

# War in Ukraine: The Fallout on Russian Climate Action

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In September 2019, Russia formally joined the Paris Agreement, raising hopes the world's fourth largest emitter would finally throw its weight behind global decarbonisation efforts. The move followed years of lobbying from European governments, including Germany, France and Scandinavian countries. Nearly 3 years later, the Kremlin's war on Ukraine appears to have severely undermined climate action and international collaboration over climate science. In an interview with Boris Schneider, Maria Pastukhova, a senior policy advisor at climate think tank E3G, assesses the state of the ecological transition and advises on how the West can limit the damage.



Village of Vilkhivka near Kharkiv, Ukraine. **SERGEY BOBOK / AFP**

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