



## Quarterly Newsletter of the European Network

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### What's New?

#### PORTUGAL

Portugal already have the **Youth Reporters Group (Youth Press Agency)** to spread the world the upcoming news and main events regarding Environmental Education, Sustainability, Youth and Public Participation in Portugal.

The first event where they will participate is the **Environmental Education Seminar** that **ASPEA** is **organizing** taking place 8 – 10 of April in Viseu. The group will be coordinated by Paulo Lima from the Brazilian NGO *Viração Comunicação*.

Let me introduce to you (left to right): Ana Sofia, Paulo, Beatriz, Catarina and Andreia!



#### SPAIN

In Spain there are **12 cities** that **participate** on the **“LTCP Process”** (Canary Islands, Basque Country, Albacete, Murcia, Galicia, Madrid, Catalonia, La Rioja...)

On 27th April, the **Regional Conference of Catalonia** will take place, with the participation of 32 schools!

During the **European Conference** in May 2015 some youngsters had the opportunity to meet **Isabelle Durant** (former Vice-President of the European Parliament) and our filming team had an interview with **her**:

<http://mondepluriel.org/psp-europe/104-la-cop21-et-apres-interview-d-isabelle-durant>

## FRANCE

### COP21 is over, simulations go on!

On February 5th, a whole afternoon was planned in Villard-de-Lans (South-Eastern France) to **simulate a reduced COP21** where the pupils of one class played the United States, the European Union, China, India, developed and developing countries. After a short opening ceremony with slightly hesitating speeches by the Parties, the three negotiation rounds gave the pupils enough time to impersonate their national interests. With the help of a software (C-ROADS) they were able to evaluate how their commitments would impact on the 2°C objective. Due to a very open-minded negotiation by China, the Parties reached a 2°C agreement but the United States made a final twist by finally refusing to sign! The Chinese reaction was cynical: "Too bad for you, you won't get your iPhone 6 anymore". Nevertheless, the other Parties agreed to sign and the simulation ended on a positive note with a small snack brought by the pupils.



## DENMARK & LITHUANIA

The **European Economic and Social Committee** published a press release concerning the outcomes of "Your Europe Your Say" (March 17-19), from which a Danish and a Lithuanian school in our network were selected.

It is a short summary of certainly intense but constructive debates about migration and refugees in Europe.



## Upcoming LTCP Events

### April

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Mobilization Month for "Let's Take Care of the Planet"!

The aim of a "Mobilization Day" is to promote the commitment of young people and to share their ideas and proposals with their school community and even broader audiences.

As a **common European event**, the LTCP organization suggested a "Video Jam". Feel free to organize your Mobilization Day. The video can be created before, during or after an event. Then you can share the video. If you cannot organize a Mob Day in your school, it can be a way to contribute at an European level.

Send the videos to: Cécile Massé [cecile.masse@mondepluriel.org] until 12th April, to be published on 22th April 2016



## Other Interesting Events

**YouthCORE 2016**, the European Environmental Youth Conference of the Regions, will be held in Carinthia (Kärnten), Austria from 18th to 23rd September.

The registration closes on **2nd May 2016** at the latest.

More information: [encore@ktn.gv.at](mailto:encore@ktn.gv.at)

## Quote or picture of the



*"All that increases freedom, increases responsibility"*

*-Victor Hugo*

## Toolbox



Guideline for trainers: [Global Education, Education for Sustainable Development, Development Education and Global Citizenship Education](#)

Earth Charter Hand book: It is an innovative manual on how to put the spirit of the Earth Charter into practice through non-formal educational methods.

The second newsletter was written by ASPEA – Portuguese Association for Environmental Education. It is a NGO with 25 years of experience in the training of adults, teachers and youth in environmental education, sustainability, arts and environment, School Agenda 21 and the Earth Charter, in formal, non-formal and informal educational settings.

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