

Dear Friends,

Writing this letter, a long memories line filled with achievements and challenges of this year is going on over while I am evaluating the experience as Promo and Publication Officer 2019/2020 of YEE Network. Being part of the board of the biggest and the only independent youth-led environmental network is a journey that has left a considerable huge trace in my professional development. Having the opportunity to work amongst European environmental activists – educated me to bring a European perspective in environmental protection at the local level. I would like to say thank you to the delegates of the Annual Meeting 2019 / Brno, who allowed me to represent them and became a part of YEE team.

As Promo and Publication Officer of YEE, during this year I have understood how important is online communication nowadays for non-profit organizations, especially for youth organizations. The 2019/2020 period has been a great year for YEE regarding the communication work, amazing and skilled secretariat members and volunteers (ESC and online volunteers) joined the core team of YEE – making the appearance of **digital communication channels** very active, valuable and diverse for young people across the continent during a time where the physical contact wasn't possible. I have been enough lucky to be part of an innovative team that worked hard in YEE external communication. Our monthly electronic newsletter has been regularly published; hundreds of visual materials have been produced; etc – deep gratitude to those who contribute to making this possible: Karolina, Anais, Tasha, Martina, and Chloe! Despite the pandemic situation, we did it to continue our efforts online.

Unfortunately, an unexpected suddenly life-changed affected all of us due to **COVID-19**, a moment where the virtual world became part of our daily working-style. The YEE Board working style is remote-based, meaning that the pandemic didn't affect directly our respective tasks. The pandemic situation affected somehow the interaction among Board and Secretariat because of the canceled 3rd physical board meeting in Prague due to COVID-19. The secretariat was joined by two new members, as a consequence, we didn't have the chance to meet up and set jointly working and communication rules - as we did at the beginning of our term. Fortunately, we got connected organically by working but some gaps weren't filled and I hope the next board will have the chance to meet physically together as soon as possible to avoid what happened during the second period of the term of YEE Board (2019-2020).

Last but not at least, also I would like to say thank you to my fellow board members and YEE Secretariat Members! At some points, being committed for a year in a remote engagement (being board member) makes you somehow to lose the touch and motivation, but because of you and your inner purpose to combat climate change, I felt encouraged and supported! I believe that the contribution of the YEE Board 2019/2020 will be regarded as an important brick in the wall of YEE history! **Teamwork makes the dream work!**

Sincerely,
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