

EUPeace Conference 2026

“Global warming and its impact: connections with emerging conflicts, migrations, and health issues”

28-30 September 2026, University of Calabria (Rende, Italy)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Global warming brings profound environmental, social, and economic challenges. These impacts are tightly interwoven: they amplify one another and create feedback loops that, in turn, shape the climate’s future. As equilibria shift, conditions that foster tensions and conflicts increase, particularly in climate hotspots such as the Mediterranean basin.

The conference will explore this growing complexity and its implications for peace, solidarity, and equity across Europe, while explicitly foregrounding the potential role of AI-based tools in supporting analysis, decision-making, and evidence-informed policies, to address escalating conflicts, migration and human rights, and the challenge of inclusive health and well-being. Adopting an inter- and trans-disciplinary perspective, the conference brings together expertise and pathways of the four [EUPeace Research Hubs](#), convening diverse disciplines to promote a lively, plural dialogue. The conference also aims to provide practical resources and ideas for translating research into more effective, research-informed teaching that supports peace, justice, and inclusive societies.

The programme includes keynote lectures and panel discussions that interconnect the conference’s core themes, as well as parallel sessions structured around topics linked to the Research Hubs, with special attention to transforming research-into-teaching and research-based teaching. Finally, the conference will again be complemented by a separate Call for EUPeace Creative Spaces, designed to facilitate open, experimental discussions on socially relevant and pedagogical themes with stakeholders beyond academia, fostering a flexible and transdisciplinary exchange.



Format and Submission Guidelines

The conference will foster dialogue among scholars, teachers, practitioners, and policymakers. Contributions can address the various topical areas defined by the EUPeace Research Hubs below from different methodological and disciplinary perspectives (participants are invited to indicate their preferred topical area in the submission form). Contributions focusing on the translation of research into teaching and research-based teaching are also particularly welcome. Early career researchers and doctoral candidates are strongly encouraged to propose conference contributions. In addition, presenters will have the opportunity to circulate (short) draft papers in advance of the conference to enhance scholarly exchange and feedback.

Abstract Submission: Please submit an abstract (maximum 1000 characters) outlining your submission and its relevance to the conference themes as well as a short bio-note of the corresponding author (maximum 600 characters) via the submission form on our website.

Deadline for Submissions: 31 March 2026

Notification of Acceptance: 1 May 2026

Possible Submission of Paper Drafts: 13 September 2026

Conference Registration: Participation in the conference is free of charge.

Link to Conference Webpage: www.eupeace.eu/calls/call-for-papers-eupeace-conference-2026

Thematic areas of the conference

1) Security and Conflict Transformation

Climate change and its possible outcomes are increasingly linked to international security and sociopolitical conflicts. In contexts of resource scarcity, human security is affected by this phenomenon, driving an increase in domestic conflicts in developing societies. At the same time, these conflicts fuel population movements that lead to a process of securitisation of migration and its sociopolitical consequences in receiving states.

The EUPeace Research Hub on Security and Conflict Transformation brings together scholars from all nine partners to undertake research in the interdisciplinary field of peace, conflict and security studies. The aim is to develop an integrative research approach that relates to all stages of the conflict cycle and extends from conflict prevention and structural security to the escalation of conflicts and policies of intervention, post-conflict conflict transformation and dealing with past human rights abuses.

Aligned with the Research Hub's understanding of peace and security as extending beyond the mere absence of violence and its recognition of justice and inclusivity as central conditions for the sustainable, non-violent resolution of conflicts, we welcome contributions that problematise the question of climate change from a security and conflict transformation perspective. We are particularly interested in theoretical and empirical contributions that critically explore themes around the securitisation of the sociopolitical effects of climate change and their implications for international security and domestic political stability.

Themes of particular interest include, but are not limited to:

- the intertwining of war and ecological disasters
- neo-imperialism and competition for strategic natural resources in the age of scarcity
- securitisation of migration, the rise of the far right and democratic backsliding in Europe
- regional case studies of the impact of the climate crisis in sociopolitical stability (i.e.: Sahel, Southeast Asia, South Pacific, Middle East...)
- alternative visions of sociopolitical organisation in the age of climate crisis

2) Climate Science and Just Transition

The Research Hub on Climate Science and Just Transition brings together the Alliance's partners to strengthen interdisciplinary research at the intersection of climate science and environmental justice. It aims to advance our understanding of conflict dynamics, social inequalities, and governance challenges associated with climate change in Europe and beyond, with particular attention to innovative methodologies and research designs capable of addressing growing systemic complexity.

Aligned with the overarching conference theme, this session provides a dedicated space for interdisciplinary dialogue on the interconnections between climate change, emerging conflicts, migration processes, health implications, and pathways towards a just transition. We particularly encourage contributions that combine robust scientific analysis with social, legal, economic, or policy perspectives, explore these themes through inter- and transdisciplinary approaches, and explicitly connect scientific evidence with societal impacts and pathways towards peace, solidarity, and inclusive, climate-resilient societies. Contributions that also reflect on how research can inform teaching and public engagement are especially welcome.

Key themes include, but are not limited to:

- sustainable development and equity in climate policies
- food systems, agroecology, and consumption patterns
- energy systems, technologies, infrastructure, and just transition
- climate change and (human) health
- universities as actors in climate adaptation and transformation
- urban and regional climate adaptation
- climate change, emerging conflicts, and population movements
- natural resource extraction and energy justice
- circular economy and its implementation in companies

3) Migration and Human Rights

The Research Hub on Migration and Human Rights conceives climate crises not as isolated events, but as structural factors that shape complex patterns of human mobility and inequality, at multiple scales

– local, regional, and transnational. We welcome contributions that analyse how climate change affects different types of displacement (slow and sudden, internal and cross-border), how it interacts with pre-existing dynamics of vulnerability, and how it reconfigures migration governance regimes. We explicitly encourage contributions that focus on emerging patterns linking environmental degradation, socioeconomic precariousness, and border securitisation, as well as to the differentiated ways in which climate impacts affect women, children, indigenous peoples, and communities living in poverty. Analysis of unequal access to fundamental rights – health, housing, work, and social protection – in contexts of environmental mobility is also encouraged.

The Hub is particularly interested in critical and empirical research that examines the principles of climate justice, the differentiated responsibilities of states and economic actors, and the legal protection gaps faced by people displaced by environmental causes. Studies on the role of international human rights law, advocacy and strategic litigation strategies, community initiatives, and innovations in governance – including digital tools and artificial intelligence-based systems – aimed at managing or anticipating climate-induced mobility will also be valued. By placing human dignity at the centre of the debate, the Hub seeks to promote an academic dialogue that strengthens rights-based public policies and teaching practices capable of responding to the contemporary challenges of climate migration.

4) Inclusive Health and Well-Being

The Research Hub on Inclusive Health and Well-Being focuses on the interconnections between global warming, emerging conflicts, migration dynamics, and health. It conceives climate change as an increasingly important threat multiplier, intensifying environmental degradation, socio-economic inequalities, health risks, and pressures on already fragile health systems, particularly in climate-sensitive regions such as the Mediterranean basin. Aligned with the overarching focus of the Research Hub, we welcome contributions that explore Inclusive Health and Well-Being from an inter- and transdisciplinary perspective, situating health not only as a biomedical concern but as a core dimension of peace, justice, and inclusive societies. We particularly encourage submissions that address the environmental, social, economic, and political determinants of health, with a focus on the health impacts of climate change, conflict, and migration, including less visible or indirect consequences.

Relevant themes include, but are not limited to:

- climate-related migration, displacement, and access to health care
- health, conflict, and human security in climate-affected regions
- inclusive and resilient health systems under conditions of crisis and uncertainty
- prevention, management, and treatment of diseases in vulnerable populations
- digital solutions and data integration for inclusive health and well-being
- global health, human rights, and equity in a warming world
- science communication on inclusive health and well-being, and countering disinformation
- translating inclusive health research into research-based teaching and innovative curricula

In line with the mission of the Research Hub, the conference encourages dialogue between academia, civil society, policymakers, and practitioners, and explicitly supports Early Career Researchers working in the field of Inclusive Health and Well-Being. Submissions that integrate research-into-teaching, innovative pedagogical approaches, or contributions suitable for Creative Spaces are especially welcome.

Through this Hub, the conference aims to foster a vibrant research space that not only advances scientific understanding, but also contributes to health promotion, disease prevention, social cohesion, and peace-oriented transformation in Europe and beyond.

