



Climate Friendly Management in European Schools

CLIMES is a two-year COMENIUS project aiming at developing a systemic approach to introduce the topic of climate change in European schools by implementing a functioning climate-friendly management system. The vision and hope related to the implementation of the CLIMES management system is that the whole school community will be induced to behave in a climate-friendly way, i.e. to mitigate damages for the climate, and to adapt to the expected changes in climate.

Furthermore, CLIMES intends to promote a European exchange of experience and good practice among participating schools and external stakeholders and will organise European conferences with pupils and teachers of CLIMES partner schools.

CLIMES forthcoming events and activities



Up to now the CLIMES partner meetings carried out in the first project year have involved representatives of the six partner institutions. The purpose of these meetings was to set up the CLIMES management system and to develop a strategy on how to implement it.

In the next meetings the group will be considerably enlarged by teachers and students being actually involved in the implementation of the CLIMES management in their schools. The purpose is to promote a European exchange among involved partner schools and to give students and teachers the opportunity to discuss their experiences, problems and next actions within the framework of the CLIMES management system.

Students' conference in Dabas, Hungary

On April 25-28, 2012 a group of 30 people will meet in Dabas, Hungary for the first students' conference bringing together students and teachers of the six partner schools that are currently implementing the CLIMES management system. Since summer 2011, the partner schools have created management structures and checked their carbon footprint to identify those operations that influence climate change significantly. They are now planning activities to reduce the carbon footprint (mitigation measures) or to adapt to the climate change (adaptation measures). This means they need to define the climate relevant objectives and targets for the school to be reached within a specified period and to specify a climate change programme with activities, responsibilities as well as necessary resources. During the implementation of the programme the climate change group will have to check regularly on its effectiveness and efficiency and, if need be, redefine it.

In Dabas, the students and teachers will be invited to share their experience with the previous steps, the check phase, that is, and to collaboratively create ideas and approaches for the next steps.

European Award: Our road to a climate friendly school

Currently, the CLIMES partnership is organising a European school competition, where innovative ideas and projects in the field of climate mitigation and adaptation will be awarded.

Pupils of the age between 14 and 19 years as groups or classes living in the EU are invited to take part by presenting their innovative projects in an inventive way. The best project ideas will be chosen by an international jury and the winners will be invited to an award ceremony in Stockholm in December 2012.



And the award goes to...

The projects will be evaluated by an independent jury according to the following criteria:

- 🐟 Level of student initiative
- 🐟 Ingenuity
- 🐟 Sustainability
- 🐟 Practical use
- 🐟 Level of impact



CLIMES European award 2012
„Our way to a
climate-friendly school“

The competition entries are to be presented by October 1st 2012.

How to participate?

Interested groups or classes should:

- 🐟 Step 1: complete the submission sheet and make sure they complete the **submission sheet** in English. They can ask parents, friends, teachers etc. for help if necessary.
- 🐟 Step 2: make a presentation about their project, e.g. in PowerPoint, Word or Acrobat in English by using images, photographs, charts, videos to explain their project. Our advice: Let pictures do the talking!
- 🐟 Step 3: take a digital photograph of the project group. We would like to see everyone who took part in the project.
- 🐟 Step 4: attach all submission materials (incl. submission sheet, project presentation, photo(s) of the project group) to an e-mail (zip them if necessary) - and send them by 1st October 2012 to award@climes.eu

We strongly recommend reading also our **FAQs**.

Award ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden

The winners will be invited to present their project at the CLIMES-conference in Stockholm 13 to 15 December 2012. The CLIMES-conference will include seminars and workshops for the pupils as well as the award ceremony. The pupils will get the opportunity to get to know both Stockholm and the winners of the other European schools. The winners of the award will receive a certificate and their idea will be published in newsletters and articles.

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