

## SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR A WARMING CONTINENT

*The CoolLIFE Project invites you to an insightful policy session at the European Parliament on 24 June (10:00 CET)*

**Brussels, 16 June 2025** – As Europe faces rising temperatures, more frequent heatwaves, and growing public health risks, the need for sustainable, equitable cooling solutions is becoming urgent. Already 48,000 heat-related deaths occur annually across Europe, and [temperature-driven mortality is set to rise](#). Cooling is the [fastest growing end-use for energy in buildings](#), growing at six per cent each year since 2000.

Up to one in five EU households struggle to stay cool in the summer. Summer energy poverty risks mirror and compound winter energy poverty, disproportionately affecting low-income households, the elderly, and residents in poorly insulated buildings.

With no action, energy demand for cooling is projected to triple by 2050, bringing with it challenges such as peak summer electricity load, summer energy poverty, and public health risks. The time is overdue to identify sustainable, inclusive, and policy-driven solutions.

Join CoolLIFE and the Cool Heating Coalition for a [high-level event in the European Parliament](#), bringing together policymakers, experts, and civil society to explore how Europe can future-proof its buildings and cities against extreme heat. The event will take place in **Room SPAAK 7C50 between 10:00 and 12:00 (CET) on 24 June**.

From new mandates in the Energy Efficiency Directive to the evolving roles of the EPBD and Climate Adaptation Strategy, experts will examine how the EU's policy landscape can support just and resilient cooling. Speakers will show leading examples of best practices for urban cooling and sustainable cooling solutions and highlight the policies and approaches that support take-up.

During this event, there will be insightful discussions on innovative cooling technologies, urban planning, building-level action, and policy coordination. Together, we can design a future where Europe's cities can stay cool, safe, and healthy.

### Agenda

- Introduction and welcome – Dario Tamburrano MEP, Movimento Cinque Stelle and Delia Villagrasa, Cool Heating Coalition
- Chilling facts – Giulia Conforto, e-think Energy Research (CoolLIFE project)
- [Taking the temperature: current science and looking to 2050](#) – Dr Marie Cavitte, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- [Cities Refresh campaign: helping cities adapt to rising temperatures and extreme heat](#) – Allison Le Corre, Energy Cities



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## Media Invite

- [Pumping up the potential: policies and markets for natural refrigerants](#) – Adam Aucock, Environmental Investigation Agency
- Market outlook for district cooling 2025 – Eloi Piel, Euroheat & Power
- Potential for district cooling in cities: examples, benefits and policy recommendations – Neil Parry, Alfa Laval

The event will end with a plenary debate and be followed by a festive picnic in [Sq. de Meeûs](#) until 14:30. You are invited to join this gathering to network with experts, conduct interviews, and get to know more about the work of each project involved.

We warmly invite you to join us in this important conversation and help amplify the message of heating and cooling across Europe. To confirm your attendance, please register [here](#) by the deadline of **Thursday 19 May**.

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## About CoolLIFE

CoolLIFE is a collaborative project backed by key European research partners dedicated to addressing the urgent need for sustainable, energy-efficient cooling solutions across the EU. By creating tools that facilitate the adoption of cutting-edge cooling technologies, CoolLIFE contributes to a greener, cooler future for all.

Want to know more about EU projects on sustainability? Or speak to a sustainability expert on topics such as energy transition or sustainable cities? Then join REVOLVE's pool of journalists [here](#).



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