



Climate Alliance



2022

Green Footprints Campaign

Kids on the Move for Climate

North Macedonia



Photo: Kapos

Netherlands



Photo: Nijmegen

Germany



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Hungary



Photo: Sárospataki Református Kollégium Gimnáziuma

Austria



Photo: BMK, Viktoria Miess

Germany



Photo: Hamburg

Kids on the Move for Climate Action 2022

Children in 8 countries joined forces again acting for our climate now!

Climate Action Kids from Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, North Macedonia, and Sweden earned green footprints by using climate-friendly means of transport for their daily journeys to school or kindergarten, eating local, organic food and using energy sustainably.

The children are aware that they need to convince not only the politicians at the UN Climate Conference but all adults to do their utmost to make climate protection a real priority not only in speeches but above all in action.

The kids emphasise that not only their children but already they themselves in near future will have to pay dearly if today's weak regulations aren't strengthened NOW!

**Together 236,281 children
in 8 countries collected
3,019,901
Green Footprints**

The children are deeply concerned about the global climate and therefore sent their Wishprints with ideas and demands to the participants of the UN Climate Change Conference.

They expect from the politicians there nothing less than doing their utmost to save our world's climate NOW – no matter where they come from and whatever they have to do for it!

This report only gives a glimpse on the activities in 2022.
Further information at www.zoom-kidsforclimate.eu



Photo: Garmisch-Patenkirchen



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**2022 there were 236.281 children in 1.626 schools participating.
They came from the following countries:**

Country	Schools	Groups	Children	Green Footprints
Austria	197	828	20.700	261.268
France	2	32	819	5.771
Germany	906	5.817	139.362	1.881.972
Hungary	112	505	22.017	358.228
Italy	46	237	3.573	112.336
Netherlands	70	567	15.312	98.966
North Macedonia	2	4	101	1.020
Sweden	291	1.375	34.397	300.340
Total:	1.626	9.365	236.281	3.019.901





Several wishes of the children



Photo: Grundschule Bredenbek



Austria

"I like to walk to school, cause there I can meet my friends."

"On my way through the park I can watch birds and butterflies."

Germany

"We demand a general speed limit on highways and car-free days!"

"Don't cut down so many trees. And if you still cut down trees, then always plant new ones."

"I would like no more dark clouds of smoke from chimneys and factories." (Matteo)

Hungary

"Teach adults to love the Earth!"

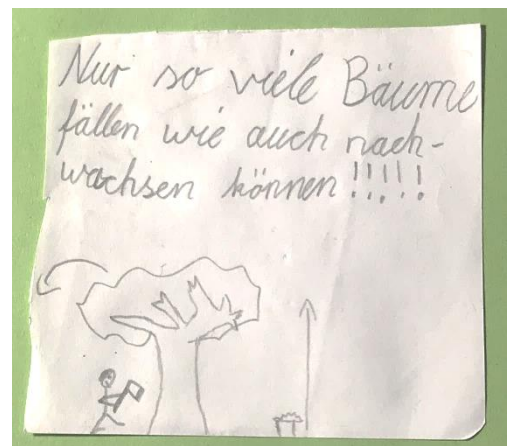
"Animals need a good life, too!"

North Macedonia, Karposh

"We don't have a reserve planet – so practice walking!"

Netherlands

"Plastic is not so fantastic"



Statements from adults

Austria

Tadten

"Initiatives such as this campaign encourage the children to get more exercise and generate excitement about walking to school." (teacher)

Steinbrunn

"Parents report that the children now are more motivated to come byr bike or scooter to kindergarten" (teacher)

Netherlands

Nijmegen

"One of the boys left the lights off and was very proud of himself, as this was a week in which he also slept without a night light for the first time!." (coordinator)

Germany

Meppen

"The campaign did not only teach the students that many small acts can add up to large results. Everyone also felt much safer in front of school, since fewer cars were on the roads than usual!" (teacher)

Delbrück

"Once again, we were shown that children understand the whole topic much better than most adults do. I especially liked the call to end climate-destructing warfare." (coordinator)

Hövelhof

"The children are proud of their small contribution and we will continue to look at these issues"

Frankfurt

"The project brought a lot of joy to all pupils and teachers. There was positive feedback at several parents' evenings. Thank you very much for the great project and the excellent materials." (teacher)

Scharbeutz

"We participated for the first time and are looking forward to making the Green Footprint Week a permanent project in school." (teacher)

Austria



Photo: Land Salzburg/Martin Wautischer; VS Mattsee

**20,700 children from 197 schools collected
261,268 Klimameilen / Green**

The poster presenting the Austrian results at COP 27 is decorated with drawings created by the pupils of the VS Bad Hofgastein and VS Pannaschgasse.

VS Tadtten achieved the best result in the first half of 2022. The school was honoured personally by federal minister Gewessler and received an invitation to the zoo Schönbrunn. The students of the VS Tadtten performed a moving song about climate heroes.

Last year's winner, VS Nötsch, received a visit from climate clown Hugo.

Climate clown Hugo also visited the winning school of Salzburg, VS Mattsee. VS Windischgarsten, the winner of Upper Austria, won a trip to a canopy pathway. After a delay due to corona the sports middle school Bad Vöslau could also finally take advantage of their reward – a visit to the climbing garden.

"It was a very nice challenge and the children became much more aware of the importance of not using a car if not necessary!"

Teacher, Volksschule Infinum



Photo: VS Kramsach, Monika Loinger



Photo: Büro LR.in Schaar; VS Nötsch



Photo: BMK, Viktoria Miess; VS Tadtten

Österreich

**2022 sammelten 20.700 Kinder
aus 197 Bildungseinrichtungen
261.268 Klimameilen**

Das Plakat zur Präsentation des Ergebnisses bei der COP 27 ist mit Zeichnungen der Schüler und Schülerinnen der VS Bad Hofgastein und VS Pannaschgasse geschmückt.

Das beste Ergebnis des ersten Halbjahres erzielte die VS Tadtten. Die Schule wurde von Bundesministerin Gewessler persönlich ausgezeichnet und mit einem Besuch im Tiergarten Schönbrunn belohnt. Zur Prämierung hatten die Kinder ein ergreifendes Lied über Klimahelden vorgetragen (siehe Foto).

Der Österreich-Sieger des letzten Jahres, die VS Nötsch, wurde von Klimac Clown Hugo besucht. Außerdem war Hugo bei der VS Mattsee, den Siegern in Salzburg.

Die VS Windischgarsten erhielt als Sieger von Oberösterreich einen Ausflug zum Baumkronenweg und die Sportmittelschule Bad Vöslau konnte nach Corona-bedingter Wartepause endlich den gewonnen Besuch im Klettergarten wahrnehmen.

**„Eltern berichten, dass die Kinder nun
motivierter sind, mit Fahrrad oder Roller in
den Kindergarten zu fahren“**

Pädagogin, Kindergarten Steinbrunn

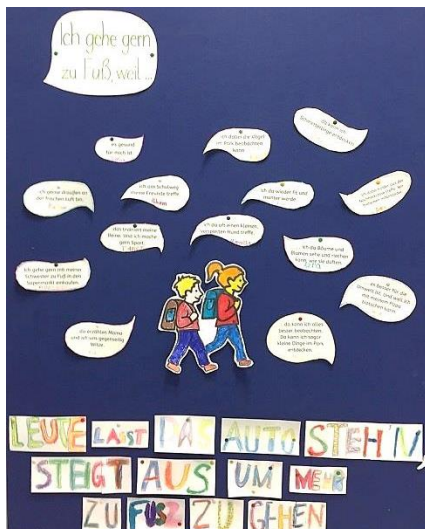


Photo: VS Pannaschgasse, Karina Hilpert



Photo: VS Bad Hofgastein, Heidi Schmidl

Germany



Photo: Kita St. Korbinian Großkarolinenfeld

**139,362 children together collected
1,881,972 Grüne Meilen / Green Footprints**

In 2022, children from over 900 institutions and more than 270 municipalities in Germany signed up - more than ever before!

In addition to green footprints for journeys on foot, by scooter, bicycle or public transport, there were also red ones for regional and seasonal food.

The current energy crisis was reflected in the increasing number of blue energy-saving footprints. Also, last year's flood catastrophes still worried the children a lot.

The schools and day-care centres again carried out great climate actions and made colourful wishprints with their tips and demands to the politicians (see 2022 results on the website).



Picture: Grundschule Belm, Save the Climate

Thanks to decreasing corona numbers, the results could be presented to mayors, district councillors, city parliaments, etc. on site again.

In **Gerolsbach** the kids rearranged their school grounds insect-friendly. Additionally, they took a closer look at the water intensive cultivation as well as long transports of avocados. With this new knowledge, it was no question for them to switch to more regional food.

Meanwhile, in **Neuburg an der Donau**, they now have a weekly breakfast buffet with nothing but climate-friendly food.

In **Fürth**, the little climate protectors coloured their homemade modelling clay with the juice of spinach and beetroot.



Photo: Erbach, Renewables in a practical way: the smoothie maker bike

The children in **Großkarolinenfeld** now make use of the benefits of sharing and set up an exchange shelf for toys and books.

In **Erbach**, the children decided to go one step further and simply generated the energy for their smoothie maker themselves by cycling.

At the Wenneberschule in **Rheda-Wiedenbrück**, the Open Day was used to better inform parents about the many activities during Climate Week.

Hungary



22,017 children and 2,210 teachers from 112 schools and kindergartens collected 358,228 Zöld Mérföldet / Green Footprints

This year, the **"Move for Climate"** campaign of the Climate Alliance Hungary and Reflex Environmental Association attracted more participants than ever before.

In addition to environmental-friendly journeys, Hungarian participants could once again choose from a variety of interesting activities.

The theme of the campaign in 2022 was **Tiszta Levegő** (clean air). The children planted trees in several locations, adding a total of 414 trees to the schoolyards.



Photo: ZOOM Campaign Hungary



Photo: climate messages on postcards for UN Climate Summit

They also placed air quality monitors in their schoolyards to find out how good the air is in their neighbourhoods and compared the results those from other schools and kindergartens.

Meat-free days were held in the school canteen, and picnics were organized to sample seasonal and raw vegetable dishes.

There were school exhibitions with drawings of the environment, and children made wind chimes from natural materials.

More bushes, plants, insect hotels, bird houses, compost bins were renewed or added to the schoolyards. Several institutions also celebrated the Composting Day and of course tree hugging in the schoolyards was practiced.

Other schools participated at the Car Free Day and some started a "Kidical Mass" on bikes – even with toddlers!

As part of the campaign in 2022, students could also write climate messages on postcards for the participants of the UN Climate Summit. Those were handed over to the Hungarian delegation to offer them at their events at COP27.

Magyarország

Mozdulj a klímáért! 2022

2022-ben 112 iskola és óvoda 22 017 diákja és 2 210 tanára vett részt a kampányban, ahol összesen 358 228 zöld mérőöldet gyűjtöttek össze és küldhettek el a COP27 találkozóra.

Idén minden eddigieknél több csatlakozót vonzott a Magyarországi Éghajlatvédelmi Szövetség és a Reflex Környezetvédő Egyesület „Mozdulj a klímáért!” kampánya. A környezettudatos utazásokon túl ismét számos érdekes feladat közül választhattak a résztvevők.

A 2022-es kampány témája a tiszta levegő volt, több feladat is ezt a kérdéskört dolgozta fel. A gyerekek több helyen is ültettek fákat, összesen 414 csemetével lettek gazdagabbak az intézményi udvarok. Készültek rajzos üzenetek az embereket segítő hős fáknak, és arra is volt lehetőség, hogy az oktatási intézmények udvarán elhelyezett levegőminőség-mérő készülékekkel figyelemmel kísérjék a környék levegőtisztaságát és összehasonlíthatják más iskolák, óvodák adataival.



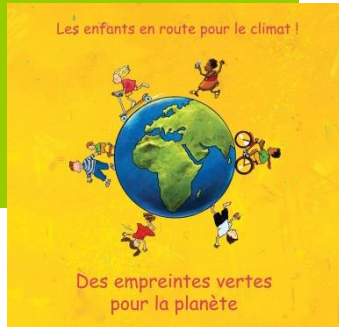
Photos: Sárospataki Feladatújs Kollégium Gimnáziuma

A menzán húsmentes napokat tartottak, és piknik keretében szezonális és nyers zöldségekből közösen készített ételeket kóstoltak. Környezetvédelmi témájú iskolai kiállítások, rajzok születtek, a gyerekek szélcsengőket alkottak természetes anyagokból és újabb bokrok, növények, rovarhotelek, madárodúk, komposztálók újultak meg vagy kerültek az iskolaudvarokba. Volt kerékpártúra és ovis motoremelés is a Critical Mass mintájára és persze faölelés is.

Több intézmény olyan neves naphoz is kapcsolódott, mint az Autómentes Nap vagy a Komposztálás Ünnepe.

A kampány részeként 2022-ben a diákok képeslapon klímaüzeneteket is megfogalmazhattak a nemzetközi klímakonferencia résztvevőinek, ezeket a magyar küldöttség vitte magával COP27 eseményre.

France



819 children from 2 schools collected 5,771 Empreintes Vertes /Green Footprints

As a brand new member of Climate Alliance, the city of Strasbourg did not want to miss its chance to be the first French municipality to coordinate the Kids for Climate campaign for the educational institutions in its city.

So they adapted some of the campaign materials to their circumstances and distributed them to the school.

The information material for parents, for example, outlines the benefits for children of participating in the campaign. In addition to learning climate-friendly behavior, these include better safety skills in dealing with traffic, strengthening the sense of community and responsibility, as well as health benefits achieved by more exercise.

Two schools were involved in this first year: At École de la Niederau, 363 children from 15 classes were hard at work and collected 3073 empreintes vertes during their activity week.



Photo: École de la Niederau



The Ecole Jacques Sturm élémentaire was involved with 456 children in 17 classes and with its action week they contributed 2698 empreintes vertes/ green footprints. During our conference within the project 'TANDEM - Franco-German exchange for local sustainable transition' they were awarded with a certificate for this in Strasbourg at the end of October.



Photo: Climate Alliance



Italy



3,573 little Italian climate protectors together collected 112,336 Miglia Verde / Klimaschritte.

In 2022, **South Tyrol** once again was collecting climate steps as part of the European Mobility Week in order to mobilize even more parents and children to come to school without a car in the long term.

This year, a total of **43 schools** with **3,502 students** in 258 classes signed up to take part in the two weeks of action. With the support of their parents they collected 96,166 Klimaschritte (Climate Steps) - what an impressive amount!



Andiamo a scuola insieme con gli amici

The Bimbibus in **Formigine** operated also in the school year 2021/2022 with 4 active lines from Monday to Friday.

So in 2022 the children collect Miglia Verde for a total of 165 days:

- from the beginning of January to June (excluding Easter week): 100 days
- from September to December: 65 days

The 49 students who walk to the Carducci, Ferrari and Palmieri schools with the green bimbibus and to the Palmieri school with the red bimbibus, accompanied by 22 volunteers, thus collect a total of 16,170 green footprints with their car-free way to school - thank you for this sustainable commitment!

Every year the project is presented to the school teachers who introduce it to the classes. Also flyers are distributed in the school's neighbourhoods.

After the Corona breakdown, the number of children and volunteers slightly dropped, so they made a promotional video – "Riparte il BIMBIBUS" - to find more volunteers and in order to sensitize families on the importance of walking to school.

Netherlands



In 2022 children from 70 schools took part and together collected a total of **98,966 Groene Voetstappen / Green Footprints**

In the Netherlands the Green Footprints Campaign is coordinated by Vereniging GDO, the network of local centers for sustainability and Klimaatverbond Nederland.

During their week of the Groene Voetstappen/ Green Footsteps week, from 19 to 23 September, over 15,000 children from all over the country walked and rode their bicycles or skateboards on way to school..

In doing so, they not only drew attention to issues of road safety but also on those of sustainable mobility by having a look at the traffic around the school and its direct as well as long term impact on the environment.

In the municipality of Nijmegen, the participating schools went one step further: in addition to collecting Green Footsteps, the children also tried to live as sustainably as possible throughout their activity week.

So they made sure that also at home not needed lights were turned off more often. And they tried to eat no meat during that week.

Quite some kids were pretty much surprised that it was not at all as difficult as they thought it would be in the beginning!



Photo: Klimaatverbond



Photo: Klimaatverbond



Photos: Klimaatverbond



Nederland

**15.312 kinderen samen verzamelden
98.966 Groene Voetstappen**

In 2022 deden 15312 kinderen verspreid over 70 basisscholen mee aan Groene Voetstappen. Samen verzamelden zij 98.966 Groene Voetstappen.

In Nederland wordt de Groene Voetstappen-campagne georganiseerd door Vereniging GDO, het netwerk van lokale natuur- en duurzaamheidscentra en Klimaatverbond Nederland.

Tijdens de Groene Voetstappen week, van 19 tot en met 23 september, gingen kinderen uit het hele land lopend, fietsend, steppend en skatend naar school.

Hiermee vroegen ze aandacht voor duurzame mobiliteit, verkeersveiligheid en gezondheid.

In de Gemeente Nijmegen gingen de scholen nog een stapje verder. Naast het verzamelen van de Groene Voetstappen hebben de kinderen de hele week duurzaam geleefd en werd er thuis vaker het licht uitgedaan en werd er zonder vlees gegeten. Veel kinderen hebben ontdekt dat het minder moeilijk is dan gedacht.



Photo: Klimaatverbond – Handover of Green Footprints to Elderman Cilia Daemen, Gemeente Nijmegen

North Macedonia



Photo: Karplos

101 pupils from 2 schools collected 1,020 Зелени Стапалчиња / Green Footprints

2022 pupils of the Jan Amos Komenski School in Karplos participated for the seventh time already. The fifth graders created own posters to document their environmentally friendly journeys with little foot and bicycle symbols. And together collected 760 Зелени Стапалчиња.

Throughout their Climate Action week, they held art and literature workshops and recorded their wishes and ideas on reducing air pollution and energy consumption in the form of drawings, poems, environmental slogans and messages.

In addition, they wrote an article entitled "When I am mayor, I will encourage my citizens to use renewable transport".



Photos: Bitola



2022 the OU Todor Angelevski School in Bitola participated in the Green Footprint Campaign for the first time.

As part of their 'Week of Movement', the pupils were encouraged to join the school's cycling club and cycle to and from school on their bikes. In addition, a 40-minute bicycle tour was attempted every other day.

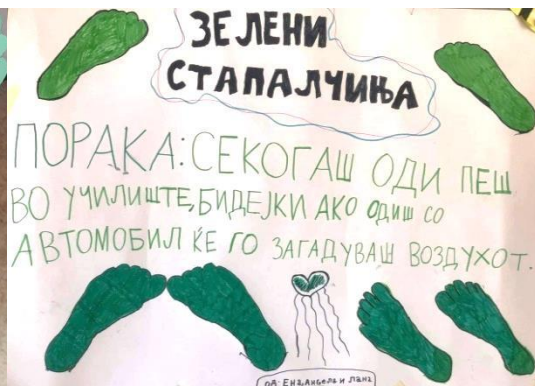
In total, the 20 students collected 260 Green Footprints in one week.

Always walk to school – with the car you just pollute the air

Practice walking – there is no spare planet

Commute by foot or train and we can save lots of energy

To avoid pollution walk whenever you can



Photos: showing Wishprints from Karplos, - translation see green box

Sweden



Logo: trafik kalendern

34,397 children in 291 schools from all over Sweden gathered together
300,340 Resepoäng

The Swedish participants of the campaign "Ga och cycla till Skolan/Walk and bike to school" joined us again!

The campaign, organized by Trafik Kalendern, wants to inspire pupils, parents and teachers to travel in a smarter and healthier way – simply by walking, cycling and public transport.

The goal is to create a greater road safety in the immediate vicinity of children ("för bättre trafiksäkerhet i barnens närmiljö") and to contribute to a better environment, too.

During any two weeks in September and October, the participating schools gather as many *respoäng* (travel points, divided into "Gröna e Orange Prickar") as possible by using climate-friendly means of transportation in everyday life

Every year, the activity involves pupils and teachers in grades F-6. As they could submit their results until 7. November we didn't have their final number when the Climate Conference started. But up to here they already achieved an impressive result!

Besides collecting 'gröna e orange Prickar' some schools could compete with other schools in a municipal competition to win a local prize. The winners are awarded with prize money for the school.



Kids on the Move for Climate Action in 2023

2023 will be a special year for the Green Footprints Campaign as it started running all over Europe in 2003 - But will there be really something to celebrate?

2015, at the UN Climate Conference in Paris, the countries agreed to limiting temperature rise to no more than 2°C and ideally no more than 1.5°C. The Glasgow Climate Pact 2019 promised not only resilience to climate change and to curb greenhouse gas emissions but also to provide the necessary financing for both. It was agreed on to reduce the gap between emission reduction plans and what is really required for limiting to 1.5°C. But what happened since then?

We hope that all COP 27 Delegates have in mind what Executive Secretary Simon Stiell stated as the very clear goal on Twitter just right before the conference:

"We must make the shift from negotiation to action. Delaying Climate Action is simply not an option."

But no matter what happens in Sharm El Sheikh this year –
The Kids will be on the Move for a better climate again and again!

So join us in 2023 and collect Green Footprints in your school, kindergarten or day care centre

Actively explore everyday paths in a fun way; complete trips quietly on foot or zoom along by scooter, embark on a journey around our One World, learn about how children from across the globe get to school – the **ZOOM – Kids on the Move!** campaign offers all this and much more.

Every journey covered in a climate-friendly manner – on foot, by scooter or bike, bus or train – counts as a Green Footprint during the campaign week. You are free to decide when to begin.

Collecting Green Footprints allows the children to reflect on the subjects of climate change, mobility and sustainability in a playful way while making their own **contributions to global climate protection**.



The campaign modules and materials provide concrete ideas for planning and implementing mobility weeks. These can be complemented with activities from the blocks on "climate-friendly food", "saving energy" and the "fair and climate-smart procurement of art and school supplies" to collect additional red and blue footprints. Get involved and collect Green Footprints together with other children's facilities in your town, city or municipality! Request support from national and international partners (the materials are available in several languages).



Kindermeilen-Kampagne

since 2002

ZOOM - Kids on the Move

since 2003

Year	Children	Countries	Green Footprints
2002	30,000	1	141,472
2003	80,000	18	544,008
2004	47,000	3	331,400
2005	33,800	3	801,500
2006	100,000	9	743,041
2007	128,000	17	1,457,039
2008	115,000	11	1,546,834
2009	187,100	13	2,861,264
2010	159,500	10	2,660,251
2011	201,100	25	2,710,340
2012	160,000	12	2,447,900
2013	163,000	13	2,177,902
2014	180,000	11	2,218,867
2015	186,800	13	2,249,609
2016	175,000	10	1,741,200
2017	205,600	10	2,325,161
2018	150,300	9	2,272,041
2019	217,800	13	3,254,649
2020	146,000	6	2,313,645
2021	207,800	9	2,967,976
2022	236,281	8	3,019,901
	3,109,981	41	40,786,000



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New Zealand
Netherlands
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Poland

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Samoa
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Tanzania
Thailand
Turkey
Ukraine

Kids on the Move for Climate Action 2022

The Green Footprints Campaign on sustainable mobility and the climate for kindergarten and primary school children is running since 2002.

Over 3 million children in 41 countries joined in and, by using climate-friendly means of transport for their daily journeys, collected their

Green Footprints, Grüne Meilen, Klimameilen, Groene Voetstappen, Miglia Verdi, Gréng Meilen, Зелени Стапалчиња, Roheline Jalajäljed, Vihreät jalanjäljet, Zöld Mérföldet, Zielonych Stóp, Klimaschritte, Grön Footprints, зеленых следа, Empreintes Vertes...

With their Green Footprints, the children go on a “Joint Climate Voyage” around the world. This symbolic journey always starts at the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, Germany. Travelling once around the world, it then ends at the annual UN Climate Conference where the children’s Green Footprints, wishes and concerns are presented to the participants and decision makers.

The Green Footprint Kids from all over Europe very much hope that the adults at the UN Climate Conference don’t let them down! They call upon them to take a lot more concrete and creative steps on the global fight against climate change!

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Climate Alliance

For over 30 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples for the benefit of the global climate. With nearly 2,000 members spread across more than 25 European countries, Climate Alliance is Europe's largest city network dedicated to comprehensive and equitable climate action. Each member city, town and district has committed itself to continually cut greenhouse gas emissions, aiming for a 95% reduction by 2050 (compared to 1990 levels) in line with IPCC recommendations. Recognizing the impact our lifestyles can have on the world's most vulnerable people and places, Climate Alliance pairs local action with global responsibility.
www.climatealliance.org

A Climate Alliance campaign, only made possible with the support of many partners across Europe