

EU: LET'S PHASE OUT FOSSIL FUELS

We, the European youth NGOs present at COP27, demand a **complete and timely phase out** of all fossil fuels, from the EU and its member states. As unequivocally indicated by the IPCC Assessment Report 6, this action is required to keep the 1.5 degrees goal alive. The global energy crisis is not only a problem, but an opportunity to foster meaningful and transformative change. Dubbed the "Implementation COP," it is now the time to move from negotiation to implementation, from words to action.

Europe's reliance on fossil fuels is proving to be detrimental. With the current energy price crisis due to the ongoing war of aggression, millions of Europeans have been plunged into poverty. It is imperative that European energy security be structurally designed **to prevent a return to fossil fuels and coal in times of energy crisis**. Should the European leaders persevere in inaction on this situation, Europe will continue to remain unjustly bound to fossil fuel-exporting countries and oil-rich regimes.

- As a coalition of European youth at COP27, our united voice supports the European position to include a reference to fossil fuel phase out in the cover decision of COP27. We furthermore demand from European leaders to unilaterally commit to a complete cessation of fossil fuel usage by 2030, should the decision 1/COP27 differ from this position.
- In this process, human well-being and social equity must be prioritized by protecting workers in **just transition** regions by reallocating existing fossil fuel subsidies to the already-existing €55 billion JT finance in the 2021-2027 period.
- The **EU climate neutrality targets must be reevaluated and adjusted to the remaining carbon budget** in line with the global goal of cumulative emissions and the prospect of climate neutrality by 2030. This phase out of fossil fuels must be commenced now.
- Furthermore, **we demand the collective withdrawal by the EU and the Member States from the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT)**.
- Regarding the EU Green Deal, the EU must focus its economy-boosting incentives on creating green jobs and opportunities for SMEs. This must be done with the imposition of:
 - **a total ban on incentivising fossil fuel companies** at the latest by 2025;
 - a timely embargo on all fossil fuels by the main oil and gas exporting countries.

With increasing climate change impacts on the world **addressing Loss & Damage** becomes crucial. We therefore demand a tax on profits of the fossil fuel industry to secure financing for Loss & Damage. This is to be directed exclusively to countries classified as “high-risk” in the IPCC Climate Vulnerability Index. The percentage of fiscal support is to be increased annually. Furthermore we also demand the European leaders to take a **strong and constructive position on Loss & Damage** at COP27.

We encourage our corresponding leadership to represent us equally throughout these processes by taking our position forward in COP27 negotiations and afterwards.

We urge the European leaders to **ensure active participation of young people** during the decision making and implementation of such goals through regular and accessible dialogues with youth focal points during the internal EU position-setting negotiations prior to future Conferences of Parties. Intergenerational justice and meaningful youth engagement cannot be realized without the active participation of young people at the negotiation processes.

European youth are **ready to support and guide** European leadership throughout COP27 and its subsequent follow-up events.

European Youth NGOs at COP27

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Our informal network includes youth umbrella organizations and national youth organizations all over Europe working together at COP27.

We work together to achieve more mandatory promises from the EU.

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