



RESOLUTION 2014

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TOPIC :

“My Alps beyond boundaries”

Dear citizens of our great Alpine Region,

YPAC 2014 was held in Chamonix Mont-Blanc, France from March 31st to April 4th. The youth parliament is an institution for young people from different Alpine countries to voice their opinions in parliament.

This year's umbrella topic was "My Alps beyond boundaries – Youth vision and demands for the Alpine arc of the future". This way YPAC provides an opportunity for young people to create a holistic vision of their Alpine arc of the future. The resolution is the final product of the YPAC in which there are 10 postulations included that passed by vote on the last day of the parliament. Therefore they are the most important in the view of the delegates. Some measurements, that are included in the resolution, are in test status or already put in execution in some regions but we demand that these measurements are put into execution all over the Alps.

11 Postulates to **the Alps beyond boundaries**

Postulation 1

Political awareness in school

We want to improve political awareness of young people by introducing a school subject focusing on politics. Better political education of students should result in a bigger interest in the government.

This can be achieved by implementing a new school subject in which students would be taught about their country's political system. As part of this class' curriculum students would also debate about current political events in the Alpine region. We believe these lessons should become compulsory by the age of 14 so the students could form their own political opinion early on in their lives.

Postulation 2

Practical experiences in school

Practical activities are absolutely necessary for each student's future. As a consequence, schools have to offer some practical subjects or activities, so a broad variety of subjects is available in order to widen the students' horizon. However, it is often difficult for the youth to enter a working environment because of the lack of practical activities in several schools.

So all students will have to do an internship at least once in their school career, which would last a school week. This would be a very useful opportunity to increase working efficiency.

Postulation 3

Extended Website for the YPAC homepage

Our main target is to enable communication between the citizens of the Alpine countries on one hand; and on the other hand a permanent discourse between the YPAC-members.

We want to reward the best blogger with a prize e.g. a meeting or an interactive discussion with an important politician. We need bloggers, critics and politicians to make this postulation possible.

We appeal to all members of the YPAC to join in and to inform and involve everybody else about this project.

Postulation 4

Company Lift-off

Start-up companies have to be promoted in the Alps by means of education, investment and introduction of eco-friendly criteria.

More start-ups should be founded in the Alps, because we want to reduce the percentage of big companies. Therefore people in the Alps need to be trained in a much better way in economic affairs. Additionally, an attitude that is eco-friendly is of massive importance. We want a test to be introduced about economic knowledge and ways that make the start-ups more eco-friendly. Furthermore, organizations should control and rank the start-ups about their attitude to the environment and create an official list. As each and everyone has to have the possibility to invest in start-ups, this list would be a scale. Thus, more people would be motivated to invest in start-ups, once the system has been established.

Finally, let us emphasize the importance of this postulation, as it connects economy and environment, two of the main pillars that define sustainable development.

Postulation 5

Citizen Parliament

The YPAC is a good opportunity for young people to get themselves involved in politics concerning the Alpine region but local parliaments for citizens are still missing.

Every city has its individual issues but there is no way for citizens without a political background to participate, normally there is no platform for volunteers who want to take part in politics actively.

A parliament for citizens over the age of 14 that is supported by the town government would be a tremendous improvement for the political scene of every town where they can debate about common problems. As a result of the regular meetings, postulations will be handed in to the major or the local council.

Postulation 6

Sustainable You(th)

Children need to be taught during childhood how to live a “low-energy-life” and how big the impact of wasting energy is for the entire world.

People still aren't aware of the consequences their actions have. Studies have shown that not even adolescents are willing to change their habits. That is why we focus on the younger generations. We pursue the aim of getting the youth used to living in a more eco-friendly way by introducing special courses in the monthly schedule in their school.

The idea is to educate teachers with the help of professionals so that they can pass on their new knowledge to their students. The important factors to make this idea successful are that teachers are specialized in working with different age groups and that these courses are held monthly so that this “know-how” is adapted by children in everyday life.

Postulation 7

School Career Office

As it gets more and more difficult to find a job as a young adult, we propose an early introduction to the working world.

Due to the current economic situation, Alpine countries face a high youth unemployment rate. Because connections to the working society are not equally distributed among pupils, some have difficulties finding summer jobs and internships.

Being aware of all the problems mentioned above, we would introduce a «school career office» at every high school, where students can inform themselves about available jobs or other career possibilities. The office should be led by an external person especially employed for this cause.

Postulation 8

Take a bike for a ride

Riding a bike is a great alternative to polluting means of transport: this responsible way of travelling makes you independent, more active and ecofriendly.

Why be squeezed in a bus stuck in traffic when you can enjoy nature while doing something healthy for your body?

Bike rentals will improve the situation through affordable prices in order to respond to the strong demand for mobility for all citizens belonging to any social category. By adding more bike rent stations and making the existing ones more efficient, the traffic would decrease and it would be easier and faster to travel short distances.

Information about the bike rental can be found and purchased online. As a concession, the users can get a discount for frequent use.

Postulation 9

Training/Feedback for teachers

We want to increase the quality of education by rising the quality of teaching. Many alpine towns have the problem that teachers don't have an adequate qualification in teaching and leading a lesson properly. Consequently, this harms the learning process of a student extremely.

Finally, all this leads to a dramatic worsening of our education system.

To solve this problem, we want courses to be offered in order to keep teachers updated about current teaching methods and the use of technical devices. These workshops should be organized every other year.

Furthermore we would obligate teachers to give their students the opportunity to give feedback on their work at least once a year.

Postulation 10

Alpine connecting website

In order for a company to become successful, it is necessary to establish constructive connections with other firms. A platform in form of a website, which connects small Alpine companies would help them to be more effective. New firms often don't have enough knowledge about business and a lack of contacts. So many small companies could gain experience by communicating with one another. Besides they could collaborate better on products. Being a member of this network could also be valued with a certificate which can be displayed to customers as proof of reliability. This can be realized by pooling the businesses on a single website.

Postulation 11

News platform

We would like to present to you our news platform which is composed of a television program and a website directly linked to it.

A big issue in our countries is a lack of information concerning politics. We were especially thinking about people who do not have the chance to be politically educated: this problem leads to a huge absence of people who vote. In order to reach everyone, we would like to create a news platform which would consist of a television program that is integrated in the main channel of each country and a website in which the television reports are deepened. General information about politics of each country of the alpine region would also be given.