

Youth Manifesto for SDG 13

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Climate change is one of the major problems affecting planet Earth.

The increase in global greenhouse gas emissions, due to human activity, has had several chain effects on the environment and on humans: extreme weather events, rapid warming, melting ice, declining biodiversity,

rising sea levels are some of the consequences that have plagued humanity, especially in recent years. The predictions for the future are now worrying and ominous as the risk of maximizing these consequences increases.

#### But what is the planet?

Did they teach us what it really is? Did they teach us what he is offering us? What is our relationship with him? Did they teach us not to take him for granted and protect him? The majority would probably say no. However, a minority of young active citizens can motivate all people to build our planet, that is, our home, prettier, fairer and more alive than ever before.

We, therefore, the young people of the Municipality of Fili, ask that the following recommendations/suggestions be taken into account by all the stakeholders involved (local government, central authority, international community) as part of the formulation of a common, national strategy, by citizens and competent bodies at local and

international level, to combat climate change.

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are you on fire to save the planet?

### Recommendations-Suggestions

- **I.** Systematic information and awareness by experts and organizations in schools on climate change and inclusion of relevant subjects in the curriculum at all levels.
- 2. Change individual habits by adopting more environmentally friendly choices in energy and goods consumption, waste management and transportation.
- **3.** Establish, at local government level, annual, regular actions to inform and raise citizens' awareness of climate change, its consequences and modes of action.
- 4. Installation of recycling and composting bins in schools and neighborhoods of the Municipality of Fili.
- 5. Organized and reliable recycling system of all kinds at local and national level.
- **6.** Promote sustainable and green methods of transport at local and national level, such as the development of a network of cycle paths, the strengthening of the existing network and an increase in the frequency of means of transport.
- **7.** Preservation and development of new public green spaces with active involvement of students, students and all citizens to ensure their sustainability.
- 8. Continue and strengthen the financing of "green projects" from national and international funds (such as the Green Fund) and involve young people and all citizens in the process of prioritizing local needs and decision-making.
- **9.** Commitment and implementation at local and national level of the International Climate Conventions.
- **IO.** Funding for research in Universities, Institutes, Agencies for actions related the fight against climate change.
- **II.** Strengthen innovation in green and social enterprises.
- **12.** Promote the consumption of organic and domestic products to stimulate the Greek economy and reduce the exhaust gases emitted during their production and transport.
- **13.** Gradual decoupling from non-renewable resources and switching to renewable energy sources.
- **14.** Strengthen the mechanism for prevention and preparedness in cases of extreme weather events at local and national level.



#### In conclusion

## Human beings are inseparable with nature, they depend on it and not the other way around.

Unfortunately, in recent years, individual or national economic interests have altered this relationship. We must renew and redefine our relationship with the environment and take an active role in protecting it at personal, national and global level. Because we need to move away from trying to discover new habitable planets, a process that seems impossible with today's technology, and focus on preserving the planet we already have.

We are, therefore, uniting voices with thousands of young people from all over Europe and the world and we are spreading the message of immediate action to combat climate change. We are all going to make it together!

Walk with us!







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