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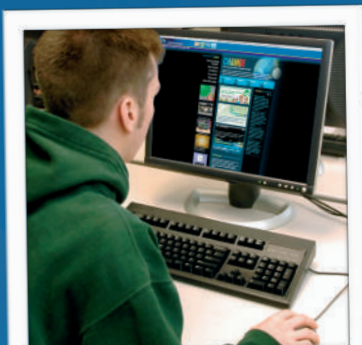
'Youth in Action' Programme

Young Europeans in action: Participating against climate change

Active citizenship, stages, workshops and e-participation



www.e-clau.net



eCLAU project promotes e-participation of young people.

Youth in Action: e-participation

Decision making on European level requires active participation of the Youth! Within our means we need to raise awareness among young people about current affairs and encourage a better knowledge about the results achieved by EU politics on environmental issues.

We commit ourselves to bring the EU closer to its youth and to improve their role within its decision making system using IC technologies.

We take advantage of the upcoming European elections in June to achieve this aim and **give young people the chance to express themselves, to get involved in the debates and thus to influence decisions on European level in fighting climate change.**

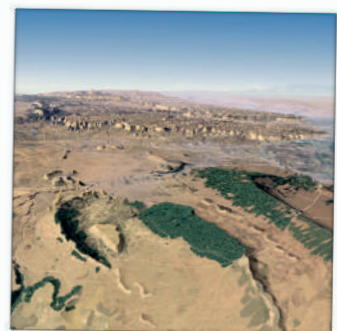
Climate change: transnational challenges require transnational solutions!

Climate change is a challenge which concerns all of us. It does not stop at national borders, thus it requires transnational solutions.

The European Union has shown its readiness to assume global leadership in tackling climate change, in facing the challenge of secure, sustainable and competitive energy production and in **making the European economy a model for sustainable development in the XXI century.**

However, its action hardly reaches through to the EU citizens. Indeed, technology, research and politics will be the core elements for tackling climate change.

But to ensure its success for young people, civil society organizations and local authorities have to be involved to a higher degree in the political process.



Bardeñas desert in Spain. The desertification is increasing.

What is the eCLAU project?

The eCLAU project is developed to respond to the current political developments with regard to climate change. It has the ambition to support the fight against climate change through **integrating young people in the political process by providing of a bottom-up approach.**

The results and objectives of EU policies and actions in the field of climate change are mostly unknown among young people.

eCLAU strives to raise awareness and seeks to integrate youth civil society organizations and local authorities with political discussions in order to increase their role in these discussions and within the democratic system of the EU. Tackling climate change from the bottom up with the particular participation of Youth will ensure its success and will bear the opportunity to bring Europe closer to its citizens.



Greek forest on fire. Climate change concerns all of us.

Europe, environment and e-participation

The issue of climate change highly affects young individuals, since they will be the ones that will bear the consequences. Young individuals nowadays are raised with IC technologies, they have become experts in their use, therefore eCLAU takes advantage of these two aspects and combines them into one useful tool. From one side eCLAU creates an interactive website providing information about EU policies in the field of climate change and sustainable development and encourages young people to participate in the debates and discussions with the aid of opinion polls, questionnaires, photo sending, round tables, ideas-exchange forums, petitioning on climate change etc.

From other side eCLAU promotes e-participation, uses its potential to encourage young people to get involved in the political process and provides valuable feedback and ideas for EU policy makers.

E-participation is a unique mechanism giving the chance to all young people to communicate and interact on European level directly. The main idea behind eCLAU is this mechanism to be achieved throughout the project.

Activities – concrete steps

The eCLAU project entails various activities, which you can actively participate in.

- The website is the core of the project: each young person can access and participate! Be active in debates and roundtables, share your ideas or policy propositions, comments and raise awareness about possible problems in your area!
- Local Workshops: activists of non-profit organizations, youth representatives, politicians, civil servants concerning youth issues, teachers and youngsters,

We invite you all to educate and inform yourselves about e-participation and to discover the opportunities with regards to getting in touch with young people and working on inclusive solutions!

- Magazine: with the compilation of a magazine, we will inform the public about the development of the project and disseminate its results.

Diffusion campaigns will ensure widespread information concerning the project.

- International meeting in Zaragoza: it addresses civil servants of municipalities and regional authorities working in the field of youth and environmental policies with the aim of spreading and analyzing the results of the project.

It also addresses the general public, and non state actors active in the field of youth to promote discussion and approach different points of views.

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The web page www.e-clau.net is the central core of the eCLAU project. It gives more information about the stages, the workshops and about participating in the social network for young Europeans. If you are young do not hesitate to visit our website and participate in the debates or to send us possible news, articles, photos or other such relevant materials!!!



Rila Mountain (BG). Preserving ecosystems to stop climate change.



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A photovoltaic system in Reggio Emilia (Italy).



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