# CLIMATE NFERENCE LEMATE-NEUTRAL FUTURE **ACTION NOW**

# Ideas for schools and municipalities on collectively envisioning a climate-neutral future

Inspiration and Best Practices from the Pupils' Conference on "Transition to a Climate-Neutral Future" in the European Capital of Culture Elefsina in Greece



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## **LET'S START CLIMATE ACTION IN YOUR OWN SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND MUNICIPALITY.**

The climate crisis poses a significant danger to human life on earth. We as a society need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to sustain a future that provides a good and just life for everyone within the planetary boundaries.

To achieve this goal, it is essential to involve and encourage school communities and other citizens to envision their own climate-neutral city and act upon it. We show you one way of doing that.

You will find impressions from the Pupils' Conference on "Transition to a Climate-Neutral Future" in Elefsina (Greece) in May 2023. 350 pupils aged 10 to 15 years along with their teachers from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Germany, Greece, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Serbia came together to develop their own ideas and demands.

## **VISION WORKSHOPS**

Your school community comes together to jointly create a vision of your own climate-neutral school. With this, you are able to define activities that you would like to implement in the various fields of action - like school lunches, heating & electricity, water consumption, procurement or mobility. This project day will help you to consider various perspectives. You can involve students, teachers, the school and facility management, parents, sponsors and many more.



# THEMATIC ROUTES THROUGH **YOUR TOWN**

You will get a deeper insight into your city, its history and present, its ecological, social, political and economic state. The thematic routes help to understand and learn about



the local context to be able to develop suitable ideas. You can reflect on the places vou would like transform and why.



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# WORLD CAFÉ METHOD

A method to develop and discuss resolutions for a climate-neutral city in round tables.

Collaborate with experts and organizations that help you realize your climate actions!

#### Here are some possible topics:

**WASTE** – The Sustainable management of waste (preventionreduction-reuse-recycling)

**NUTRITION** – Sustainable nutrition and local food production

ENERGY & INDUSTRY - Renewable energy production and use; the transformation of local industry

**MOBILITY** – Sustainable urban mobility (within the city and its connections to other towns and areas)

**PUBLIC SPACE & BUILDINGS** – How accessible and inclusive are they and how can they be used?

**WATER** – Consumption and protection within ecosystems for the absorption of CO2 (the sea, lakes, rivers)

CULTURAL HERITAGE - How can you preserve cultural heritage and learn from the past?

# **ART WORKSHOPS**

Visualize your solutions for a climate-neutral city and feel empowered.

Art workshops will encourage students and bring the joy of making something with your own hands.

#### Here are some ideas:

Construction of placards and a banner: Make and paint a banner and placards with slogans and ideas for climate action and for making political demands.

Three-dimensional mapping: Mark the thematic routes and the suggestions for changes as well as capturing feelings through painting and words.

Music workshop: Write your own powerful lyrics to a melody that you know and perform it at the Town Hall when proposing your solutions for a climate-neutral city.

Photo exhibition: Take pictures during the thematic routes of places that you want to transform. Draw, paint and write about how you would like to change them. Make an exhibition in your school.

Sculpture construction and Upcycling: Be creative with recyclables (paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, fabrics, etc.) and natural materials (leaves, branches, etc.). You can spread a message of reusing materials and your visions.

Dancing and Theater: Develop a performance to express yourselves through dance and theatrical techniques on issues related to climate neutrality. You can draw attention to what is important to you and make yourselves seen and heard!



### **Organize a School March to your Town Hall** and give

your resolution to the municipal authority.

Raise awareness within your city and involve your local government.



Show them what is important to you and that the need to act is NOW!

Take some time to reflect on the great things you will have done and will do to make a change for a just and good life for all of us.







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