

Europe: Time to paris!

Dear European Chancellors, Prime Ministers and Presidents,

This is a message from European mothers and fathers because you are more than late with your homework.

The world is getting ready for the most important birthday ever: 5 years of the Paris Climate Agreement. UN Secretary General Guterres has been calling for over a year for all countries to show up with an increased commitment and ambition to cut fossil fuels and other emissions down to zero as soon as humanly possible. Because that is what science says.

Great Britain will be hosting the 5 year birthday party on December 12th and put the first present on the table, an increased Paris commitment. China came late to the party, but already announced a surprisingly - but still insufficient - big gift: The giant country that emits more than any other nation will cut its emissions by 2060 to zero and will peak before 2030 - a huge, completely surprising announcement that President Xi made at the UN General assembly last week. A provocative but clear message to the US and the world: No matter what will happen in the White House, China is still in to protect the climate.

And where is Europe in all this? Europe is lost. Europe will show up empty handed at the birthday - without any serious decision. Next Week, October 15th the last European summit where from Merkel to Macron and Orban will meet for the last time before the Paris Agreements birthday party and no agreement is ready. Mind you - 5 years ago in Paris the message was: In 5 years we will meet again to increase our commitments. You knew what your homework was five years ago. You didn't decide anything.

Instead you accuse our children as being too radical. They demand what is not only their right for a safe future but also the only reasonable government policy: Plan how to get Europe to 1.5 degrees and fossil fuels to zero. Real zero, no buts, no ifs, no offsets, respecting global climate justice. What is truly radical is to keep on burning fossil fuels when your job as leaders is to keep families, jobs, cities on the coast safe from a climate catastrophe.

You are failing our children, you are failing your citizens, you are failing Europe and the world.

That is why we have come to Brussels with this message: "Do your homework, do what you were elected for. Avoid harm from the people of Europe and the world. Preserve the basis of life for future generations. Do your job!"

Parents for Future Germany