain to see where everyone is at in terms of leaving the fossil fuel age behind. We hope it will accelerate the pace at which people leave the fossil age behind” he said.

The [launch event](#) at COP27 in Sharm el Sheikh saw leading climate activists share their successful struggles to become fossil free. Kjell Kühne called upon climate-conscious citizens around the world to “please do this at home”.

More information:

- <https://fossilfreezones.org/> Fossil Free Zones Website
- <https://map.fossilfreezones.org/global> - Global Map of Fossil Free Zones



Countries & Territories with Fossil Free Zones identified:

1. Antarctica
2. Australia
3. Belgium
4. Belize
5. Bolivia
6. Botswana
7. Canada
8. Costa Rica
9. Denmark
10. Ecuador
11. Egypt
12. Eritrea
13. Finland
14. France
15. Germany
16. Ireland
17. Italy
18. Mexico
19. Netherlands
20. New Zealand
21. North Macedonia
22. Paraguay
23. Portugal
24. Spain
25. Sweden
26. Switzerland
27. Syria
28. UK
29. Uruguay
30. USA



Main Fossil Free Zone categories (excluding in-transition zones)



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