
Manisa Statement 2023 & Sustainability Policy recommendations

project teams and participating students in the ERASMUS+ project Le_MOON

We, the students participating in the ERASMUS+ project Le_MOON ...

Acknowledging the United Nations Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (17 SDGs) as Sustainable development is a core principle of the Treaty on European Union and a priority objective for the Union's internal and external policies

Reaffirming the endeavors of the local, national & international policy makers for the sustainable development transition,

Stressing problems associated with high density of population in urban areas leading to creation of underdeveloped infrastructure and in the most extreme cases the creation of slums. That process boosts the emission of greenhouse gasses like CO₂ which then contribute to the global warming as well as air pollution,

Engaging in local initiatives organized by city councils, Erasmus+ projects and school-led activities in environmental education

we are **Calling upon** policy makers and civil society

and in trust, that our voices matter, we are **Proposing:**

1. To resolve the problem of spreading of epidemic diseases in densely populated urban areas (for instance: coronavirus or the Ebola virus) we recommend:
 - a. Implementation of laws that would make wearing masks in densely populated areas to prevent the spreading of airborne diseases, especially in places related to public transport i.e., metro stations, bus stops.
 - b. Providing vending machines which would contain masks in the aforementioned areas, since those are the places where people are exposed to such pathogens the most.

- c. Promotion of reliable contraception methods in urban areas of developing countries struggling with overpopulation in order to reduce the number of venereal diseases and illnesses among children. Providing the struggling population with birth control/making it cheaper.
2. To reduce the development of respiratory diseases including lung cancer caused by air pollution in overpopulated urbanized areas we suggest:
 - a. Spreading the Eco-Neighborhood project worldwide. This way the green areas will be protected from car fumes and more solar panels will be implemented.
 - b. Possibly partially moving factories from urbanised areas to different parts of countries in order to reduce air pollution in cities.
 - c. Promoting planting trees in urbanised areas also by children.
 - d. Establishing programmes that would inform people about the importance of trees, perhaps commercials in television.
3. Establishing measures to reduce the number of non-communicable diseases (especial obesity) among the population:
 - a. Call for the creation of more bike lanes to enable people to commute in eco-friendly ways.
 - b. Encourage investing in public bicycles and electric scooters, while keeping in mind welfare of visually impaired people. That's why more bike lanes are needed
 - c. Recommend informing people about the consequences of obesity through social campaigns and TV/internet advertisements

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Project webpage: <https://lemoonproject.org/first-online-intalk-session-in-the-campaign-15/>

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