Youth engaged for climate Workshop
18th and 19th of October 2019,
Sonthofen/DE
The climate Workshop was held during the 2\textsuperscript{nd} General Assembly in Sonthofen/DE. During the first part \textbf{young participants} from the Alpine Towns came together to discuss about \textbf{climate change issues in their municipalities and what they are doing in order to face them}. They came up with \textbf{political demands} to be asked to the politicians of their towns. Participants of the LOCAL project from Idrija/SL and Tolmin/SL were also present.

Elaborating demands
Then the young participants **presented their requests and ideas to the politicians**, who had the opportunity to ask questions and further develop the ideas with the young participants in order to establish the next steps.

On the one hand, **each town present developed a project idea to be carried out with the young participants when returning home** and ideas were also proposed for a common implementation within the Alpine Town of the Year Association.
Requests by the young participants to the representatives of the Alpine Towns
THE THREE MAIN REQUESTS:

Youth centre
- To meet, study, dance, play music, relax,…
- Free and open 24/7
- Workshops, conferences, social activities, volunteer works
- People can exhibit
- Open spaces: skateparks, football fields,… encourage sports in general

Youth Parliament
- More conferences and discussions between citizens, both young and adults
- Connection between municipality and schools

Festivals for young people
- Sustainable ones
- Music, ted talks, workshops, conferences
- Organized by young people
- Money goes to improve the community
- People can exhibit

Living together
OTHER REQUESTS:

- There is a lack of communication between people of different ages: solution proposals more conferences with citizens, both young and adults, so young people can say what they need, involving the whole community (elders as well)

- Skateparks: young people can make the concept

- Youth public workshops for elders that gives points in school

- Free social activities: read to elders, recycling activities
THREE MAIN REQUESTS:

• **Sustainable food**: local, fair trade, organic, seasonal food in the canteens (schools, municipality, restaurants), less meat and fish. Buy certified food (palm oil)

• **Reduction of food waste, zero waste and recycling**: sale off food which will expire, reduce food waste in supermarkets, make a law to restrict food waste (stop buying too much food), but just what they need, no single use of plastic (e.g. forks).

• **Home and self made food**: compost, growing the food in gardens, permaculture, no more mono culture, public and shared gardens (for people who do not have their own garden) to grow food
THREE MAIN REQUESTS:

• **Better and cheap public transport:** possibility to rent a bike in the city in a bike station, bike lanes, hybrid/electric buses, make the tickets cheaper, improving bus lines connections (adding circular lines to star system)

• **Better public transport connections:** more frequently especially in the evening (trains and buses) and in the mountains

• Free bus tickets for people who park their car outside of the city centre
OTHER REQUESTS:
• More recharge stations for bikes and cars (clean energy, e.g. solar)
• Renovating / maintaining dismissed pathways (not besides the roads), e.g. in Tolmezzo/I more bike lanes
THREE MAIN REQUESTS:

• **Integrating biodiversity in city planning**, not as an afterthought, but as main feature; e.g. instead of planting trees on concrete, plan spaces beforehand. Use greenery for insulation (vertical gardens)

• **Preserve existing eco-systems**. Stop building and destroying but renovate and re-use, e.g. protect green areas and microclimates, where no one can build. Protect fauna.

• **Involving citizens in climate initiatives**. E.g.: public gardens to grow food, fruit trees, rooftop gardens, in schools, in homes for elderly people
OTHER REQUESTS:

- **Rooftop gardens** (with bees) for inhabitants and trees in the streets in order to regulate temperatures (e.g. Swiss law for flat roofs)
- Bring **Ecosia** browser everywhere
- Make people aware not to throw chemical products outdoors
- **Stop building** what is not necessary
- Buy a bracelet from the company and they will plant a tree
- **Preserve** what is still there (forests, ...)
- **Financial support for locals that helps to maintain the landscape and biodiversity** (micro fauna, flora), in Slovenia it is already happening
- **Regulating tree population** in Italy
- Use **greenery for insulation** (cheaper, looks better, temperature regulation)
- Edible plants all over the cities
- Public gardens and parks, to **grow vegetables**, for **bees**, to make compost
- **Fruit trees in school gardens** and in the city parks
- Tree diversity -> good for insects
- **Focus on planning for sustainability and biodiversity** (eco-friendly houses)
- **Sensibilizing** primary school students (excursions in natural places around their towns)
Proposals for the Alpine Towns
**Annecy/FR and Chambéry/FR**

**Tolmezzo/IT**
- Participation of two students at every town council
- “Miracle orchard” with schools

**Chambéry/FR**
- Hitchhiking spots
- Creation of a common action plan
- Discussion about existing actions
Chamonix/FR

- Parliament in Chamonix: develop a group of young people led by a person by the municipality
- A place for formal and non-formal meetings to realize projects
- Safe hitchhiking spots, create a permanent dynamic

Annecy/FR

- Car-free day
- Re-vegetalisation of the town
Brixen-Bressanone/IT

• Establishing a youth parliament (inspired from the one in Sonthofen)
• Better bus connections for workers of the industrial zone
• Better awareness raising activities on climate change issues in schools

Idrija/SI

• Organisation of the event with electric bikes (competition, prize)
• One Saturday in September young people in cooperation with the municipality would raise awareness of previously defined topics
Tolmin/SI and Sonthofen/DE

Tolmin/SI

• Youth centre
• Organise a youth festival

Sonthofen/DE

• Renew the youth centre
• Bike event during the “Alpenfestival”
Proposals for the Alpine Town of the Year association
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Ideas proposed by all participants to be implemented by all towns, with support from the association

- Young Alpine Town Ambassadors
- Alpine green day:
  - ban cars one day each year
  - create a centre of information somewhere in the town, to present the ecological development
  - Plant trees & other
  - Free public transport
- Sustainably festival organised among/for Alpine Towns
- Community garden in all the Alpine Towns
- Establish a network of Youth Parliaments in the Alpine Towns, which can make proposals on the Alpine level
- Annual meeting of youth during the General Assembly, where youth could take decisions with politicians for the association
- Sharing good practices among the Alps
- Common project in all the towns to be discussed all together at the end
- Group of youth per each town to propose ideas
- Bike tour from one Alpine Town to another
- Car-free day in all Alpine Towns of the year
- Common music festival organised each year, alternatively in a different Alpine town of the year
Participants at the workshop

Workshop with young participants

- Annecy/FR: Patricia Ayache, Hugo Belperron, Anna Bouton, Maeva Guillon
- Bressanone/IT: Alexander Frener, Kieran Rottonara
- Chambéry/FR: Tania Brajkovic, Paul Chambellant
- Chamonix/FR: Candice Ribery
- Idrija/SI: Tara Caruso Bizjak, Martin Straus, Zala Zebec
- Sonthofen/DE: Antonia Burger, Riccardo Karlinger, Paula Lüer, Elisa Nawrot
- Tolmezzo/IT: Amanda Cescutti, Christian Rugo
- Tolmin/SI: Klara Lužnik, Mara Mei Leban
- Trento/IT: Martino Barbiero, Chiara Franchini

Secretariat: Alice Friard, Magdalena Holzer

Workshop in plenary

Young participants (see left)

Representatives from these Alpine Towns

- Tolmezzo/IT
- Chamonix Mont-Blanc/FR
- Annecy/FR
- Sonthofen/DE
- Trento/IT
- Tolmin/SI
- Idirja/SI
- Brixen-Bressanone/IT
- Chambéry/FR
- Morbegno/IT
- Passy/FR (supporting member and candidate as Alpine town of the year 2021)

Secretariat: Claire Simon, Alice Friard, Magdalena Holzer
To be continued! ...