

2025



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Green Footprints Campaign

Kids on the Move for the Climate



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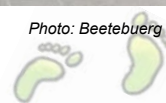


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This report only gives a glimpse on the activities in 2025
Further information at www.zoom-kidsforclimate.eu



Kids on the Move for Climate Action 2025

Children in 11 countries joined forces again to take action for our climate.

Kids from Austria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates are leading the way this year in climate action!

They're earning "Green Footprints" by choosing climate-friendly means of transport for their everyday journeys to school or kindergarten, eating local and organic food, and saving energy. These young people understand something vital: it's not just about convincing politicians at the UN climate summit, it's about every adult, everywhere, stepping up.

They're calling on all of us to turn priorities into real action, not just words. The stakes are high. We have to strengthen the rules now, if we don't want our children to pay the price for it, later.

Corrêa do Lago, President of COP30, says:

"Children are part of the solution and stand with us in this collective effort. It is up to us, global leaders, to honor that trust by turning their words into concrete commitments capable of ensuring climate ambition and hope for generations to come."

So let's make this moment count. We want you to see, that young people aren't just our future, they're already leading the way – let them be our role models.

Together **248.343** children
in **11** countries collected
3, 937, 574
Green Footprints

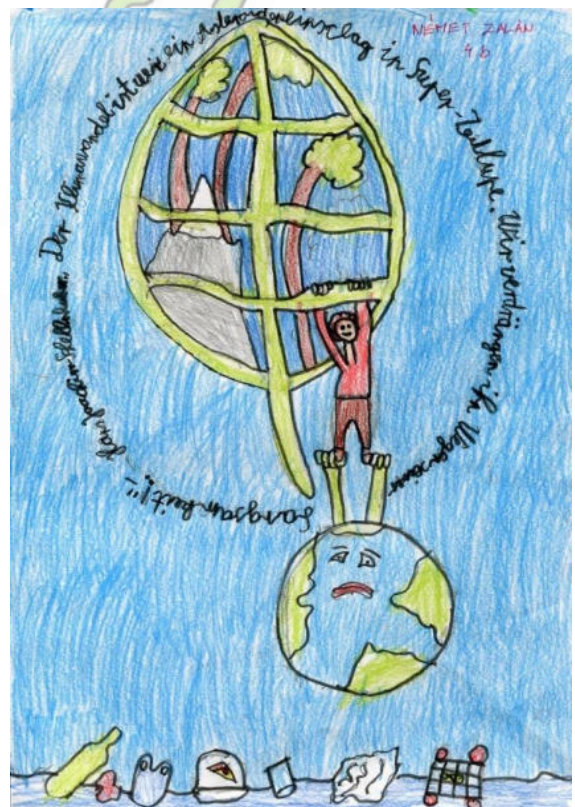
**The children are raising their voices
for the planet!**

Concerned about the state of our global climate, they send their heartfelt *Wishprints*, full of ideas and demands to the participants of the UN Climate Change Conference.

Their message is clear:

We expect leaders everywhere to give their best and take bold, immediate steps to protect our planet's future.

*It doesn't matter where you come from,
what matters is that you **act now**.*



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This collage, crafted from a diverse range of materials, captures the creative ways children approach climate action.



Children's Wishes and Demands

Germany

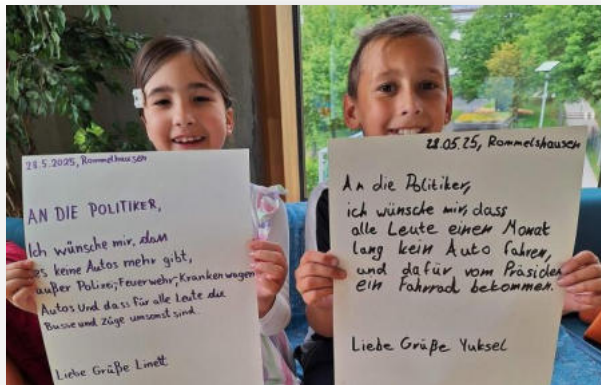
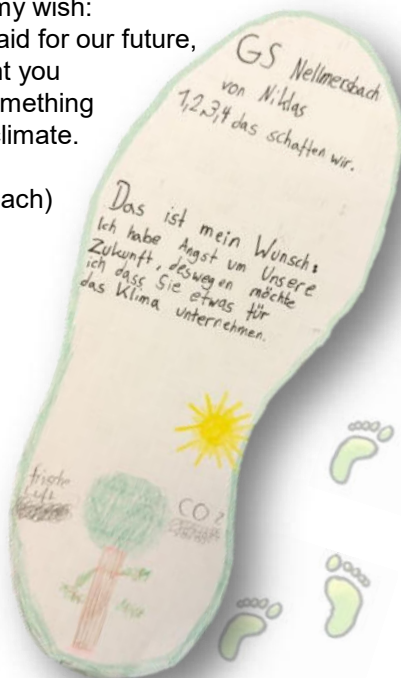


Photo Rommelshausen

To the Politicians,
I wish there were no
more cars except for
police, fire fighters,
and ambulances.

(from Rommelshausen)

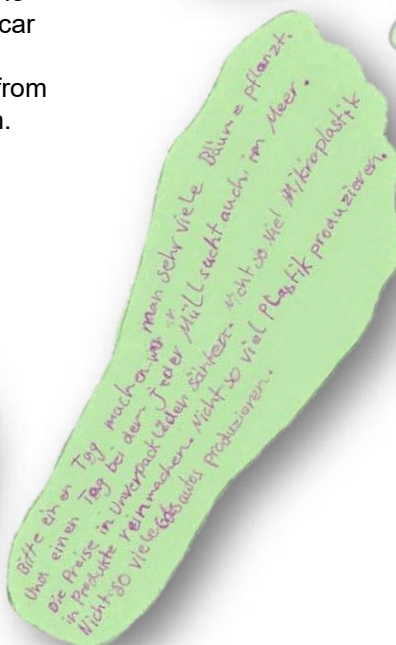
This is my wish:
I am afraid for our future,
so I want you
to do something
for the climate.
(from
Leutenbach)



To the Politicians,
I wish that everyone
would not drive a car
for a month and
receive a bicycle from
president in return.



1,2,3,4
we can do it!
Climate Protection
is good,
it gives us hope!
(from Leutenbach)



Please make one day
where people plant lots of
trees. And one day where
everyone looks for trash,
also in the sea. Strengthen
prices in zero-waste
stores. Don't put so much
microplastic in products.
Don't produce so much
plastic.
(from Bredenbek)

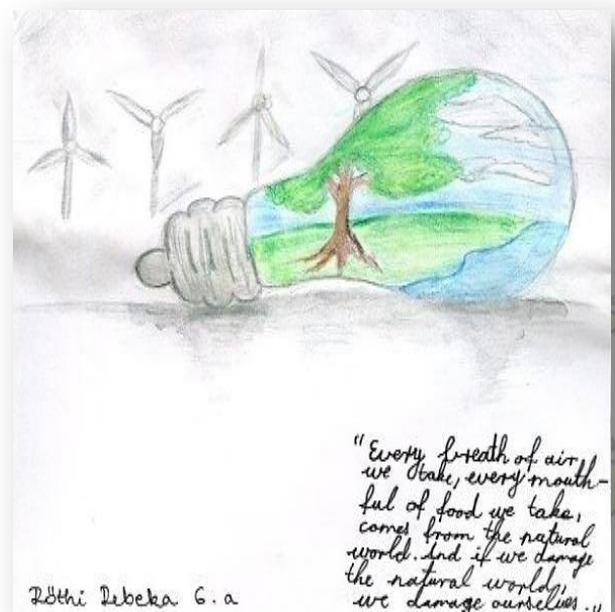
Stop pollution
and climate killers
(from Mainz)



Hungary



If we hurt nature, we also hurt us.



Reports from teachers and coordinators

Austria

"It was a great project. The children gained a lot of insight into the topics mobility and climate protection. We will continue to focus on climate throughout the year. The children were very enthusiastic about collecting Green Footprints. They motivated their parents to come to kindergarten in an environmental-friendly way, even in bad weather, and overall, many more environmental-friendly journeys were made."

kindergarten teacher from Hochgallmigg

"We want to work together to protect our home, the Earth. Every morning, children who walked, cycled or took the bus to school put a sticker on the poster. This allowed us to create a thick 'protective layer' around our Earth. The poster we created together is now hanging in the lobby of our school."

teacher, Primary School Großharras

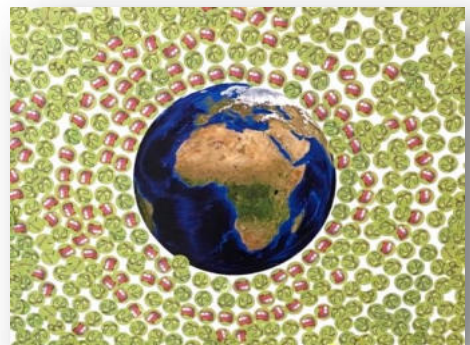


Photo: Großharras Primary School

Germany

“The week was very productive, and both the children and their parents provided us with a great deal of positive feedback.”

teacher Grundschule Ost, Markkleeberg

“Our daycare center has participated every year and we are planning to do another Climate Week next year for sure.”

kindergarten teacher Kita Christiansfelde, Bad Segeberg

“We are excited to see where this journey will take us and would like to thank you very much for the inspiration and the opportunity to be part of this meaningful initiative.”

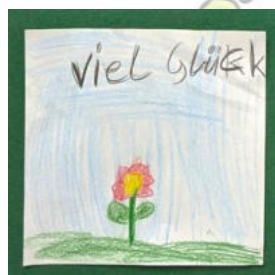
kindergarten teacher Kita Hollerbusch, Unterschleißheim

“Even though climate protection is currently being pushed into the background, the schools and kindergartens look forward to participating in the Green Footprints program every year”

Climate Protection Officer, City of Schwabach

“At some schools, the campaign has become a permanent fixture in school life, and we are delighted to also have several schools taken part for the first time this year. Feedback from all involved has been overwhelmingly positive, and there is a noticeable increase in awareness among children and adults about the need to protect the climate

Consultant for mobility and traffic education, District of Pinneberg



Wishes: Bühlberg



Poland

“We are still seeing healthy snacks being eaten during breaks and time being spent actively together – for example, cycling. It also seems that riding the school bus is more fun than sitting alone with mum in the car. So small steps can really make a difference in your environment.”

teacher from Wydmyny

Austria



“We school teachers accompanied the children, which was especially enjoyable for both the children and us.”

Lehrerin, Volksschule Stattegg

“Some children who were regularly driven to school by car started walking or cycling more during this period. The campaign motivated the children.”

teacher, VS Großgmain

32,635 children from 266 kindergartens and schools collected in 2025
544,280 Klimameilen / Green Footprints

In Austria, it is a tradition to nominate the champion of the summer. So in 2025 the students of the **Volksschule Gerersdorf** (Burgenland) were announced the **Klimameilen-Sommersieger**. Over the course of one single week the school's 29 pupils collected an impressive 400 Klimameilen (Green Footprints) by choosing climate-friendly ways to travel to school.

This achievement from a small primary school underlines the Klimameilen campaign's core message: simple everyday choices add up and young people can lead the way.

The children and their teachers were honoured at an awards event in Vienna where Federal Minister Peter Hanke and Elke Kastner, Executive Director

of Climate Alliance/ Klimabündnis Österreich, presented the school with a **certificate** and a **trophy**. The Sommersieger were also invited to visit the zoo Tiergarten Schönbrunn as part of their prize.

Another tradition is to award last year's overall **Klimameilen Champion** with a special reward: the fun performances of the **climate clown**.

So this is why in February 2025 the **Primary School Schörfling** in Upper Austria, where the 111 pupils collected amazing 1,721 Klimameilen in just one week, was personally visited by Clown Dudu as well Norbert Rainer, Managing Director of Klimabündnis Oberösterreich, and presented them with a trophy and a certificate.



Honoring 2025 summer winner Gerersdorf Primary School; Photo: BMIMI/Holzinger

Österreich

2025 sammelten 32.635 Kinder aus 266 Kindergärten und Schulen ganze 544.280 Klimameilen!

Die Schüler:innen der **Volksschule Gerersdorf** (Burgenland) wurden als **Sommersieger der österreichweiten Klimameilen-Kampagne 2025** ausgezeichnet. Innerhalb einer Woche sammelten die 29 Schüler:innen beeindruckende 400 Klimameilen, indem sie ihren Schulweg klimafreundlich zurücklegten.

Als Belohnung für ihren Sammeleifer wurden die Schüler:innen und Lehrkräfte der Volksschule Gerersdorf im Rahmen einer Auszeichnungsveranstaltung in Wien von Bundesminister Peter Hanke und Klimabündnis-Geschäftsführerin Elke Kastner persönlich mit einer Urkunde und einem Pokal ausgezeichnet.

Außerdem erhielten die Schüler:innen eine Einladung in den **Tiergarten Schönbrunn**. Die Schüler:innen selbst brachten ein Gedicht mit. Diese großartige Leistung einer kleinen Volksschule zeigt eindrucksvoll die zentrale Botschaft der Klimameilen-Kampagne: Jede alltägliche Entscheidung zählt – und junge Menschen können den Weg in eine klimafreundlichere Zukunft weisen.



Foto: Volksschule Pitten



Klima-Clown Dudu auf Besuch bei den Klimameilen-Gesamtsiegern 2024;
Foto: Volksschule Schörfling

Die **Volksschule Schörfling** aus Oberösterreich sammelte mit 111 Schüler:innen innerhalb einer Woche 1.721 Klimameilen und ging damit als **Klimameilen-Gesamtsieger 2024** hervor. Die Schule wurde vor Ort von Norbert Rainer, Geschäftsführer Klimabündnis Oberösterreich, persönlich mit einem Pokal und einer Urkunde ausgezeichnet und erhielt als Preis zwei Aufführungen des **Kilma-Clowns Dudu**.



Photo: VS Gerersdorf bei Güssing

“Die Lehrer:nnen der Schule sind mit den Kindern gegangen und das war besonders schön für die Kinder und auch für uns.“

Lehrerin, Volksschule Stattegg

“Einige Kinder, die regelmäßig mit dem Auto gebracht wurden, sind in der Zeit mehr zu Fuß gegangen oder mit dem Rad gefahren. Die Kampagne hat die Kinder motiviert.“

Lehrerin, VS Großgmain

Germany

Photo:
Kaltenkirchen



The children at the DRK kindergarten in **Hilter** worked together to create a poster showing others how easy it is to act in a climate-friendly manner.

And at the Gutenberg Schule in **Meppen** the class with the most footprints was awarded a large bowl of regional strawberries during the school assembly.

Two car parking spaces were removed at a nursery in **Rees** to have enough space for all the children's climate-friendly vehicles.

The children realised that adults also need to take concrete action and wrote their **wishes to politicians**, such as: *"I want more tour buses so that lots of people can go on holiday together"* and *"Don't cut down trees"* as well as *"Make laws to protect the oceans"* or *"Produce more energy-efficient appliances"*.

140,055 children together collected
2,227,712 Grüne Meilen / Green Footprints

In 2025, more than **830 institutions** across **over 220 German municipalities** took part, and they collectively collected even more Green Footprints than the year before.

In addition to green footprints for journeys on foot, by scooter, bicycle or public transport, there were also plenty of red ones for **regional and seasonal food**. And still the number of blue footprints for **energy-saving actions** increases.

Schools and daycare centres have implemented many great actions in and with their communities (also see Results 2025 on website). Here a few examples:

To ensure that children can safely walk to school, the municipality of **Allensbach** asked residents to always remove their rubbish bins immediately after being emptied by the rubbish collection.

The Waldschule **Lohmar** school was visited by a team of volunteers who explained them all about climate justice and the Fairtrade label.



Photo: Allensbach



Photo: Markkleeberg

Die Woche war sehr ereignisreich und sowohl die Kinder als auch die Eltern haben uns sehr viele positive Rückmeldungen gegeben.

Grundschule Ost, Markkleeberg

„Unsere Einrichtung ist in der Vergangenheit jedes Jahr mit dabei gewesen.

Wir planen auch für das nächste Jahr eine Klimawoche fest ein,,

Kita Christiansfelde, Bad Segeberg.



Photo: Meppen



Photo: Rees

Deutschland

140.055 Kinder sammelten
2.227.712 Grüne Meilen für COP 30

2025 waren Kinder aus mehr als 830 Einrichtungen in rund 220 deutschen Kommunen angemeldet.

Neben grünen Meilen für Wege **zu Fuß, mit Roller, Fahrrad oder mit dem ÖPNV**, gab es auch jede Menge rote Meilen **für regionales und saisonales Essen**. Aber auch die blauen **Energiespar-Meilen** waren wieder in großer Anzahl vertreten.

In so mancher Einrichtung wurde bewusst zugunsten des Klimas auf das **Sticker** sammeln verzichtet und die klimafreundlichen Aktionen stattdessen einfach mit Hilfe von **Stempeln, Strichlisten und Murmeln** dokumentiert.



Photo: Tübingen

Die Schulen und Kitas haben **mit und in ihren Kommunen** viele tolle Aktionen umgesetzt (siehe Webseite Ergebnisse 2025), hier einige Beispiele:

Damit die Kinder sicher zur Schule laufen können, wurde in **Allensbach** die Bevölkerung von der Gemeinde aufgefordert ihre Mülleimer immer direkt nach der Leerung wegzuräumen.

Die Kinder im DRK Kindergarten **Hilter** malten gemeinsam ein Plakat, mit dem sie allen zeigten, wie einfach es ist klimafreundlich zu handeln.

Die Waldschule **Lohmar** hatte Besuch von einem Team von Ehrenamtlichen, die ihnen alles rund ums Thema Klimagerechtigkeit und fairtrade-Siegel erklärten.

Und in der GS Gutenberg **Meppen** wurde die fleißigsten Meilensammler*innen während der Schulversammlung mit einer großen Schale regionaler Erdbeeren belohnt.

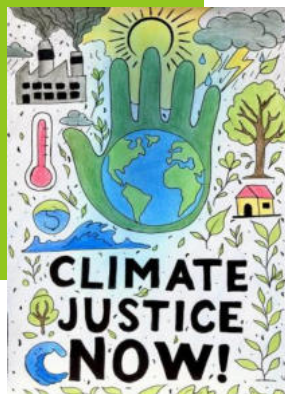
In einer Kita in **Rees** wurden extra zwei Parkplätze aufgelöst damit alle klimafreundlichen Fahrzeuge der Kinder Platz haben.

Die Kinder haben klar erkannt, dass es auch bei den Erwachsenen konkreten Handlungsbedarf gibt und fordern auf ihren **Wunschfüßen** an die Politiker*innen Dinge wie: *„Ich wünsche mir mehr Reisebusse damit viele Menschen zusammen in den Urlaub fahren“* und *„Keine Bäume fällen“* sowie *„Macht Gesetze, um das Meer zu schützen“* oder auch *„energiesparende Geräte produzieren“*.



Photo: Hilter

Hungary



All photos:
Green Footprints Campaign
Hungary



24,413 children and 2,319 teachers from 107 schools and kindergartens collected 438,142 Zöld Mérföld / Green Footprints

During Hungary's Action Week, schools took part in a variety of creative and climate-conscious activities under the theme **"Green New Imprint."**

Students and teachers worked together to reduce their ecological footprint through community actions such as **greening schoolyards**, organizing events on awareness, and promoting walking and cycling.

Recognizing the importance of car-free mobility for the kids and the environment, some schools organized **Bicibus lines** for their pupils being accompanied by parents and other volunteers.

Individuals and small groups created **artworks and messages on climate justice**, calling on leaders at countries with fair and sustainable policies.

Children also explored "green living" through fun hands-on projects, painting eco-pebbles, preparing drinks from local edible plants, and sharing their photos, drawings, and stories to inspire others.

The most creative schools and students will receive climate-friendly prizes.

Also an adventure camp is planned for 2026 to celebrate the kids efforts.



All photos and drawings: Green Footprints Campaign Hungary



Photos: Green Footprints Campaign Hungary

Magyarország

Mozdulj a klímáért! 2025

2025-ben 107 iskola és óvoda 24 413 diákja és 2 319 tanára vett részt a kampányban, ahol összesen **438 142 zöld mérföldet** gyűjtöttek össze. 2025. szeptember 1. és október 17. között.

A Magyarországi Éghajlatvédelmi Szövetség és a Reflex Környezetvédő Egyesület „**Mozdulj a klímáért!**” 2025 kampányában a feladatok idén az igazságosság és a Földünkön hagyott nyomunk köré épültek. A korábbi évek mintájára nemcsak gyerekek, de pedagógusok is csatlakozhattak a kampányhoz.

A környezettudatos utazásokon túl idén is számos érdekes feladat közül választhattak a résztvevők.

A felhívás a gyakorlati éghajlatvédelmi tevékenységek mellett figyelemfelkeltő akciók szervezését, és egyéni illetve közösségi alkotások készítését is lehetővé tette.

A közösségi feladatokat a résztvevő intézmények a „**Zöld új lenyomat - az intézmény ökológiai lábnyomának csökkentése**” gondolat alapján tervezhették és valósíthatták meg.

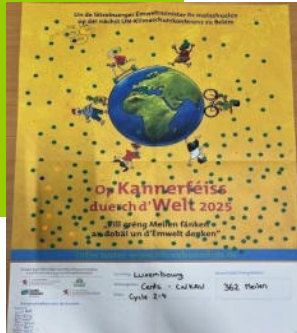
A kiscsoportos és egyéni feladatok között a közös gondolat alapján vártunk üzeneteket. A diákok javaslatokat fogalmazhattak meg a készülő új magyar klímatorvényhez. Kavicsra zárhatták, festhették az élővilágot. A húsmenetes étkezés jegyében idén olyan frissítőket, limonádákat vártunk, amelyhez kizárólag a környezetekben megtalálható növények részeit használták fel!



Photos: Green Footprints Campaign Hungary



Luxembourg



**2,226 children from 23 schools collected
60.112 Gréng Meilen/ Green footprints**

As part of our Europe-wide campaign aimed at promoting environmental awareness and sustainable mobility in everyday life, numerous municipalities in Luxembourg are once again actively participating in 2025. A wide range of educational institutions from **crèches** and **daycare centers** to **primary schools** joining forces again to contribute to climate protection through creative and meaningful actions.

In the municipality of **Mersch**, 220 students from **Krounebiereg School** also took on the role of "detectives on the road," observing and investigating road safety and mobility in their surroundings. As a result, each child collected an average of 25 Green Footprints or **Gréng Meilen**.



Photos: Mondrange



Photos: Beeteburg



The aim of the '**Detectives on the Road**' activity is to encourage children to **critically assess the safety of their daily routes** – whether to school, playgrounds, sports activities or other places in their town.

They check if their surroundings are pedestrian-friendly: Are there enough traffic signs and zebra crossings? Are the pavements wide or blocked by parked cars? Are there other obstacles that make walking independently difficult?

Based on their observations, the children can report the results to local authorities and **suggest improvements** how to make walking safer for everyone.

If you would like to know more about this action please visit our campaign website in the Materials section.

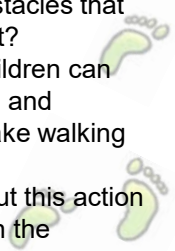




Photo: Waldbillig

Luxembourg

2.226 Kinder aus 23 Schulen sammelten 60.112 Gréng Meilen/ Grüne Meilen

Im Rahmen unserer europaweiten Kampagne zur Förderung von **Umwelt- und Klimabewusstsein** sowie nachhaltiger Mobilität im Alltag, beteiligen sich auch 2025 wieder zahlreiche Gemeinden in Luxemburg aktiv.

Verschiedenste Bildungseinrichtungen von der **Kinderkrippe** über die **Kita** bis zur **Grundschule** machten sich gemeinsam auf den Weg, um mit kreativen und relativ simplen Aktionen zum Schutz des Klimas beizutragen.

In der **Gemeinde Mersch** z.B. schlüpften dazu 220 Schüler und Schülerinnen der Krounebiërg-Schule in die Rolle von „Verkehrsdetektiven“ und beobachteten und untersuchten die **Mobilität und Verkehrssicherheit** in ihrer direkten Umgebung. Dadurch sammelte jedes Kind durchschnittlich 25 Grüne Meilen.



Photo: Steinfort

Ziel der Aktion „**Verkehrsdetektive**“ ist es, Kinder zu ermutigen, die **Sicherheit ihrer täglichen Wege** genauer zu betrachten und kritisch zu beurteilen – sei es der Weg zur Schule, zu Spielplätzen, zu sportlichen Aktivitäten, zum Einkauf oder zu sonstigen Orten in ihrer Stadt oder Gemeinde.

Sie überprüfen, ob ihre Umgebung wirklich fußgängerfreundlich ist: Gibt es ausreichend Verkehrsschilder und Zebrastreifen? Sind die Gehwege frei oder durch parkende Autos blockiert? Gibt es andere Hindernisse, die das selbständige Gehen erschweren oder unsicher machen?

Auf Grundlage ihrer Beobachtungen, können die Kinder ihre Erkenntnisse dann mit den Zuständigen in den Gemeinden vor Ort teilen und **Verbesserungen vorschlagen**, die das Zufußgehen für alle sicherer machen. Wer mehr zur Aktion wissen will, findet entsprechende Formulare und Fragebögen im Bereich „Materialien“ auf unserer Kampagnen-Website.



Photo: Sanem

Italy



Photo: Piacenza

7,962 little Italian climate protectors from 40 schools collected 94,351 Miglia Verdi/ Green footprints.

Formigine – Walking to School, One Green Footprint at a Time

Formigine's *Bimbibus* continues to shine as a model of everyday sustainability. In 2025, four active lines ran Monday to Friday for **162 school days**, helping children reach school safely and sustainably.

61 pupils from the Carducci, Ferrari, and Palmieri schools, accompanied by 36 dedicated volunteers, collected an impressive 14,823 Green Footprints through their daily walks.



Photos: Piacenza

Piacenza – Together for a Sustainable Future

With the active involvement of schools, families, and institutions, the city showed how small choices can make a big difference for our planet.

18,158 Green Footprints earned by 1,841 pupils from 13 primary schools (88 classes) through eco-friendly actions like walking or cycling to school and choosing sustainable transport.

Six “Pedibus” lines operated throughout the year, engaging 90 pupils and 47 volunteer “drivers” who walked a total of 10,275 km.

A 2 km **community walk**, coordinated by *Infoambiente*, gathered 2,724 participants and added further Footprints to the total.



Photo: Piacenza

Padova – Collecting Green Footprints for the Planet

As every year, Padova is proudly running its “*Raccogliamo Miglia Verdi*” (“Let’s Collect Green Footprints”) campaign throughout October, from **October 6 to 31, 2025**.

This year, **2,536 students** from **24 schools**, including 1,473 pupils from 14 primary schools and 1,063 students from 10 lower secondary schools are taking part, doing their best to earn as many *Miglia Verdi* as possible through sustainable travel and eco-friendly actions.

The campaign is still ongoing, and final results including estimated CO₂ savings will be shared once activities conclude. Regardless of the numbers, Padova’s young climate heroes are already making a big difference for our planet!

Netherlands



Groene Voetstappen 2025

In 2025 almost 1,500 children from 18 different primary schools took part in the campaign. Together they collected at least **8,772 Groene Voetstappen / Green Footprints**

Stepping into Sustainability, One Footprint at a Time - the *Groene Voetstappen* (Green Footprints) campaign once again encouraged children across the Netherlands to walk, cycle, or scooter their way to school and therefore to a more sustainable future. The first **edition of this year's Groene Voetstappenweeks** was held from **15.-19. September**, with enthusiastic participation from 18 primary schools, representing 54 classes and 1,458 pupils. Together, these young climate champions collected a total of 8,772 Green Footsteps during the action week, a strong start to this year's campaign, that is continued with a second climate activity week from 10.-14. November 2025, during **Dutch National Climate Week**.

Throughout the week, children not only changed their travel habits but also engaged in important conversations about **mobility, traffic safety, and sustainability**.

Since the launch in **2003**, the *Groene Voetstappen* has been organized by **Klimaatverbond Nederland**, with support from **GDO** (Gemeenten voor Duurzame Ontwikkeling). As part of the europewide *Green Footprints* initiative, it continues to inspire children to take action for a cleaner, greener future, proving that every footprint truly counts.



Image: Klimaatverbond and GDO

Classroom discussions in the Netherlands went beyond walking or cycling, students explored broader lifestyle changes such as **eating sustainably, reducing waste, saving energy, and reconnecting with nature** in their own neighbourhoods.

Alongside collecting **Groene Voetstappen (Green Footprints)**, pupils could also earn **Gouden Voetstappen (Golden Footsteps)** by taking extra sustainable actions like choosing plant-based meals, saving water, wearing second-hand clothes, recycling waste, caring for green schoolyards, and using public transport. These golden steps extend the campaign's impact far beyond the classroom.

“Teachers guided pupils in exploring questions such as:

How do you get to school, what's the safest route?

Which transport choices are more sustainable and why?

What can you do beyond mobility to help the planet?”

Teacher Elementary School

North Macedonia



Photos: Jan Amos Komenski

Key activities

- **Eco Detectives** - noting dangerous crossings, missing sidewalks and traffic hazards on their routes to school
- **Green Clothing Day** - simple but powerful visual aid, helped unite students and drew attention to the campaign in the school and local community
- **Essay: ,Imaging Cities Without Cars** - student wrote creative essays describing their ideal city with clean air, quiet streets, more green spaces, and safe paths for walking and cycling.
- **Guerrilla Action:** students gave little notes and flyers with thought-provoking slogans to drivers

103 children in a school collected

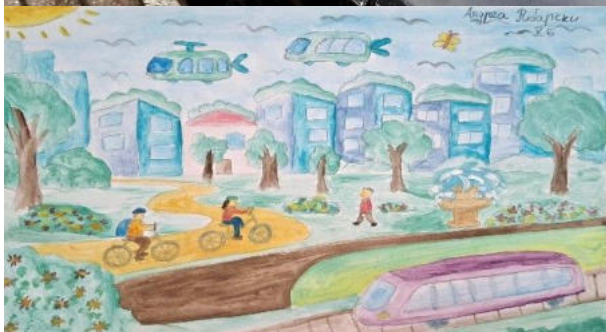
7,413 елени Стапалчиња /
Green Footprints

From **5 to 10 October 2025** the 103 fifth-grade students from Primary School 'Jan Amos Komenski' organized into four working groups, took part in the *Green Footprint* campaign to promote **sustainable habits**, reduce car use and **raise awareness** of eco-friendly transport.

In creative actions they draw their ideal cities, surveyed routes to school and reminded car drivers on environmental friendly behaviours.

Over the activity week the class collected

741 Green Footprints.



Photos: Jan Amos Komenski

- **Секој издувен гас е облак за нашите бели дробови!**
Every puff of smoke is a cloud for our lungs!
- **Еден велосипед = еден чист здив!**
One bicycle = one clean breath!
- **Дали ти треба кола за 500 метри?**
Do you really need a car for 500 meters?



Северна Македонија

103 ученици од 5 одделение од ООУ „Јан Амос Коменски“ Скопје - Карпош собраа
741 Зелени стапалчиња

Во периодот од 5 до 10 октомври 2025 година (активностите се реализираа во текот на пет училишни дена), 103 ученици од петто одделение од Основното училиште „Јан Амос Коменски“- Скопје, Карпош,, учествуваа во кампањата „Зелени Стапалчиња“ со цел промовирање на одржливи навики, намалување на користењето автомобили и подигање на свеста за еколошки начини на транспорт. Во текот на неделата на активностите, учениците собраа вкупно 741 Зелени Стапалчиња. Во текот на неделата на активностите, учениците реализираа неколку акции, кои вклучуваа:

- **Еко Детективи**

Учениците ја презедоа улогата на еколошки истражувачи, идентификувајќи и документаирајќи критични точки по нивните секојдневни рути од дома до училиште.

- **Ден на зелената облека.** Овој едноставен, но силен визуелен чин помогна да се обединат учесниците и да се привлече вниманието на кампањата во училиштето и локалната заедница.

- **„Мојот имагинарен град без автомобили“**
Секој ученик напиша креативен состав во кој го опишува замислениот град без автомобили. Трудовите се фокусираа на почист воздух, потивки улици, повеќе зелени површини и побезбедни патишта за пешачење и возење велосипед.



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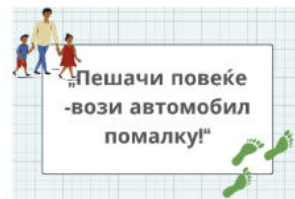
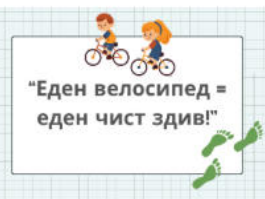
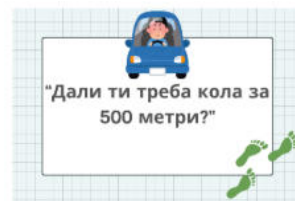
- **Герила акција: Пораки до возачите**

Во една од највлијателните активности од неделата, учениците подготвија провокативни еколошки пораки и ги дистрибуираа до возачите во близина на училиштето. Тие поставуваа белешки на шофершајбните и делеа летоци на мотористите, поттикнувајќи размислување за секојдневната употреба на автомобилите.

Овие пораки беа осмислени да поттикнат размислување и да охрабрат поодговорен избор на транспорт меѓу родителите и другите возачи.



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Sweden

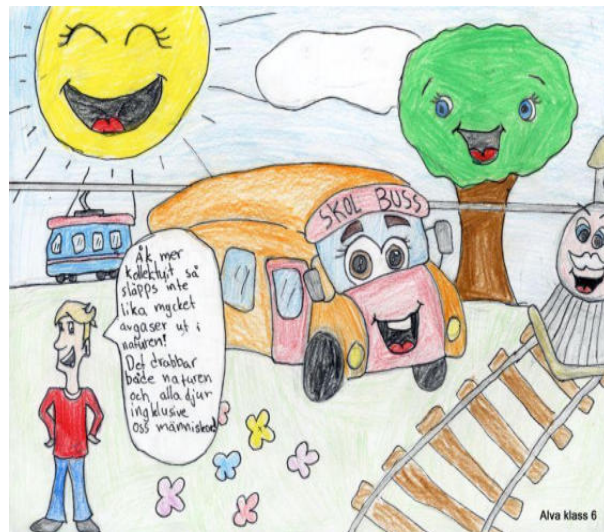


Logo: trafik kalendern

More than 38.012 children in 254 schools were involved and collected the least 532,000 Resepoäng /Green Footprints

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

The campaign engages pupils in the **Years F–6 (ages 6–12)** across the country, turning everyday trips into collective climate action. Each year, Trafikkalendern awards **national prizes** to the schools and classes with the best results, while many municipalities celebrate their **local champions** with special recognitions.



Use public transport more so that there is less pollution in nature! Pollution harms both nature and all animals, including us humans!

Every year, pupils across Sweden set an inspiring example through the “**Gå & Cykla till skolan**” (Walk and Bike to School) campaign, organized by **Trafikkalendern**. The initiative motivates children, parents, and teachers to travel to and from school in smarter, healthier, and more sustainable ways by walking, cycling, or taking public transport.

At its heart, the campaign promotes two essential goals:

- **Improving road safety** around schools and neighbourhoods.
- **Protecting the environment** by reducing car traffic and emissions.

During any **two-week period in September or October**, participating schools compete to earn as many points as possible for every climate-friendly journey. The activity not only reduces CO₂ emissions but also helps children develop lifelong habits of **sustainable mobility** and **responsibility** toward the planet.

Sweden

Mer än 38 012 barn i 254 skolor deltog och samlade in 532,168 Resepoäng

Kampanjen engagerar elever i årskurs F–6 (6–12 år) över hela landet och förvandlar vardagliga resor till kollektiva klimatåtgärder.

Varje år delar **Trafikkalendern** ut nationella priser till de skolor och klasser som uppnått bäst resultat, medan många kommuner hyllar sina lokala mästare med särskilda utmärkelser.

Med varje steg och varje tramstag. Nedan finns barnens teckningar med förklaringar av bilderna från barnen själva.



Use public transport! It's better for the environment, and animals and insects are happier because we pollute less when we travel together. This means that our fruit and vegetables grow better. Buses, trains, and boats are examples of public transport.



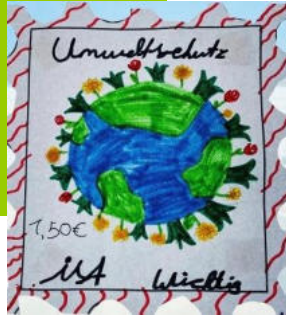
"Thanks for thinking of us"



I like cycling. It's important to wear a helmet.



United Arab Emirates



340 children from one school collected 16,235 Grüne Meilen / Green Footprints

In October, the German International School Dubai (DISD) focused on **climate protection** and the environment. In a large exhibition with **project posters**, and **artworks** created in class, the students showed in many ways how important it is to protect our environment.

In science and art lessons, the children explored **environmental protection** and plastic consumption. Using collected waste and creative displays, they sent clear **messages against pollution**.

Some classes learned how long it takes for trash to decompose in nature and thought about ways to produce **less waste** in everyday life.



Even math lessons focused on sustainability: students calculated energy and water use, visualized electricity consumption, and discovered the **concept of “virtual water.”**

In language and art, they wrote environmental **poems**, created awareness-raising artworks, and designed **eco-stamps** and letters for a greener future.

At the **Green Footprints Awards**, all projects were honored. Students received certificates for their climate-friendly actions, with Class 2d leading the way by collecting **1,935 Green Footprints** and earning eco-friendly tote bags and lunch boxes

“The environmental weeks were once again a great success! Everyone showed that even small steps can make a big difference, at DISD and at home.”



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Vereinigte Arabische Emirate

**340 Grundschul Kinder sammelten
16,235 Grüne Meilen / Green Footprints**

Im Oktober dieses Jahres widmete sich die Deutsche Internationale Schule Dubai (DISD) dem Thema **Umwelt- und Klimaschutz**. Die Schüler und Schülerinnen zeigten auf vielfältige Weise, wie wichtig es ist, unsere Umwelt zu schützen. Im Foyer der Schule gab es eine große Ausstellung mit Projekten, Plakaten und Kunstwerken, die im Unterricht entstanden sind.

Im Naturwissenschafts- und Kunstunterricht beschäftigten sich die Kinder mit Umweltschutz und Plastikverbrauch. Mit gesammeltem Müll und kreativen Darstellungen setzten sie ein klares **Zeichen gegen Umweltverschmutzung**.

Einige Klassen lernten, wie lange es dauert, bis Müll in der Natur zerfällt, und überlegten sich Möglichkeiten, wie man im Alltag weniger Abfall produzieren kann.



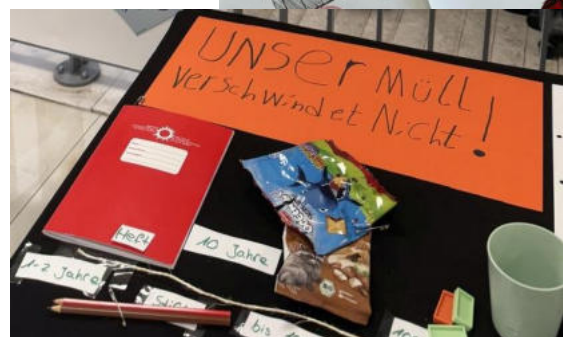
„Die Umweltwochen waren wieder einmal ein großer Erfolg! Alle haben gezeigt, dass schon kleine Schritte einen großen Unterschied machen können, sowohl in der Schule als auch zu Hause.“



Selbst im Matheunterricht lag der Schwerpunkt auf Nachhaltigkeit: Die Kinder berechneten den Energie- und Wasserverbrauch, visualisierten den Stromverbrauch und lernten das Konzept des „**virtuellen Wassers**“ kennen.

Im Sprach- und Kunstunterricht schrieben sie **Umweltgedichte**, schufen Kunstwerke zur Sensibilisierung und entwarfen **Öko-Briefmarken** und Briefe für eine grünere Zukunft.

Alle Projekte wurden ausgezeichnet und erhielten Zertifikate für ihre klimafreundlichen Aktionen, wobei die Klasse 2d mit 1.935 gesammelten Grünen Meilen an der Spitze lag und die Kinder **umweltfreundliche Tragetaschen** und **Brotdosen** erhielten.



Ukraine



Photos: Jan Amos Komenski

1.072 young Ukrainian climate protectors from 28 schools representing six cities collected 16,235 Green Footprints

In 2025, Ukraine joined the international educational campaign “**ZOOM – Kids on the Move!**” again after a longer break.

The Green Footprints Campaign. Was bringing **climate awareness** and **sustainable mobility** lessons into classrooms of six pilot municipalities. The initiative was implemented in Ukraine with the support of the **Covenant of Mayors East**.

The pilot phase took place in two waves: in June Kids in **Zhytomyr, Konotop** and **Fastiv** participated, and in September to October children from **Chortkiv, Korosten** and **Okhtyrka** had been involved.

“When adults talk about climate change, it sounds like a challenge.

But when children talk about it, it becomes a promise.”

teacher from Zhytomyr

Over one to two weeks, schools and youth centres became laboratories of curiosity and action: children reflected on their routines, discussed climate change, **explored sustainable transport options**. Their “green actions” were reported as symbolic Green Footprints, and actions related to **water-saving** were marked with the blue stickers.



Photo: Fastiv



Photo: Fastiv



Photo:Konotop

In Konotop, located close to the frontline, local regulations prohibit educational activities outdoors. So teachers adapted the Green Footprints **campaign to take place entirely in underground shelters** - a powerful example of how climate education continues even under conditions of war.



Photo:Konotop

And furthermore the colleagues from Covenant of Mayors East wants to introduce the **campaign also in Armenia, Moldova, and Azerbaijan in 2026.**

So we're looking forward to many new Kids on the move in even more countries for COP 31!



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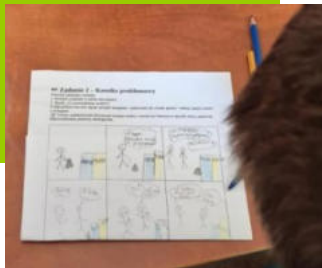
Beyond the numbers, the campaign sparked **meaningful conversations**. Children engaged deeply with the themes and shared their reflections at home with parents. Teachers adapted lesson plans.

The pilot phase offered valuable lessons in adapting climate engagement tools to different school systems, age groups, and even to emergency conditions.

Now, Ukraine plans to expand the campaign to other municipalities next year



Poland



67 children in 2 schools together collected 2,010 Green Footprints

Wydmyny focused this year on family time and active, eco-friendly travel. The Children spent quality hours with family and friends using the bus, bikes, skates, even horses or rediscovered parents' and neighbours' gardens. They enjoyed a **week of healthy breakfasts** and snacks and discovered sustainable meals surprisingly easy to prepare.

Activities included **outdoor lessons, comics** on "How do we protect our environment?", and a **community cleanup** on 21 September (World Cleanup Day). As a pedagogical innovation, classes now take regular outdoor walks, photograph their work, and translate captions into German and English for the international ZOOM campaign, a proud start to a new, hands-on learning approach.



Photos: Wydmyny and Giżycko



In **Giżycko** pupils combined creativity with care for the local community: they reused materials to make art, decorated their centre with pumpkins and other **natural materials**, and enjoyed walks, cycling and gentle outings with older residents. On fishing trips, campfires and forest visits they **deepened their connection to nature** and prompted reflective discussions about conservation. The pupils also prepared **healthy meals**, cleaned public spaces, and helped care for homeless animals.

With all these different actions the kids collected 1,650 Green Footprints together - a remarkable achievement for a small school. They also reported strong engagement and a real sense that environmental action is becoming a caring, everyday lifestyle for the children.





Kids on the Move for Climate Action

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2025 there were 248.343 children in 1.577 schools participating.
They came from the following countries:

Country	Schools	Groups	Children	Green Footprints
Austria	266	705	32.635	544.280
Germany	837	5.482	140.055	2.227.712
Hungary	107	550	24.413	438.142
Italy	40	217	7.962	94.351
Luxembourg	23	100	2.226	60.112
Netherlands	18	54	1.458	8.772
North Macedonia	1	4	103	741
Poland	2	2	67	2.010
Sweden	254	1.124	38.012	532.168
Ukraine	28	45	1.072	13.051
United Arab Emirates	1	16	340	16.235
Total:	1.577	8.299	248.343	3.937.574





Kindermeilen-Kampagne

since 2002

Green Footprints Campaign

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	236,300	8	3,019,901
2023	252,700	11	3,670,936
2024	265,900	10	3,684,430
2025	248,300	11	3,937,574
	3,877,000	42	52,078,940



Australia	Estonia	Hungary	Malaysia	Portugal	Sweden
Austria	Fiji	India	Malta	Romania	Switzerland
Belarus	Finland	Indonesia	Mauritius	Samoa	Tanzania
Belgium	France	Italy	New Zealand	Singapore	Thailand
Bulgaria	Germany	La Reunion	Netherlands	Slovakia	Turkey
Czech Republic	Great Britain	Liechtenstein	North Macedonia	Slovenia	Ukraine
Denmark	Greece	Luxembourg	Poland	Spain	United Arab Emirates

Green Footprints Campaign – Final Note & Outlook to 2026

Will 2026 be “just another year” of Green Footprints or the year kids step up even louder and bolder? As the world reflects on progress since Paris (2015) and debates finance and resilience, young people keep one simple message: every action matters.

In 2025, as the world turns its attention to COP 30 in Belém, Brazil, one thing is clear: The climate negotiations can no longer remain a conversation of governments alone.

For the children and young people who will live through the long-term consequences of today's decisions, the climate crisis is not a distant policy debate, it is their everyday reality and their future.

But no matter what happens in Belém this year –

The Kids will be on the move for a better climate again and again!

So join us in 2026 and collect Green Footprints with your schools, kindergarten or day-care centres

“Green Footprints” can be earned with a lot of fun, by choosing climate-friendly transport for everyday journeys to school or kindergarten, eating local and organic food, and saving energy. Collect together - for the global climate.

Move safely & sustainably – walk, cycle, scoot or use public transport; map safer routes and share them with your community.

Live greener – try one new habit each week: water and energy saving, plant-based meals, second-hand clothing, recycling, etc.

Learn by doing – turn trips into lessons: measure, count, draw and reflect on how small choices can add up.

Create & communicate – make art, write messages, film short clips – children's voices belong in public conversations.

Connect locally, act globally – link your school's results to a wider message of climate justice and resilience, simple, kind, constructive.

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).

Kids on the Move for Climate Action 2025

The Green Footprints Campaign on sustainable mobility and the climate for kindergarten and primary school children is running in Germany since 2002 and all over Europe since 2003. Almost 4 million children in 42 countries joined in so far 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**, children embark on a “*Joint Climate Voyage*” that begins at the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn. The symbolic trip circles the globe and ends at the annual UN Climate Conference, where the kids’ footprints, wishes and concerns are handed directly to negotiators 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 action so they can still step into a save climate future. Please support them by using your social media platforms or other means of outreach to encourage politicians to fight for our climate!

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



For more than 30 years, Climate Alliance has been working with its indigenous partners for a better climate. A non-profit association with nearly 2,000 members spread across more than 25 countries, Climate Alliance is the largest European city network dedicated to fair and comprehensive 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.
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