
Climate crisis resolution

Municipality of JUNGLINSTER

A resolution that recognizes the current climate crisis and calls for immediate and ambitious measures to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

Considering:

- the climate change is a rapidly evolving crisis that poses a serious threat to global stability and human existence
- the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has published a special report on the consequences of global warming. In it, it states the need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions well before 2030 to limit warming to 1.5°C and thus avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change. This can only be achieved through ambitious actions at national and sub-national levels, in civil society and the private sector, by indigenous peoples and local communities.
- the current pace and scale of national efforts to mitigate climate change are not sufficient to prevent significant damages to the economy, environment and human health in the coming decades.
- vulnerable populations (in our cities and municipalities, but also among our indigenous partners in the Amazon and elsewhere) are the most affected by long-standing environmental injustice and by the negative economic, environmental and social impacts of the fossil-based economy and resource overexploitation.
- the deforestation of the Amazon Basin and other rainforests is an additional driver of climate change and is destroying the habitats and cultures of indigenous peoples. Since rainforest protection also means climate protection, we therefore reaffirm the commitment to support indigenous organizations that we already made through our membership in the Climate Alliance.
- although the municipality of Junglinster already has developed and implemented plans and strategies for emission reduction in recent years, e.g. substantial financial aid in the field of energy efficiency, renovation, housing construction, sustainable mobility and renewable energies, support of citizen's initiatives in the field of photovoltaics; connection of the municipality's buildings to the urban heating network provided by the biogas plant 'Lënster Energie', consideration of sustainability criterias in the construction of new municipality infrastructures; support of environmental projects in schools, we are also dependent on the national and European level to go further and take more comprehensive measures.
- climate change will make basic human needs such as food, housing, health care, transport and energy more expensive. In combination with low wages, this will lead to further wealth inequality.
- national and local governments around the world will need to significantly reduce their per capita emissions by 2030 to stay within the 1.5°C warming limit, and the Junglinster community is committed to set an example; therefore:

RECOGNISE THE CLIMATE CRISIS,

Therefore the Municipality of Junglinster commits to take decisions and act in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the 2018 IPCC report by reducing the greenhouse gas emissions in the territory of the commune of Junglinster as soon as possible.

THEREFORE, WE FURTHER DECIDE,

- - that the Municipality of Junglinster will consider the climate impact of all future decisions and will give preference to solutions and actions that have a positive impact on climate, environment, and biodiversity.
- - that the Municipality of Junglinster will promote the integration of climate issues in all municipal tasks and cooperation between departments in order to develop high priority strategies for a drastic reduction of greenhouse emissions.
- that the Municipality of Junglinster will coordinate its climate protection efforts with other local, regional and national actors in order to adopt immediate and short-term measures to reduce greenhouse gas emitted from fossil fuels and other sources.
- that local initiatives and organizations involved in environmental justice must be involved in the transition of the municipality of Junglinster to a fossil free economy. Through local climate protection and adaptation planning and program implementation, these groups should be involved to ensure a fair transformation for all.
- that decisions or projects in the context of by the climate crisis process should give priority to investments in low-income communities and populations historically and disproportionately affected by pollution, high unemployment and environmental injustice.
- that while the municipality of Junglinster is aiming to combat climate change, by pursuing its efforts to reduce unavoidable impacts of climate change
- that the municipality of Junglinster commits itself to inform citizens, especially young people, about the climate emergency through citizen meetings and other activities by providing information where citizen participation is at the heart of the decision-making.
- that the municipal council and the council of lay assessor develop a budget that enables urgent climate protection measures, avoids further investments in new infrastructure that is dependent on fossil fuels and guarantees a climate friendly future for all citizens.

THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE

For more than 25 years, the member municipalities of the Climate Alliance have been working with their indigenous partners in the rainforests to protect the global climate. With 1,700 members from 26 European countries, the Climate Alliance is the world's largest city network dedicated to climate protection and the only one with concrete goals:

Each Climate Alliance municipality has committed itself to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by ten percent every five years. Since our lifestyle has a direct impact on particularly threatened peoples and places on this earth, Climate Alliance combines local action with global responsibility

In Luxembourg, 40 municipalities are members of Climate Alliance Luxembourg (status 2019), which is coordinated by the two non-governmental organisations (NGO) ASTM and Mouvement Ecologique. www.klimabuendnis.lu

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