

Submitting an article to the Green European Journal

The *Green European Journal* is Europe's leading political ecology magazine. We stand for an open, sustainable, just and feminist Europe. In print and online, we publish articles which track political currents and ideas offering fresh perspectives and frontline analysis.

Anyone can submit an article and we welcome submissions from people, or groups of people, of any background, occupation or political affiliation. We also welcome suggestions for potential republications of texts previously published elsewhere which can be edited where necessary to fit our criteria in terms of focus and style.

Before sending us an article, we urge you to carefully read the requirements and checklist below. This will maximise the chances of your article being approved for publication. The final decision regarding publication lies with the editorial board and editor-in-chief.

What should I write about?

The *Green European Journal* looks to two dimensions to guide its content: political ecology and Europe. The inclusion of these two aspects – whether to a lesser or greater extent – is of first and foremost importance when the editorial team makes decisions on content.

With these two dimensions in mind, the *Green European Journal* is keen to engage with a wide variety of themes which stimulate thought and debate. We encourage writers to connect their analysis to current developments and debates.

The *Green European Journal* publishes articles which fall into three broad and at times interconnected categories. The first of these encompasses articles which look to different situations across Europe with the aim to help create a common, progressive and alternative European public sphere. The second explores developments and challenges in political ecology theory and practices across Europe. The third category involves articles which the Journal commissions on topics that it considers important to explore as part of its wider publishing.

We ask authors to:

- Provide context for readers who may be unfamiliar with the topic or region
- Support analysis with figures and examples
- Sketch out the various actors involved and the political economy
- Make sure the European (not just EU) angle is clear

We encourage prospective authors to send us a short pitch (GEJ[AT]GEF.EU) to get some feedback on their chosen topic or argumentation before starting to write.

How long should it be?

We are quite flexible on length, but the best way to ensure your article is read is for it to be between 1000 and 2500 words.

What tone or style should the article adopt?

The *Green European Journal* aims to provoke debate and discussion with content which is grounded in an analytical style. All articles should have a clear line of argument which is well supported and evidenced, as opposed to a comment or opinion piece which just expresses a point of view.

We publish articles in various formats, including:

- Analysis – analytical articles explain and understand political and societal developments by drawing on context, data and evidence, historical or contemporary parallels, and theory.
- Essays – essays are often shorter articles that provide alternative and fresh ways of considering an issue. While they provide an opportunity to comment and critique, as with all pieces, authors should ensure that their argument is well supported and not a personal statement of opinion.
- Case study and feature – case studies and features focus understanding on one development or phenomenon and demonstrating their wider significance by drawing on specific examples, narrative, and research. These can be (but are not necessarily) investigative pieces.
- Reviews – reviews of books, articles, and other media present the subject and argument of a work and offer a critical perspective on its strengths and weaknesses.
- Interviews – interviews with thinkers, activists and politicians are opportunities to discuss their area of expertise and debate their ideas and positions.
- Fiction – the Journal occasionally publishes fictional pieces that use stories or elements of fiction to imagine the political and societal possibilities of hypothetical scenarios grounded in current developments.

We're not an academic journal and ask authors to keep technical or academic language to a minimum. For referencing other sources, hyperlinks in the text are strongly preferred (where possible) to footnotes. References should always be included where a direct quote or citation is used.

What language should I write in?

Articles may be submitted in English, French, German, Dutch, Polish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Croatian and Finnish. If your article is written in a different language, still submit it but please provide a short accompanying summary of the article in one of the above languages.

The *Green European Journal* uses UK (British) English. For questions about grammar and language, please refer to the [European style guide](#).

Checklist

Before submitting your article, please ensure you have included the following elements:

- ✓ An introduction between 50-100 words setting out the article's main topic or argument
- ✓ A proposal for a concise title
- ✓ Short subheadings within the text to structure it
- ✓ Optionally, you can pre-select quotes to be highlighted from the text (50 words maximum each)
- ✓ If you haven't written for us before, please send us a short bio (50 words maximum) and head-shot photo of yourself