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CLIMATE ACTION  
GUIDELINES

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS ACROSS EUROPE

# A GIANT PORTRAIT OF THE SKY OF EUROPE

MADE BY CHILDREN AROUND EUROPE

A climate-action workshop based on Carbon Black  
an artistic protocol  
developed by artist Anaïs Tondeur  
with atmospheric scientists  
Rita Van Dingenen & Jean-Philippe Putaud,  
JRC, European Commission  
as part of the Resonances II exhibition *FAIR/FEAR*

Participants can take part as individuals or collective groups.  
This cross-disciplinary project has been conceived to be carried out with teachers in  
the fields of Arts, Physics, English, Literature and Geography.

Action day: 05 March 2022

All the contributions will be exhibited  
at the European Commission, Brussels in the coming year.

Deadline for contributions: 15 March 2022

By drawing our attention to the sky, this workshop invites more than two hundred children and teenagers age 6-18 to portray the sky of Europe through a photographic protocol of a new kind. Produced and absorbed by humans, the photographed skies will be printed from the particulate matter collected in the air on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.

In order to do this, you will become standstill explorers. You will track contemporary meteors known as carbon black particles which travel through the sky and the air we breathe.

Remnants of human uses of carbon energies, these particles know no borders. They travel over thousands of kilometers. They settle on the ice at the poles, causing them to absorb more of the sun's energy, further accelerating their melting. But carbon black also infiltrates the lungs of humans and animals, passing through into organs and tissue, causing an increasing number of deaths.

Through this participative photographic performance, you are invited to explore the sky in a sensory manner - through your body, your perceptions and breathing. By experiencing it in a way other than just an element of the landscape or the backdrop of our earthly lives, the sky becomes, from breath to breath, an environment on which our lives depend. The air that everyone breathes is shared with the rest of the world, reminding us the anthropologist Marc Higgin.

Early morning, on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022, in a shared breathing performance, you are invited to turn your attention towards the sky no matter where you are.

As a collective or individual participant, you will then be guided to photograph a fragment of the sky above you, and hang an anti-particulate matter filter in the space where you will spend the rest of the day so as to filter the particulate matter eventually present in the air in your environment.

At the end of the day,

1/ Send your carbon black filter to:

PARLIAMENT OF CLOUDS  
at Anaïs Tondeur  
27, rue Alfred de Musset  
91120 Palaiseau, France

2/ Upload (add link to the [form](#))

- ° your photograph(s) of the sky (digital file)
- ° your geographic coordinates for the team to retrace the itinerary followed by the particles which reached you.

Once your filter is received, the interdisciplinary team will extract the particles from your mask and transform the carbon black into an ink. This very ink will be used to print your photograph.

Finally, your carbon black printed photographs as well as the creative process will form an important exhibition at the European Commission, Brussels.

## BEFORE SATURDAY 05.03.2022

### PREPARE YOUR EQUIPMENT

- ° A DIGITAL CAMERA
- ° A CARBON BLACK FILTER

Cut a large triangle in a FFP2 mask

Knot two strings on the upper sides so as to hang the filter.

You can use a needle to attach the threads to the filter.



Example of prepared filter with label

# ON SATURDAY 05.03.2022

Alongside children and teenagers all over Europe

° Take a picture of the sky above you.

Place the lower part of the image on the horizon line so to capture details of the place where you are as well as leaving a major part of the image to the sky

- ° Upload your photograph (high resolution jpg)
- ° Hang your filter in the room where you will spend most of the day
- ° Fill the online or paper form
- ° At the end of the day, place the filter with your name (+ the paper form if not filled online) in an envelope. Send it before March 15th 2022 to:

PARLIAMENT OF CLOUDS  
at Anais Tondeur  
27, Rue Alfred De Musset  
91120 Palaiseau, France

## FORM

YOUR NAME

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YOUR GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES

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EMAIL CONTACT

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HOW IS THE SKY TODAY ?

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Place this form once filled with the filter in the envelope



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## IN PREPARATION OF THE EXHIBITION AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

It is our turn to work for you to:

- Extract the carbon black particles from your filters
- Transform the carbon black particles collected from your filters into an ink
- Print your portrait of the sky with your carbon black ink
- Send you an invitation to the exhibition at the European Commission in Brussels

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