

Sibiu, May 8th, 2019

Ahead of the Future of Europe Summit hosted by the Romanian Presidency to the EU Council, us, Romanian youth attending the first Climate Summit in Romania, we hereby declare a climate emergency.

Taking into account the findings of the most recent IPCC report from October 2018, according to which the world has a little over a decade until it reaches temperature increase scenarios beyond which life on Earth will become unsafe,

- Having further regard to the conclusions of the Global Risks Report issued by the World Economic Forum, by which the top 3 risks facing the world by both likelihood and by probability of occurrence are all climate change related,
- Noting that the 415 ppm CO₂ concentration threshold which for a long time was thought to be inconceivable in terms of impact on global warming was reached on May 3rd 2019,
- Considering the significant contribution of fossil fuel energy to increased CO₂ emissions and accelerating climate change, and the harmful effects on air, water and soil pollution,
- Recognizing that climate change was identified as one of the 8 main challenges that the Future of Europe White Paper and discussion was responding to,
- Hearing the pleas of the youth climate protesters around the world and especially around the European Union,
- Giving due consideration to the efforts of the Heads of State of the EU meeting at the Sibiu Summit of the 9th of May 2019 to address the urgency of the climate crisis,

We hereby ask that you make climate action the utmost top priority of the conclusions emerging from the summit on the Future of Europe,

- Urging all participants to step up the level of EU climate ambition during the upcoming COP25 on behalf of European youth and our future,
- Taking all the necessary steps in all existing industries to fit our ambitious but necessary 1.5c goal to prevent the crisis that threatens human existence,
- Decommissioning power generation units from polluting sources, blocking investments in polluting energy sources and accelerating the transition to clean energy, from renewable sources through public investment and policy,
- Looking into measures to tackle biodiversity loss,
- Living up the values enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union, including the promotion of sustainable development through the trade deals the European Union is looking to become a partner of,
- Leading on the climate diplomacy necessary to bring international partners to also endorse the climate emergency we are faced with,
- Guaranteeing us all our right to clean air and to clean energy,

We ask European leaders and the Romanian leading authorities to show their commitment to the implementation of the Paris Agreement in acknowledging it is intrinsically linked to the Future of Europe.

We urge you to include climate action as the top priority for the June Council priorities for the next 5 years, given that the conclusions of the Future of Europe Summit which was in Sibiu on May 9th 2019 did not incorporate all of the above and more,

The priorities have to be designed in full reflection of the pleas of young people from all across the European Union, including the youth of Sibiu and Romania.

In the hope that you will make the Future of Europe discussion to be about safeguarding our future, by focusing on urgently advancing all efforts to mitigate climate change inclusively.

We send our most sincere and most deeply concerned regards,

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