THE TASKS FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

In occasion of the Celebrations of the 49th Earth Day, the Youth Climate Summit convened as every year to lend its active contribution to the great challenge for achieving the 17 Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the UN and the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

After discussing the fate of the planet, climate change and the impacts on our lives, listening to scientific opinions on the interconnections between environmental and social crises, and researching the roots of problems in the facets of our lives, we decided to appeal to the European Parliament, which is the only European institution elected directly by the citizens.

Most of us did not vote as we were too young, though we wish to assign them tasks so that we can better address the fight against climate change.

We will judge their work, living the future that their decisions will have helped shape. We do not seek magic solutions, but we merely ask to be an active part of these pending changes and not just a sterile ballot in the voting booth.

We no longer want to live in fear of an uncertain future. We want to and must be more aware of what surrounds us and how we can take action.

**1st Task** - Establish the European week for the fight against climate change that will directly involve young people and schools across the EU, to break the boundaries of the comfort zones in which we feel confined, to transform fears into creative opportunities and to feel close to so many young people like us.

We will at last be able to develop new ideas and have direct experiences both inside and outside the confines of school walls on how to mitigate and adapt to climate change so that we can best ponder our way of living. These will be excellent educational moments also for our families and teachers, as we will come together these days to experiment and meet the institutions, associations, producers and local businesses involved in defending the environment locally. These are the days in which school will be like home so that we can best express our responsibility and commitment.
2nd Task - Acknowledge and certify the educational value of projects and initiatives that safeguard the environment and green areas that stem from youths and schools throughout the EU, with the aim of establishing a tighter bond with nature and strengthen relations with others through this path.

We will finally have the opportunity to carry out activities to aid our tormented lands, educational outings with outdoor lessons under the veil of trees, cultural exchanges with peers, acquisition of school credits not only through diligent and notional study and the valorisation of personal talents as part of a challenge that unites all youth of the EU.

Do not expect us to simply study our school programs if these are not enough to secure our future. Do not ask us to believe in an idea of culture that exalts those who built the beauties of Venice and Pompeii regardless of the risk that they might disappear under the impacts of climate change.

Carry out your tasks and leave the rest up to us.

*The girls and boys of the Youth Climate Summit*