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Linda Mederake joined Ecologic Institute in August 2017 and works as Fellow and Co-Coordinator Plastics for the institute. Her work focuses on issues related to the governance of plastics as well as climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity in the urban context and with regard to the local and regional level. Her native language is German; she is fluent in English and has a good knowledge of French and Spanish.

Linda Mederake is currently working on the topic of plastics in the citizen science project [Plastic Pirates – German Coast](#). Municipal climate protection is the focus of the project [Ready4NetZero – Capacity Development for Long-term Climate Neutrality Strategies in Towns and Cities](#) while [Climate Adaptation Naturally!](#) aims to support cities and municipalities in the implementation of nature-based solutions for climate adaptation with the help of practice-oriented applications. In a smaller project for the environmental ministry in Baden-Württemberg, Linda develops the content for a [travelling exhibition on links between the biodiversity and climate crises](#).



Before starting at Ecologic Institute, Linda Mederake supported work at the Oeko-Institut within the context of the project [Rural Urban Nexus – Global Sustainable Land Use and Urbanisation](#).

Linda Mederake graduated with a Master of Arts in International Relations from the Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Universität Potsdam (Germany) in 2017. Her master thesis was written in connection with the project [Behind the Scenes: Mapping the Role of Treaty Secretariats in International Environmental Policy-Making](#) and explored the role of the UNFCCC secretariat as a knowledge broker. Linda Mederake holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Political Management from Hochschule Bremen – University of Applied Sciences (Germany). During her studies, she spent an internship semester in Brussels and an exchange semester at Greenwich University in 2012 as well as another

semester abroad at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in 2015.

In 2020, she started a dissertation at University of Osnabrück on policy change in plastics policies at EU level.

Aside from her professional career, Linda Mederake is an active member of [Friends of the Earth Germany](#). Currently, she is deputy spokesperson of the Working Group on Waste and Raw Materials.

Linda Mederake is on parental leave until spring 2026.

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Selected projects by Linda Mederake

[Plastic Pirates - German coast](#)

Duration

Jun 2023 - May 2026

Funding

[Federal Ministry of Education and Research \(BMBF\)](#), Germany
[Projektträger Jülich, Forschungszentrum Jülich \(PtJ\)](#), Germany

[Capacity Development for Long-term Climate Neutrality Strategies in Towns and Cities \(Ready4NetZero\)](#)

Duration

Nov 2022 - Apr 2025

Funding

[Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action \(BMWK\)](#), Germany

[Climate Adaptation Naturally!](#)

Duration

Nov 2022 - Jan 2026

Funding

[German Environment Agency \(UBA\)](#), Germany

Concept for an Exhibition on the Links Between the Climate and Biodiversity Crises

Duration

Nov 2023 - Nov 2024

Funding

[Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector Baden-Württemberg](#), Germany

Scientific Coordination of Research Projects on "Plastics in the Environment - Sources • Sinks • Solutions" (PlastikNet)

Duration

Sep 2017 - Jun 2023

Funding

[Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (BMBF), Germany

Plastic Pirates - Go Europe!

Duration

Apr 2020 - May 2023

Funding

[Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (BMBF), Germany

Policy Instruments to Increase the Use of Recycled Materials

Duration

Jul - Nov 2022

Funding

[Office of Technology Assessment at the German Bundestag](#) (TAB), Germany

Asia's Opportunity to End Single-use Plastic Pollution

Duration

May - Jun 2022

Funding

[World Wide Fund for Nature](#) (WWF), Philippines

Advising the EU's International Outreach on the Content of the Mandate for an International Negotiating Committee for a Potential Global Plastics Agreement

Duration

Dec 2021 - Jan 2022

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development](#), International

Selected publications by Linda Mederake

Kiessling, Tim et al. 2023: What potential does the EU Single-Use Plastics Directive have for reducing plastic pollution at coastlines and riversides? An evaluation based on citizen science data. *Waste Management* 164 (2023).106-118.

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Mederake, Linda; Seeger, Dorothea (2020): Plastikvermeidung auf kommunaler Ebene. In: Kröger, Melanie; Pape, Jens; Wittwer, Alexandra (Hrsg.) (2020): Einfach weglassen? Ein wissenschaftliches Lesebuch zur Reduktion von Plastikverpackungen im Lebensmittelhandel. ISBN: 978-3-96238-243-8. Oekom Verlag, München.

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Selected events by Linda Mederake

Digital Event:[Navigating Challenges in Citizen Participation for Climate Neutrality](#)

Date

9 January 2024

Location

online

Conference:[Tackling Microplastics in the Environment](#)

Date

9 March 2023

Location

Brussels, Belgium

Digital Event:[Reusable Transport Packaging](#)

Date

27 February 2023

Location

online via Zoom

Conference:[Theme Day: Plastic in the Environment](#)

Date

6 May 2022

Location

Berlin, Germany

Summer School:[Plastics in the Environment - PhD-WinterSchool](#)

Date

10 - 14 February 2020

Location

Döllnsee-Schorfheide, Germany

Workshop:[Plastic Regulation - Who is responsible?](#)

Date

7 September 2019

Location

Berlin, Germany

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Speech:[The Challenge of Reducing \(Micro\)Plastic Emissions](#)

Date

8 March 2023

Location

Paris, France

Speech:[Evaluating Environmental Policies with Citizen Science Data?](#)

Date

6 October 2022

Location

Berlin, Germany

Interview:[We Use Citizen Science to Contribute to Planetary Health](#)

Date

4 October 2022

Location

Berlin/Kiel, Germany

Lecture:[Plastics Crisis? - Advantages of plastics and the problems of plastic consumption](#)**Date**

29 May 2019

Location

Berlin, Germany

Speech:[The Plastic Pirates - Investigating Waste Pollution in and at German Rivers with Young People](#)**Date**

28 May 2019

Location

Berlin, Germany

Lecture:[Towards a Global Plastics Convention](#)**Date**

21 February 2019

Location

Glasgow, United Kingdom

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