

## Press Release

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# 180,000 children in 11 countries joined forces again and collected 2.2 Million "Green Footprints" for the UN Climate Change Conference in Lima

On Wednesday, 03 December, Climate Alliance handed over 2.2 Million "Green Footprints" collected by 160,000 children in 11 European countries to UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres in Peru.

Since 2002 kids all over Europe are on the move together to save the One World's climate. This year 180,197 children in 11 European countries (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden) ZOOMed in and collected 2,218,867 "Green Footprints" 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.

In Lima Thomas Brose, Executive Director of Climate Alliance, 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 Change Conference delegates. This year he was accompanied by Youth Delegates from several countries.

How much the Green Footprint collectors demand a positive outcome of the negotiations now demonstrate their 'Wishprints'\* telling simple but clear messages to the climate politicians like "We want you to be better role models." or "I want you to spend more money on Climate Protection than on bombs and weapons." But also concrete requirements like "Please mark more crosswalks so we can cross the street on ourselves." and "I want less packaging waste, e.g. for toys!" can be seen on them.

Brose emphasized: "These 2.2 million Green Footprints represent not only the efforts and the engagement of ZOOM kids in almost 1300 schools, kindergartens and other day-care facilities but - together with their 'Wishprints' - they give a very clear briefing to the politicians here in Lima to join forces and develop an ambitious work package for our and especially the children's future NOW!"

\* children's wishes and demands written on paper footprints



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“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’ already take concrete steps to help protect the climate 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](http://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 1,700 members from 24 European countries in attainment of their voluntary commitments to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> 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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