The climate crisis, young people and democracy

CONSULTATIVE MEETING
16-18 February 2021

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PROGRAMME
Tuesday, 16 February 2021

INTRODUCTION

10:00 Opening of the meeting by ANTJE ROTHEMUND, Head of the Youth Department
Presentation of participants and expectations from the meeting
10:30 The climate crisis and young people, introductory inputs by
   - PEGAH MOULANA, Advisory Council on Youth
   - MONIKA SKADBORG, European Youth Forum
   - JUANAN PÉREZ, Youth and Environment Europe and Fridays for Future

11:10 Discussion in break-up sessions: *What can we expect about the climate crisis in times of pandemic?*
11:40 Feedback from the groups

12:00 Break

CLIMATE CRISIS AND YOUTH POLICY

14:00 Climate change in the youth policy of the Council of Europe, introduction by RUI GOMES, Head of Division, Youth Department
14:20 Climate change and youth policy: intersections and divergencies, presentation by JAMIE GORMAN, National University of Ireland Maynooth
14:50 Working groups: Climate crises and youth work: challenges and experiences
15:30 Feedback from the groups
16:00 Conclusions and closing of the day

Wednesday, 17 February 2021

THE CLIMATE CRISIS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

10:00 Opening of the day
10:05 *Climate crisis or crisis of humanity?* Address by MARY ROBINSON, Adjunct Professor for Climate Justice, Trinity College (Dublin)
10:30 *Can Democracy save the climate?* – Introduction to the World Forum for Democracy and the role of young people therein, with LANA COP, Directorate of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Council of Europe
10:50 *The role of participatory democracy in addressing climate change,* presentation by Professor COSMIN CORENDEA, consultant
11:15 Discussion in break-up sessions: *Can climate action save democracy?*

12:00 Break
14:00  *Climate crisis as a human rights violation?* Input by JENNIFER DE TEMMERMAN, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

14:30  *The climate crisis and the human rights standards of the Council of Europe*, input by NATALIA KOBYLARZ, European Court of Human Rights

15:00  *Human rights and climate migrants*, with MARIAM TRAORE CHAZALNOEL, International Organisation for Migration

15:20  Working groups: Exchange of practices/initiatives/campaigns by participants

16:00  Closing of the day

**Thursday, 18 February 2021**

**YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

10:00  Opening of the day

10:05  *Youth participation principles in the Council of Europe*, introduction by NATALIA CHARDYMOVA, Educational advisor, Youth Department of the Council of Europe

10:20  *The role of the Climate Crisis in UN Youth 2030 Strategy*, with TANVI MANI, Climate Change Secretariat, UNFCCC

10:40  Discussion in break-up sessions: *Enabling young people’s involvement in the policy making processes and future role of the youth sector*

Discussing needs and proposals for youth policies to take into account the issues raised: climate crisis, human rights, democracy and youth participation

12:00  Break

14:30  Presentation of the proposals, actions, and commitments from the working groups

15:15  Conclusions by the rapporteur

15:30  Evaluation and closing

15:40  Closing remarks by MATJAŽ GRUDEN, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe and LAURENCE HERMAND, European Steering Committee on Youth