



Press Release

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160,000 children in 13 European countries joined forces again and collected 2.2 Million "Green Footprints" for the UN Climate Conference in Warsaw

On Saturday, 16 November, Climate Alliance together with Polish ZOOM participants handed over 2.2 Million "Green Footprints" collected by 160,000 children in 13 countries to UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres in Warsaw, Poland.

Since 2002 kids all over Europe are on the move together to save the One World's climate. This year 162,981 children in 13 European countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, and Switzerland) ZOOMed in and collected 2,177,902 "Green Footprints" for example by using sustainable means of transport for their daily journeys, by saving energy in their schools and kindergartens, by buying exercise books from recycled paper, and by eating regional food.

Thomas Brose, Executive Director of Climate Alliance, and seven ZOOM participants from the School Szkoła Podstawowa nr 4 im. prof. W. Szafera in Elk, Poland, handed over the Green Footprints together with the children's concrete wishes and demands to the UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres, asking her to pass these messages to the UN Climate Conference delegates.

The pupils emphasised how they hope, wish and call for a positive outcome in Warsaw with this simple words: "Please, love our Earth and stop global warming!" Brose explained to Figueres: "The Green Footprints represent all the efforts and engagement of the ZOOM kids so far. Their 'wishprints'*, are a strong call on the politicians here in Warsaw to develop an ambitious work package for our and especially the children's future NOW!".

* children's wishes and demands written on paper footprints

"Climate Action Plan" of the Polish ZOOM participants at the UN Climate Summit:

- 10:30-10:50, *Mini Side Event at the UNFCCC Climate Change Studio located on Floor 0, in Zone C2*
They sing their school song, comprising a strong appeal to the adults to not destroy the children's future and recite a poem with their wishes and demands directed at the Climate Politicians)
- 11:00-11:10, *handover of this year's ZOOM result to the head of the UN Climate Secretariat Christiana Figueres at UN Youth Boot, Exhibit No. 7, Floor 0, Zone A1*



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- *13:30, Presentation of ZOOM results at an International Workshop within the Climate Dialogue at Warsaw Marriott Hotel, Al. Jerozolimskie 65/79
The pupils report to the workshop participants on what they and the children of Europe have already done for the protection of our One World and hand over this year's results to an representative of the German Federal Environment Ministry.*

"ZOOM – Kids on the Move for Climate Action" is Climate Alliance's annual campaign on sustainable mobility for children aged 4 to 12 years old. ZOOM is running since 2002 and aims to show that the 'little ones' can take steps to help protect the climate too and not just talk about climate protection like the 'big ones' at the UN Climate Summit.

Photos and further information:

www.zoom-kidsforclimate.eu/results.html

The "Climate Alliance of European Cities with the Indigenous Rainforest Peoples" is the largest city network committed to climate protection and preservation of the tropical rainforests. Since 1990, Climate Alliance has supported a total of now over 1,600 members from 20 European countries in attainment of their voluntary commitments to reduce CO₂ emissions by ten percent every five years and to halve per capita emissions by 2030 at the latest (base year 1990). To preserve the tropical rainforests, Climate Alliance cooperates with Indigenous rainforest peoples.



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