

**Leave it in the Ground Initiative
(LINGO e.V.)
Annual Report 2020**

Highlights of our work in 2020 have been:

1. [Fossil Endgame Blog Series](#)

We published a blog series on the Fossil Endgame, a term and way of thinking we would like to spread more widely. Several volunteers helped with different aspects of the project and we received support from IUCN NL and entered into a cooperation with the Rapid Transition Alliance. Over the course of the year, we published 6 pieces in collaboration with different partner organizations. Patagonia supported us with boosts on Twitter which reached several hundred thousand impressions.



Social media image to promote the third post in the series.

2. Post-Oil PEMEX

In cooperation with FUNDAR and several Bosch Alumni and other volunteers, we organized an online Forum on the Post-Oil future of Mexican National Oil Company PEMEX which was viewed 700 times on Youtube and attended by over 100 people. The event received support from the Bosch Foundation's International Alumni Center Berlin. In the same line of work we facilitated a „thematic dinner“ on COVID and energy transition in Latin America with experts from 8 countries sharing about the situations in their countries and best practices to inspire others.



PEMEX needs to get ready for a future beyond oil.

3. Forum on Fortum Strategy

In the same project we organized another online forum in collaboration with Member of the European Parliament Michael Bloss (Greens) and which featured, among others, the Finnish Environment Minister Krista Mikkonen and the CEO of Norwegian Pension Fund Storebrand Jan Erik Saugestad. In the event we called upon Finnish state-owned energy company Fortum to adopt a progressive strategy.

4. Climate Bailout Working Group

In the Climate Bailout workstream we formed a Working Group and held biweekly meetings with participants from the World Future Council, New Economics Foundation, Next System Project and an experienced campaigner who was recommended at last year's LINGO Annual Meeting. We held two online workshops, one on contents of the Climate Bailout and another on campaign angles. We linked with several youth campaigners in preparation of setting up a campaign in Germany.

5. Climate Litigation Wiki

In this self-funded project we created a wiki that brings together information on the most relevant cases in climate litigation and serves as a starting point and resource for new people to enter the field.

6. Born Polluter Animation

In another self-funded work stream, we commissioned a 2-minute animation on the idea that humans are not born to pollute.



Animation title screen

7. Glasgow Agreement

We accompanied the process leading to this agreement and helped with logistics and fundraising.

8. Gastivists

The Gastivists Collective got independent from Kjell this year and LINGO remains a fiscal sponsor, while the Gastivists agreed to cover administrative costs of LINGO e.V. for the year.

9. PhD articles

Kjell worked on several article drafts about Carbon Bombs and Metrics for the KING movement. The emissions accounting methods were applied for a report in collaboration with Urgewald and other partners on carbon bombs that was published for the 5th anniversary of the Paris Agreement. He also initiated the case study on Fracking in Mexico with interviews with experts on the subject.

10. Fundraising

We submitted a total of 20 funding applications in 2020, 8 of which were successful (40%), for a total of 79,000 Euros. Projects that received funding decisions in 2020 were: Climate Bailout, Gastivists, Fossil Endgame Blog Series, Online Fora, Rice Hulling Machine for Santa Rita, Glasgow Agreement.

11. Fiscal sponsorships

We assumed fiscal sponsorship for five different projects in the realms of climate activism.

12. LINGO Internal Issues

Through the website Catchafire we were able to recruit a big number of professional volunteers who supported us with works such as:

- creating a beautiful new LINGO website
- securing a Google Ads Grant of 10k USD/month for LINGO
- gathering data for the Carbon Bombs article
- research, translations and advice

We discontinued the bimonthly board meetings because of low participation.

Through Idealist.org we found a social media and a fundraising intern who helped greatly in both areas. We increased our social media presence and now have facebook, twitter, instagram, LinkedIn, Youtube and Medium accounts.