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## **"YOUNG VOICES ON CLIMATE JUSTICE" REPORT RELEASED: EUROPEAN YOUTH DEMANDS URGENT MEASURES FOR A FAIR AND RAPID TRANSITION TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY**

On November 18th at 7pm CET, Generation Climate Europe (GCE) will be hosting the launch event for the Young Voices on Climate Justice Report 2020.

After several hundred young people across Europe have been surveyed, the young generation has shown that it has well-reasoned and creative ideas and proposals for a just and sustainable Europe. GCE will present these ideas at the launch event, and young people will have the opportunity to engage with Members of the European Parliament.

Young people in Europe fear the consequences of the climate crisis and are concerned by the current lack of ambition and the missing sense of urgency. At the same time, this young generation has a particular sensitivity for questions of social justice. Young people care about value chains and the effects their consumption has on others. They want to make the sustainable choice - regarding everything from clothing to mobility. But, as one young person from Germany put it "often, the chain of production is not very transparent", which is why a young person from Greece calls for "more sustainable options in our life".

And young people go further. They are well informed. They do not only demand change, they also have a wide range of ideas and suggestions to solve the problems they point out. The survey has shown that this generation is knowledgeable and finds creative solutions - regarding issues as diverse as international cooperation, taxation, mobility, education and the transition in the job market. Their suggestions show what the young generation cares about and they serve as an inspiration for urgently needed climate policies taking the most vulnerable into account, domestically and globally.

Considering the catastrophic effects climate change will have on their future and due to their ability to bring people together across borders, young Europeans are a voice that cannot be ignored. Therefore, we, young volunteers from different European countries, collected the opinions and ideas of young people from across Europe and beyond. 361 young people were interviewed, leading to results we feel the urgent need to share with the public. It is crucial that the European Union provides a timely legal framework, facilitating the creation of necessary conditions for a sustainable lifestyle.

We are pleased that Aleksandra Tomczak, Member of the Cabinet of the Executive Vice President Frans Timmermans, European Commission, MEP Yannick Jadot and MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri will join the launch event as speakers. We are happy to answer further questions and welcome you to our online event.



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Generation Climate Europe (GCE) is the largest coalition of youth-led NGOs at the European level, pushing for stronger action from the EU on climate and environmental issues. We bring together 9 of the largest European youth organisations, representing over 460 national organisations in all Member States and over 20 million young Europeans.