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Roundtable I Monday, 2 March 2026

Activism in the context of emergency: the rise of violence against environmental defenders in the EU



Dear all,

With only a few days to go before our roundtable on **Monday, 2 March** (5:15- 6:45 PM), there is still time to [register](#) for our upcoming roundtable at Saint-Louis (and online).

While the climate crisis intensifies, so does the pushback against those on the front lines. Join experts from **Amnesty International, UCLouvain, and Sciences Po Bordeaux** as we discuss the rising legal and physical violence against environmental defenders.

Why this matters

From peaceful demonstrations to acts of civil disobedience, activists are increasingly facing police violence, legal proceedings, and administrative pressure. This event explores the intersection of environmental urgency and the protection of democratic principles.

- Why is this violence intensifying?

- What impact does it have on climate movements?
- How are activists and legal systems responding?

Our Featured Speakers

- **Olivia Fleuvy** – Campaign Manager for Climate Justice and Freedom of Expression and Association (Amnesty International)
- **Marie Jadoul** – Researcher specializing in civil disobedience in the context of ecological emergencies (UCLouvain)
- **Antoine Durance** – Researcher and activist expert on the use of law as a tool for protest (Sciences Po Bordeaux)

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