

Education for Climate

The European participatory community for students, teachers and education stakeholders to act collectively on innovative education solutions for environmental sustainability.

- Climate change won't wait. Participate in the Education for Climate Challenges now.
- Ideate, experiment, and upcycle concrete education for climate actions together.

About - What is it?

The Education for Climate Coalition is a participatory education community to support the changes needed for a climate-neutral society.

“To make a difference’ – this is what the #EducationForClimate Coalition is all about. To make a difference in your school, in your neighbourhood, in the very region you live and to contribute actively to the green transition our societies go through.” (Commissioner Mariya Gabriel)

As a flagship initiative of the European Education Area by 2025 and essential part of the European Green Deal the Education for Climate Coalition is part of the European Union's comprehensive approach to environmental sustainability education. As a community of practice, it enriches both the Council resolution on environmental sustainability and the competence framework on sustainability with its participatory approach for taking action on education for climate challenges on the ground.

The Education for Climate Coalition wants to inspire, develop and draw on innovative European education capabilities. As a community, it decides collectively, acts collaboratively, and adapts sustainably.

Its priorities are to:

- train teachers
- bridge education with science
- develop green skills and competences
- raise awareness
- change behaviours

For this, the Education for Climate Coalition aspires to

- create a community led by students and teachers with their schools and networks and other educational actors
- learn from as many relevant experiences as possible
- bridge fragmentation between education sectors, domains and people

Who is it for?

The Education for Climate Coalition is meant to gather the whole education community in the EU.

- Teachers, educators, pupils, students, trainers and parents across all levels and institution types
- People active in every part of education system: from early childhood care to adult learning, from museums to industry
- It also invites education stakeholders and other education bodies at local, regional, national and European levels

We need you to co-create this community so that together develop innovative European education initiatives and actions for environmental sustainability.

How will the Coalition support the changes needed?

We support the creation of a pan-European community that makes sense first and foremost for you, the education community.

As an inclusive, diverse, curious and creative community we want to enable you:

- to explore your peers' initiatives and competencies
- to engage with your peers around your contributions to offer and get support for your education for climate challenges
- to ideate and innovate concrete actions for your participatory challenges
- to implement, reach out and share your collective solutions to build capacity

Own or join a participatory challenge with like-minded peers to design and drive the changes needed for education for environmental sustainability. From activities in and around the classroom, to materials and resources for educators, to curriculum policies: make a difference and join the conversation.

What to look forward to?

Bring and pay-it-forward: together, let's build on and share sustainable education ideas and initiatives to engage collectively in concrete education for climate actions across the EU.

The Education Climate Coalition lives through your engagement: have conversations and connect with your peers to exchange around your education challenges and solutions & get inspiration and collective clout for concrete, prompt action to make a difference together.

We support you, the education community, to do so by:

- co-designing the community of practice in a transparent, inclusive and scientific approach
- building a collaborative online space to unlock, develop and upcycle concrete education ideas and initiatives on European, national, regional and local levels
- enabling you to crowdsource, ideate, showcase, promote and implement your co-created ideas and initiatives
- providing community support on EU level through a social collaborative community platform

How to engage now?

There are several ways how you can shape and be part of this emerging Coalition:

- participate in community workshops to refine our common community
- stay in touch: follow our developments on our webpage and sign up for the newsletter
- multiply our message to get your peers onboard to make a difference together for education for environmental sustainability
- mark your calendars for our collaborative community platform launch on the first Education for Climate Day on 25th November 2021
- stay tuned for more participation opportunities to be announced at the 'Youth4Climate' pre-COP event in Milan (28-30.09.2021) and the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (31.10. - 12.11.2021)
- reach out to us via: EC-EDUCATION-4-CLIMATE@ec.europa.eu