



**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**“Young Europeans: how to act on the Climate crisis?”**  
Deadline for submission: 1 July 2019

**The Institute of European Democrats is launching an external research project called “Young Europeans: how to act on the Climate crisis?”. The Institute of European Democrats (IED) intends to award in the course of 2019 several contracts for “Research Fellowships” to researchers and/or Students/PhD. The papers will aim at bringing new ideas and proposals to tackle the Climate crisis at European level. The gathered proposals will feed the political and legislative debate whilst giving back to young Europeans their central role in finding solutions on a challenge that affect their future, unlocking their potential and encouraging them to have their say.**

Today the climate crisis and its solution has become “the largest and most complex challenge that *Homo sapiens* has ever faced”, as claimed by young outspoken climate activist Greta Thunberg. Starting from her *Skolstrejk för klimatet* (“School strike for the climate”) protesting outside the Swedish parliament in Stockholm (Sweden) in 2018 to end with huge demonstrations of students all over Europe. The Swedish school girl raised youth awareness and engagement towards the climate crisis.

Thus, UN General Secretary António Guterres has admitted that “My generation has failed to respond properly to the dramatic challenge of climate change. This is deeply felt by young people. No wonder they are angry.”<sup>1</sup>

The EU’s nationally determined contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% by 2030 compared to 1990, under its wider 2030 climate and energy framework. All key legislation for implementing this target have been adopted at the end of 2018. The EU Key targets for 2030 are:

- At least 40% cuts in greenhouse gas emissions (from 1990 levels)
- At least 32% share for renewable energy
- At least 32.5% improvement in energy efficiency

In November 2018, the European Commission published its strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy by 2050.

Since its creation and throughout years, the primary goal of the Institute of European Democrats (IED) is to promote an in-depth discussion on the core aspects and challenges affecting the European Union (EU) and its future.

With view to taking the climate challenge and supporting the solutions emerging from the younger generation, the Institute of European Democrats has decided to launch an **external research project called “Young Europeans: how to act on the Climate crisis?”**. In this respect the IED intends to award in the course of 2019 several contracts for “Research Fellowships” to researchers and/or Students/PhD.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/15/climate-strikers-urgency-un-summit-world-leaders>



The IED deems that a useful and effective approach is to give voice to young people, providing a platform to present their ideas and thus contributing to the ongoing debates via a privileged point of view. The call for papers is specifically addressed to applicants who have not reached 35 years old by the 31 December 2019.

The papers will be requested to address some of the most urgent and prevailing issues related to the Climate crisis and Environmental sustainability in the EU.

The IED call for papers is seeking to put forward climate innovative initiatives and new approaches:

- Aiming at reducing the carbon print of Europeans and implement the EU 2030 targets
- addressed to European citizens, entrepreneurs or manufacturers
- the initiatives should be implementable Europe wide
- they should be socially fair and foster social cohesion
- they should be participative and inclusive, as many citizens feel excluded from the political debate

The papers should demonstrate on the basis of a sound argumentation and figures how they comply with the above-mentioned frame.

The selected papers will be published on the IED website. More importantly, the proposed initiatives will feed the legislative initiatives and debates at the European Parliament, where the newly elected MEPs from the EDP-European Democratic Party intend to play a leading role on fighting climate change. On national and local level, the locally elected members of parties affiliated to the EDP are equally committed to act on the climate crisis.

In the frame of this fellowship, the selected candidates should:

- Draft a specific **research paper** on the proposed subject “Young Europeans: how to act on the Climate crisis?”.
- Be prepared to possible presentation of the research paper during conferences or similar events in 2019-2020.
- be prepared to work on a possible publication



### **Eligibility criteria:**

- Graduate or Master's degree;
- Age limit of 35 years old by the 31 December 2019 (or by the submission of the research paper, if earlier);
- Proven excellence in writing skills in English.

### **Application:**

The **application** in response to this call for papers must be submitted by the **1 July 2019** to [johanna.touzel@iedonline.eu](mailto:johanna.touzel@iedonline.eu).

Applications should include:

- A Cover Letter (max 500 words) in English outlining the candidate's experiences, innovative approaches and motivations for applying;
- CV in English (max 2 pages);
- A 500-700 words abstract in English of the proposed paper that includes: the focus of the paper, the approach and a motivation for the significance of the analysis.

### **Selection criteria and selection process:**

- Fulfilment of formal eligibility requirements
- A selection committee chaired by the CEO of the Institute of European Democrats will communicate to the applicants its final decision by the **15 July 2019**.

Successful candidates will be selected on the basis of their innovative research proposals, CV and cover letter.

### **Authors' Instructions:**

Research papers must be submitted in **English** by the **31 October 2019** to [johanna.touzel@iedonline.eu](mailto:johanna.touzel@iedonline.eu). Contributions must be submitted in **Word** format.

The cover page should contain the IED logo, the title "**Young Europeans: how to act on the Climate crisis?**", an **abstract of about 700 words**, the contact information of the author and the disclaimer:

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The papers must be 10 000 to 14 000 words long (comprehensive of footnotes). References should be contained in footnotes and must be formatted coherently. Authors are kindly asked to use 1.5 line-spacing, 12 points Times New Roman font (11 point for footnotes) and justified margins. Headings must appear in bold. All pages should be numbered consecutively.



The body of the papers should be composed of an introduction, a main part and a conclusion. In the main part, authors are invited to structure their work. Their paper can for example be structured into two parts :

1. Current situation both at the European and national level;
2. Future development.

Authors might also include a third part in their analysis, focused on:

3. Political objectives and relative strategies at the European and national level.

### **Plagiarism:**

Authors should pay extra attention to referencing in order to avoid all suspicion of plagiarism. All research papers will be checked with anti-plagiarism software before their publication.

### **Submissions and funding:**

Against this background, the Institute of European Democrats intends to award one contract for “Research Fellowship” to **20 selected applicants**.

Each “Research Fellowship Agreement” will be signed by the selected applicant and the CEO of the Institute of European Democrats by the 31 July 2019.

Through such “Research Fellowship Agreement”, the IED intends to grant a fee of 1.500€. The Research Fellowship will be paid upon receipt of the final Research paper.