



NEMO's statement on future sustainable museum collections

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“Our ethical and professional priority is to work with our communities for the future sustainability of the planet. Museums have a critical role to play in environmental sustainability and imagining our possible futures. Our commitment is that we will use our diverse collections and the stories that they hold to inspire people and facilitate change. We realise that it is no longer possible to preserve all heritage and collections in their current conditions. We are committed to re-evaluating our collections in terms of their social, historical, environmental, and educational impact.”

At the NEMO European Museum Conference 2023 “and... ACTION! Museums in the climate crisis” the directors of the European national museum organisations agreed on a statement that was published by NEMO as a pledge of the European museum sector to move forward and to become more sustainable. The statement includes an assurance to encourage the re-evaluation of museum collections with a view to their environmental and social effect, among others.

In order to put the pledge into concrete action, and to support and inspire museums in their sustainable transition, NEMO has recently launched a new [interactive map](#) of climate actions by museums and the new report [Museums, Climate and Politics - Taking political action in the sustainable transition](#).