



Press Release¹

New Project: “End Climate Change, Start Climate of Change”

University of Nicosia Research Foundation is partner of the project “End Climate Change, Start Climate of Change #ClimateOfChange. A Pan-European Campaign to build a better future for climate induced migrants, the human face of climate change - Grant Contract CSO - LA/2019/410-153” - in short, “ClimateOfChange” - headed by WeWorld-GVC and funded by the European Commission² under the DEAR (Development Education and Awareness Raising) Programme. The project involves 16 partners, including NGOs, Universities and Public Local Authorities, based in 13 European countries.

The project "End Climate Change, Start Climate of Change" is a European project, which aims at developing **young EU citizens awareness and critical understanding of climate change induced migration**, as one of the biggest challenges of the globalized world.

Objectives

- **Raising awareness of young EU citizens on the nexus between the economic system** we live in, our lifestyle **and human- induced climate change effects in the Global South**
- **Promoting sustainable lifestyle patterns** and a shift towards a sustainable, human economy model within our planetary boundaries.
- **Engaging and activating young EU citizens in support of policies** and development actions to tackle climate change as a driver of **irregular migration and forced displacement worldwide**.

The ambitious aim of the Action is not only to improve knowledge and awareness of **young European citizens** but also to engage them in promoting a change in their own behaviour and in their community. A social marketing campaign to inform, encourage and enable youth to change their lifestyle and promote their role as actors of change has been carefully developed. The campaign is based on providing information about the effects of the choices we make, and what we could, or should, do differently. A vibrant **Pan-European impact** will be guaranteed thanks to a strong common visual identity and message and a clear EU campaign roadmap of both online and live activities, such as: the Pan EU Street Action Tour traveling for 80 days through Europe and stopping in 10 EU cities; the TEDx Talks in 4 EU cities and broadcasted online, etc. Moreover, it will be a focused and strategic campaign on climate change and migration priorities **bringing EU Development Policy and EU answers to global challenges closer to citizens**.

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² *'The Member States of the European Union have decided to link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders'.*