



## The fictitious dualism of climate change mitigation and adaptation

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### Abstract:

The present debate regarding climate action is twofold and includes mitigation of, and adaptation to climate change. However, most of the times in discussions, policy and in the actual action as implementation of those policies, reducing emissions take priority against adaptation. Even though from a theoretical point of view this dualism is possible only as an distinction/separation, it seems that in practice the question of the primordial unity is completely forgotten. This practical approach to the question of dualism between mitigation and adaptation is intimately linked to the predefined interpretation of technology. It is possible to orient technology in a way that conforms to the origins of the mitigation/adaptation dualism as uniqueness, towards composition and collaboration instead of competition and antagonism, by widening our perspective in order to include the world not only as a standing reserve to be exploited, but within its natural boundaries. This creative behavior can liberate science from its present dominant position vis a vis the earth, mankind, and guide our societies closer to the human essence as a symbiosis with nature.

### Biography:

Evangelos Koumentakos is a Greek national who has lived in Italy and Poland and studied international law and international relations. He currently lives with his family in Belgium, Brussels, where for the past four and a half years he has worked as a senior policy adviser for European Farmers and Agro-cooperatives (COPA-COGECA). His areas of responsibility were climate change, sustainability, soil, waste, emissions, and air quality, and played a key role in a number of concrete policy initiatives, which are intricately linked to climate and environment, such as the National Emissions Ceiling, Common Agricultural Policy, Emission Trading System, Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry, etc. In addition, he participated in different policy discussions and international for such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conferences of Parties, the Sustainable Development Goals EU Platform, etc. Evangelos can speak and write in French, English, Italian, Polish and Greek and he is a convinced European and supporter of activism.



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