

Green Party MEPs working for

The Environment

Green Party MEPs have been challenging policymakers to put the environment and sustainability at the heart of legislation and policy. For example, Caroline Lucas has worked to promote a ban on GM food and crops, to ensure that the air we breathe is as free from pollution as possible, that our beaches and sea are clean, and that the UK government respects nuclear safety legislation.

Jean Lambert MEP has proposed an integrated EU-wide Green Training strategy as part of her work on employment and social inclusion. Together they are working in the European Parliament towards a more sustainable and equitable society.

Right: Caroline Lucas demonstrates with Surfers Against Sewage for improved safety of UK bathing water.



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Right: Jean Lambert on tour of a glass
recycling plant in London.

Below: Caroline Lucas with demonstrators
outside a waste incinerator in Canterbury.

Pollution

- Green MEPs have worked towards a ban on GM food and crops in Europe. They were instrumental in ensuring that all GM products be labelled and that the UK can take measures – including the establishment of GM free zones – to prevent contamination.
- Caroline Lucas and Jean Lambert have worked to ban hazardous chemicals, such as hormone disrupting chemicals, which adversely affect humans and wildlife. Such chemicals are linked to health risks including cancers, deformities, and developmental problems.
- Caroline Lucas successfully defended Europe's plans to improve the safety of bathing water, ensuring that the laws apply not only to bathers, but also to others such as surfers.
- Caroline Lucas won Parliamentary backing for urgent action to reduce sulphur and nitrate in ship fuel to reduce its impact on human health and the coastal environment.
- Caroline Lucas has urged the Commission to legislate to reduce car emissions. Jean Lambert has called on the Commission to investigate breaches of air quality law in London.
- Caroline Lucas worked with Friends of the Earth to try to prevent the import of 13 toxic ships from the US to Hartlepool, highlighting potential breaches in European environmental legislation.
- Thanks to Green MEPs, the EU has passed a law establishing a 'polluter pays' principle across Europe.



Waste

- Green Party MEPs have challenged the policy of waste incineration. Jean Lambert is challenging an energy-from-waste incinerator in Bexley. Caroline has successfully challenged a new incinerator in Canterbury.
- Jean Lambert has published a guide to EU waste law, calling for more coherent action by the Government and clarity for local authorities.

Sustainability

- Parliament backed Jean Lambert's recommendation that the EU Sustainability Strategy incorporate the environment into all EU funded training schemes.
- Jean Lambert hosted a series of seminars in London to discuss crucial policy areas such as energy, waste, planning and transport and how London can become The Sustainable City.

Environmental Impact and Access to Justice

- Jean Lambert and Caroline Lucas have called on the European Commission to legislate to end the trade in illegally logged timber.
- Jean Lambert has worked to give the public a bigger voice in decision making and for the Government to oversee environmental impact assessments. She has successfully challenged development in Crystal Palace and is campaigning against development on London's Greenbelt.

