DATA-INFORMED STUDENT DEBATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Join the online EUTOPIA inter-university debate 2023

This activity is organised by the EUTOPIA Learning Community "Data and Critical Thinking"

Who?

Students from the EUTOPIA alliance

When?

From February 15th to March 8th 2023

What?

Student debate on climate change. Display your argumentation skills in order to convince your opponents by using data-informed arguments and point out fallacies in their discourse to take their claim down. The purpose is to give the opportunity for students to practice their data analysis, critical thinking and argumentation skills. The topics that you will debate on and the side you will have to defend will be assigned to you in order to allow an even distribution of teams. You don't need to truly believe in the arguments you will propose, your aim is to show and use data to your advantage, to be more convincing than the opposite side. Students who participate in the full process will also be awarded a EUTOPIA certificate demonstrating their participation in an international EUTOPIA connected learning activity.

How?

You will debate against another team in a written and asynchronous format (around one hour workload per week during 3 weeks), and the two teams judged to have the best-founded arguments, will orally debate live online (on March 8th).

Which topics? *(no specific knowledge on the topics is required)*

- "To what extent does going vegan help reduce our carbon footprint and the deforestation of the Amazon forest?"
- "Between natural or artificial sequestration of carbon, which approach is the most likely to help tackle climate change?"

Natural sequestration is mostly represented by reforestation and blue carbon (sea carbon), while artificial sequestration corresponds mostly to direct air capture and bioenergy with carbon capture and storage.

How to sign up?

By February 14th, sign up with your team (3 people max) or individually (you will be assigned to a team), by scanning this QR code or by clicking here.