



CLIMATE WORKING GROUP 2017-18 **REPORT**

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Quite promising, our Climate Working Group started with almost 20 people who were interested in this topic. After getting to know each other a bit and setting up communication channel for our group, we had to face the fact that we were not entirely sure about what exactly our work should or would consist of. So, we brainstormed, gathered some ideas on what to focus on and how to narrow the broad topic “Climate” down to a feasible dimension. Collectively we chose two issues “Agriculture and Climate Change” and “Energy Efficiency” and split up our big group to two smaller ones. As we still wanted to work as one whole group, we set an agenda for regular online meetings and scheduled how often we planned to publish a product, in whatever form. A Facebook page was set up for our products and we contacted the Ecosprinter board, so that articles we would write could be uploaded on their website. By November, we had the first article written: a short summary of Carbon Farming as an alternative and sustainable form of agriculture. A second and third article followed shortly after about urban gardening. As some of us attended the Alter COP in November, we also published a small report on this. In December then, before Christmas, we posted a series of small (at least to us) inspiring ideas on how to transform Christmas into a more sustainable time of the year. In mid of January we had another short comment finalized. Most recently in March, we had a small report on the European Ideas Lab posted.

Apart from all our articles, we used the months to inform and educate ourselves further. Many of us took part in either FYEG or FYEG-independently organized workshops and seminars (or webinars). Most of us could rely on existing knowledge for example from their field of studies but everyone was open to learn more and become inspired by ideas and thoughts of others. Finally, and on a more practical side, we all learned how to start, plan and coordinate a group almost from scratch. Productive but not always easy months are lying behind us but the ultimate conclusion is without doubt that we all profited from being part of this working group.