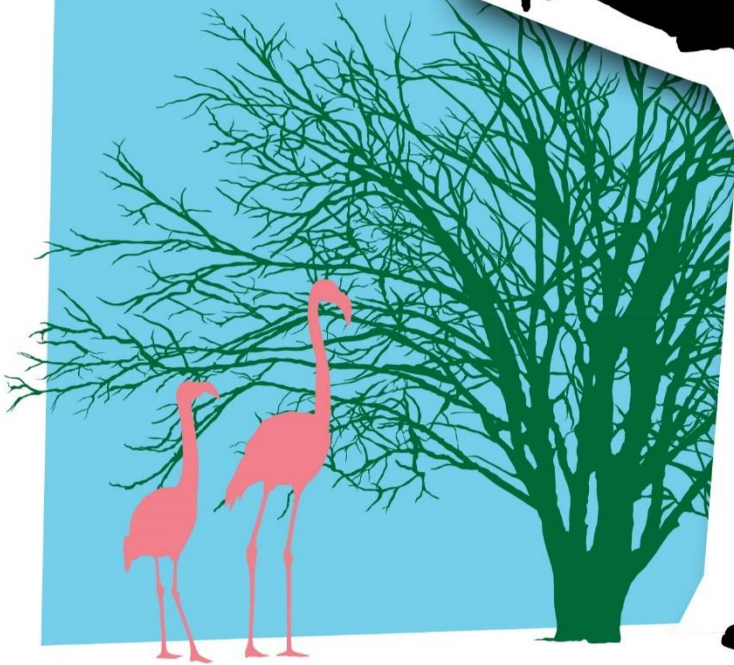




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YOU.th RO.und TRIP for climate action <YOUROTRIP>

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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of all the project partner organizations, and the Local Youth Council Representatives we would like to thank you for hosting us on Tuesday 17th of May 2022 in the European Parliament and listening to the policy recommendations that young people have prepared in the topic of climate change and action in the context of YOUROTRIP project.

Short Summary of the project

The European project titled "YOU.th RO.und TRIP for climate action", with acronym **YOUROTRIP** and agreement number **614827-EPP-1-2019-1-EL-EPPKA3-EU-YTH-TOG**, is an **Erasmus+, Support for Policy Reform – European Youth Together** project, aiming to foster engagement of youth with democratic procedures and involvement in decision making.

In the context of the project, young people from eight (8) different countries – Greece, Austria, Denmark, France, Portugal, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom - have formulated Local Youth Councils. The young people from the Local Youth Councils have participated in transnational mobilities, where through participatory activities and debates, they have discussed and brainstormed about how to combat climate change and they have come up with some solutions

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and policy recommendations they wish to present to European Institutions, in order to be taken into consideration when forming policies about youth and environment.

Some of their **policy recommendations** are the following:

Area	Policy Recommendations	Advantages
General	<p>Input of External Scientific Committees</p> <p>Establishment of independent Environmental Committees that will supervise and validate decisions, policies and technologies;</p>	<p>Reinsuring that every decision, policy or action will not have a negative effect to the environment and therefore to climate change.</p>
Energy Production / Renewable Energy	<p>Transition from fossil fuels to renewable resources</p> <p>Invest in research and development of renewable energy/ analyze regions, deciding which form of energy production is the most suitable (windmills, solar panels, water, biomethane green gas biofuel from algae production) / exportation of renewable-energy productions outside the EU.</p> <p>Tax-reduction for energy producers in the EU to promote the transition from fossil fuels to green and renewable sources.</p>	<p>Renewable energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doesn't run out • is environmentally friendly • can Increase Public Health, by reducing greenhouse emissions and other polluting substances. • require Less Maintenance Cost • can Reduce Turmoil in Energy Prices • can Increase Countries' Economic Independence
Renewable Energy	<p>Renewable energy use at individual level, public sector, and rural areas</p> <p>Enable individual accessibility to renewable energy production / sources (to assist state-level transition)</p> <p>Set achievable goals for the transition of public infrastructure (schools, hospitals, etc) to make use of renewable energy – and set example for the private sector</p> <p>Rural areas should be considered as a main target for renewable energy since some of them may not have access to any energy at all.</p>	<p>Renewable energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doesn't run out • is environmentally friendly • can Increase Public Health, by reducing greenhouse emissions and other polluting substances. • require Less Maintenance Cost • can Reduce Turmoil in Energy Prices • can Increase Countries' Economic Independence

<p>Alternatives to fossil fuels</p>	<p>Algae as biofuel</p> <p>Invest in research and development of sustainable alternative to fossil fuels, such as the algae. The production of drop-in biofuels that perform likewise, if not better than petrol and diesel (incl. premium variants), should be encouraged, particularly for comparable prices which reduces the share of vehicles that are not compliant with biofuels.</p>	<p>This strategy would essentially move the transportation fuel supply to a renewable substitute, yet to lower costs of a private transfer from other transport energy sources.</p>
<p>Green Transportation</p>	<p>Promote public transportation</p> <p>Introduce in EU-wide rechargeable cards for public transport.</p> <p>Completely or almost free public transportation, accessible, efficient, and affordable for everyone (probably run by the public sector because of cost to profit ratio)</p>	<p>Public transport should be free for those with special needs and people under 25. This will make green mobility more inclusive and allows young people to become acquainted with the use of green transports. This system also as the opportunity to reduce waste; credit may come from individuals returning recyclable products which may cover up to 50% of the ticket price.</p>
<p>Green Transportation</p>	<p>Reduce greenhouse gas emissions form imports and exports of agricultural products.</p> <p>Avoidable transportation of goods, such as exporting nationally produced products that are then being imported from another country should be prevented. The production of goods should take place as locally as possible or in neighboring countries. This should be achieved by subsidizing small-scale local farming that meets social and environmental criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce greenhouse emissions • Support local economy
<p>Green Transportation</p>	<p>No (private) cars to be allowed in most European capital's city centers</p> <p>Only public transportation allowed, as well as bicycles etc. Increase pedestrianized areas, parks, gardens etc. Exceptions only for ambulances, police cars and supply trucks (with specifies timetable).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less air and noise pollution in urban areas • Increase in tourism and thus, state income • Public transportation more efficient and therefore more preferable to the people.

Recycling	<p>A Unified Recycling System across Europe</p> <p>The creation of a base color code and recycling bins applicable to all EU countries, including special waste (e.g. oil, e-waste, textiles etc.).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the disposal and recycling process is implemented correctly in each country.
Social Corporate Responsibility	<p>Introduce a measuring and rating system to Social Corporate Responsibility</p> <p>We propose the incorporation of Social corporate responsibility in all companies and businesses, by transforming the current regulations which are not mandatory into being obligatory, in terms of inventing a reference rating system to measure the social and environmental impact of the company to the environment.</p> <p>Invest in research and development of alternative packaging solutions for commercial goods and promote eco-friendly materials</p>	<p>Consumers will know the environmental footprint of all goods and services and make informed decisions and choices. By market rules, all businesses will be forced to become more environmentally friendly to compete with the rest.</p>
Climate Change Migration	<p>Set up a plan and procedure for Climate Change Migration</p> <p>Provide and official definition of climate refugee, define rights and responsibilities to involving parties, and set up procedures for prevention as well as how to address the problem when it occurs.</p> <p>Especially for prevention, invest in building or upgrading buildings and infrastructure to withstand extreme weather events (heatwaves, flooding etc).</p>	<p>As we've seen with the current pandemic of Covid-19, our societies, above all, lack preventive measures, which we should tackle before any disaster actually takes place, and be ready for when it does.</p>

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