

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT BRUSSELS DECLARATION

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Global Ocean. We recognize and accept the values of a Blue Society, and want a system of governance which respects the imperative needs of human society and our planet, a system which encompasses the Blue Society.

We, the youth, believe that we need to:

Regarding a Sustainable Economy,

- ➔ **Stimulate the local economy** by creating a positive and sustainable relationship between stakeholders and local governance.
- ➔ **Manage the marine resources in a sustainable way**, taking into account that marine resources are finite, and therefore the ecosystem needs to be highlighted, therefore implementing sustainability in economic planning.

Regarding Governance and Financing system,

- ➔ **Establish conscious limits in all maritime sectors**, to avoid intensive fisheries or monoculture activities.
- ➔ **Improve waste management** by incentivizing ecofriendly products, and creating taxes against pollutants.

Regarding Research and Innovation

- ➔ **Innovate current maritime practices and approaches**, encompassing physical design, technologies and materials used, to legislative controls. Therefore increasing efficiency of current practices and overall consumption
- ➔ **Enhance the collaboration between research institutes and coordinate a multidisciplinary approach to all areas of maritime development.**

Regarding Education and Awareness

- ➔ **Increase Ocean literacy** by incorporating marine education into the curriculum across Europe regardless of geographical location.
- ➔ **Create a media strategy to raise awareness of oceanic environmental issues**, promote a circular economy through educational campaigns aiming to enhance consumer's attitudes towards recycling and reusing existing materials.

Regarding the Preservation of Natural Resources

- ➔ **Create a European organization of Marine Protected Areas**, to improve their management through a common pathway, taking into account ecosystem diversity.
- ➔ **Increase awareness by informing citizens, in a way to decrease the need of control.**

For our future, we the Youth, ask the European Community to take into account our requests and to manage them through every possible means.

In exchange, we engage ourselves in respecting the environment in our everyday choices and actions, and in our contribution to a sustainable economy and to the building of a Blue Society.