

# CliMates - Flash Newsletter #3

## Flashback on COP19 in Warsaw (11-22 Nov 2013)

### → On the road to COP: «Climate challenge : How to overcome inaction?»



Mathilde Imer

«Being a speaker at the special debate "Climate challenge: How to overcome inaction" organized at Sciences Po University [...] I had the ho-

nor to bring the youth's voice at the table by presenting some ideas and solutions to face inaction against climate change.

On behalf of CliMates and REFEDD, I emphasized the importance of education, collaboration, innovation and entrepre-

neurship, as well as the necessity for each actor - including young people and students - to take their responsibilities in the fight against climate change [...]

[Click here to read the full article](#) ■

**Mathilde Imer,**  
CliMates' delegate

### → Pre-COP19 European youth week end

«Learning to know each other better, sharing skills, preparing ourselves on the technical content of the next climate talks, brainstorming on actions we could do together at the COP19... This is what Sabrina Marquant and I did from 18-20 October 2013 with around 30 other European young climate campaigners from 13 different countries, which gathered in Brussels for the «Pre-COP19 european youth week end».

As a result, our group wrote down proposals and recommendations as well as a



letter to Ms. Connie Hedegaard (EU Commissioner for Climate action) in addition to the action we did against fracking (pic-

ture). But we also learned enough to act and work together during the whole climate conference in Warsaw and beyond. I hope we'll manage to maintain this good dynamic in the group, and would love to see such other «pre-COP week ends» taking place in other regions of the world to allow young people to work more efficiently, constructively and creatively together in the fight against climate change. A word to the wise...» ■

**Mathilde Imer,**  
CliMates' delegate

### → Preparation of the CliMates' Delegation

Preparing for a COP is not exactly like preparing for a war, but it's as close as it gets when it comes to fighting for global climate action. First, we had to get our minds ready - reinforcing our capacity to navigate the intricacies of the UN climate system, with the help of the great trainings provided by UKYCCC, Adopt

a Negotiator, and CliMates itself. Then, we needed to define a game-plan: what were our objectives for this conference? What could we hope to achieve and what kind of actions would that require? And finally, though this may seem surprising, getting our bodies ready was also crucial - the two weeks of negotiation are quite

a marathon and it's impossible to survive it unless you arrive well-rested, healthy, and ready to roll. ■

**Antoine Ebel,**  
CliMates' delegate

### → CliMates at the heart of the action!

Milan Dehnen, Antoine Ebel, Laura Führer, Mathilde Imer, Olivier Levallois, Sabrina Marquant, Manuel Marti and Alexis Metzger were part of the CliMates Delegation during the COP19 in Warsaw, Poland. During these two weeks of climate negotiations the CliMates Delegation was really active.

Activities included engaging with YOUNGO, following negotiations, meeting fellow NGOs, blogging and stealing from the EU's breakfast buffet.

[Read more on our website!](#) ■

**Sabrina Marquant and Laura Führer**  
CliMates' delegates



Alexis Metzger

## → The 9th Conference of Youth

CliMates' COP19 Delegation participated in the Conference of Youth (COY). This year YOUNGO (which gathers youth organizations working on climate change issues) and Powershift organized the 9th COY in Warsaw from November 7th to November 10th in 2013.

COY is a «customary» event held every year before the climate negotiations begin, so that young people can meet, lay out the strategy of the youth climate's movement and strengthen the network by bringing everyone together.



«Get Creative, Get Organized, Get Digital: Using digital communications for rapid response campaigns»

During this event, CliMates led a workshop on how to organize more efficient communication campaigns using digital tools, in partnership with the UKYCC. CliMates also organized a «World café» discussion to gather some initial thoughts



on the vision of the youth for 2015. If you want to learn more on COY9: [check out our website page on this event!](#) ■

*Sabrina Marquant,  
CliMates' delegate*

## → First edition of the COP in MyCity project

Seventeen cities! For its first edition, the COP in MyCity managed to gather youth from 17 cities in a fantastic and fast moving global community.



Mobilization events and student simulations of international climate negotiations were organized on every continent. Some of them managed to reach a global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas

emissions, others didn't... But each one of the participants left with a better understanding of the stakes of the «COPs» and their consequences for our planet and our civilization.

Check out [all the pictures of the simulations here!](#) Coming soon: the final report debriefing the results of the simulations. ■

*Camille Niaufre,  
COP in MyCity Communication Officer*



Warsaw in Hyderabad (India) organized its simulation on Nov 20, 2013

**Warsaw in Paris** Warsaw in Paris, one of the French versions of COP in MyCity co-organized by CliMates and the REFEDD (French Student Network for Sustainable Development) took place in the French

Capital between October 16 and November 22. Ninety youths and adults participated in 4 simulations of international climate negotiations and [7 mobilization events](#), including a [Flashmob](#), various conferences with Skype sessions in live from Warsaw and workshops. The parti-

cipants gained considerable knowledge about international climate negotiations. Have a look at our [photos and videos](#) and stay tuned for 2014! ■

*Juliette Decq,  
Action Team Director*

## → COP19 is over... So what's next for CliMates' program on international negotiations?

Even if COP19 and more generally international climate talks seem - and most of the time are - depressing for people, CliMates will keep international negotiations as one of its main research and mobilization focuses until COP21. Why? Because we believe that the negotiations are one setting among others in which change has to be made in order to tackle climate change. Young people must there-

fore be present at these conferences... but being present is not enough. They must also be ambitious, creative, and constructive in order to get the attention of policy-makers. To do so they should be well prepared, which means that they have to « do their homework » before coming to the next COP: work hard during the whole year (at the national and regional levels) and on a collaborative

basis with other climate actors. This is especially true with those who are not coming anymore to the negotiations, but do have interesting complementary approaches. This is our vision for the role of young climate leaders and researchers in our network, and it will guide our actions towards Paris 2015! ■

*Mathilde Imer,  
CliMates' delegate*

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