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Motion for a Resolution by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)

A Meal Too Expensive: The European Union's food production system is responsible for around 30% of its greenhouse gas emissions due to energy mismanagement and land waste. How can the EU lessen these environmental impacts while continuing to ensure food security for all citizens?

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The European Youth Parliament aims to ensure the reliability and accessibility of agricultural production in accordance with the objectives of the European Green Deal. It also aims to strengthen European food safety in a time where the demand for food is rising. Furthermore, it strives to establish lower prices for organic food products and increase their accessibility for EU citizens, consequently supporting local production and reducing the carbon footprint of individuals,

because,

- A. There is a lack of organic supply in the EU to meet the market's demand, with only 8,5 % of the farmland in the EU being dedicated to organic farming,
- B. Organic food is significantly more expensive to produce due to its labour-intensive nature,
- C. Only 11% of consumers are willing to pay inflated prices for organic food, despite the fact that many of them have no other option due to dietary requirements,

The European Youth Parliament:

- 1. Encourages the Member States' Ministries of Agriculture to discourage inorganic food production by:
 - a. increasing the mandatory amount of organic food provided in supermarkets;
 - b. lowering taxes for organic producers;
- 2. Calls upon the EU Commissioner for Agriculture to mandate all member countries increase percentage of farmland dedicated to organic farming by 2% in 5 years;

- 3. Calls upon the European Commission to increase funding to small organic farms and companies and start-ups specializing in organic and or alternative farming research via the European Monetary Fund;
- 4. Invites the Member States' Ministries of Healthcare to promote the benefits of organically produced food by:
 - a. creating media campaigns;
 - b. incorporating organic food in benefit programmes;
- 5. Asks the Member States' Ministries of Healthcare systematically support the distribution of coupons for organic food to people with dietary needs.



Motion for a Resolution by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

Online school stress: With as much as 54 per cent of young people reporting that distance learning negatively affected both their physical and mental health, what can the EU do to help its adolescents in these unprecedented times?

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The European Youth Parliament aims to improve the well-being of all parties involved in online schooling, including not only students but teachers as well. In case of future need for online schooling, we wish to ensure quality and accessibility for all students, especially for those coming from underprivileged backgrounds. Furthermore, we aim to spread awareness for mental health issues as well as reduce the stigma surrounding them,

because,

- A. Students who are online learning are put under significant pressure¹ due to the overwhelming amounts of schoolwork, excessive screen time, and decreased physical activity, which all negatively affect their well-being,
- B. Numerous students across the EU do not have access² to the equipment necessary for online schooling,
- C. Teachers are not adequately equipped⁴ for distance teaching, as they lack the necessary knowledge and resources;

The European Youth Parliament:

- 1. Encourages to the Member States to reduce the number of consecutive lessons to improve students' focus during online classes;
- 2. Calls upon the Member States to insure availability of technological equipment for both teachers and students by:
 - a. Encouraging schools and local companies to lend their unused equipment;

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- b. Organising a crowd funding campaign;
- c. Funding for schools from States's ministry of education;
- 3. Suggests to the Member States to support schools to hold voluntary seminars to spread awareness about and discuss mental health issues caused by online learning with the possibility to have private consultations if needed;
- Calls upon Member State's Ministries of Education to establish new and promote existing knowledge sharing websites for teachers, such as <u>School Education Gateway</u> and <u>eTwinning</u>.



Motion for a Resolution by the Committee on Regional Development (REGI)

#HousingCrisis: As the housing prices in the EU rose 5.5% during last year, more and more people find themself being driven out of the cities or living in deplorable conditions. Keeping in mind its sustainability pledges, what actions should the EU take to maintain access to affordable, social housing?

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The European Youth Parliament aims to improve the well-being of EU citizens by making housing more affordable and creating proper living conditions for everyone. It views housing as a fundamental right and not as a commodity on the market, *because*,

- A. One in ten EU citizens spend more than 40% of their income on housing,
- B. Over the last 10 years, the number of homeless people in the EU has increased by 70%,
- C. The amount of people experiencing homelessness and energy poverty has increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The European Youth Parliament:

- 1. Asks employers to provide access to housing for their employees;
- 2. Calls on Member States to promote renting by
 - a. putting a cap on rent prices;
 - b. encouraging renting inhabited houses;
- 3. Proposes existing shelters provide the homeless with more opportunities to increase their income;
- 4. Encourages the Member States to create media campaigns to educate the public about financial literacy and helping the homeless;
- 5. Invites the use of sustainable energy sources, such as local solar thermae powerplants for houses and public spaces;



- 6. Strongly encourages the Member States' Ministries of Education to continue in-person classes in primary schools during crisis situations such as pandemics;
- 7. Recommends the Member States' Ministries of Education provide continued support to lowincome families in cases of distance learning, such as distributing lunches or technical equipment.