



# COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT

## 14th European Youth Parliament for Water

### I. Introduction

Based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article n°3 “The Right to Life, Liberty, Personal Security”, all humans should have access to potable water.

We, the parliamentarians of the 14th European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW), which took place in Rovereto, Italy, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017 discussed the topic of “Water and Peace”.

We represent the voice of the 14 European countries and participating countries – Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Malta, Morocco, Russia, Spain, and Turkey.

Our participation in the decision-making process is crucial on grounds of manifestation of our inaction and complacency into serious consequences.

### II. Problems Inhibiting “Water and Peace”

- Lack of awareness and education about the issue of water shortage and mismanagement.
- Climate change and its consequences, such as the depreciation of precipitation and the melting of glaciers,
- Lack of transboundary cooperation in water, climate change and peace.
- The depreciating quality of the waterbodies is currently a major concern for the survival of life.
- Population growth puts further pressure on water accessibility and availability.

### III. The Proposed Implementations

- Integrate water consciousness in educational programs.
- Encourage transboundary collaboration on “Water and Peace” on a local, regional and international level.
- It is necessary for authorities to incentivise financial institutions (like the World Bank) to give preferential treatment to initiatives related to circular economy.
- Share data, knowledge and expertise of water related issues by means of mass media in order to improve regional water equality.





#### **IV. Current Implementation:**

On an international and regional governmental level, the Water Framework Directive (WFD) aims at proposing strategic action plans for member states to follow, in order to achieve good status of water bodies. This directive addresses the problems the member states encounter in relation to water quality and quantity management.

#### **V. Our Commitments**

- We commit to organising informal and formal educational sessions to increase the awareness on climate change, water issues and peace at our respective universities, high schools, work places, governmental and non-governmental institutions.
- We commit that when a water related event is organised, the local mass media shall be contacted in order to spread the word.
- We commit to creating a social media campaign on “Water and Peace”.
- We commit to staying in touch with other youths from different countries in order to establish a strong connection between organisations.
- We commit to displaying information about water management in public places such as civic centres, sport centres, educational institutions and administrative buildings.

#### **VI. Conclusion**

On behalf of the 14<sup>th</sup> EYPW, the delegations would like to thank the organisers for providing us the opportunity to participate in such a life-changing event. This activity gave us the knowledge and mindset to implement youth projects in our countries. We are therefore committed to implementing and sharing our projects and experience we have obtained throughout the parliament. History remembers great leadership that in the eye of great struggle (such as the topic of climate change), prioritizes the anthropological and environmental needs. We believe in transboundary cooperation amongst all countries, because even though we come from different backgrounds, we have all taken part in this parliament in order to make a change.

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