## **Press release**

## UNICEF Greece launches a competition for the selection of a young participant to attend the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku

Participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 29) in Baku, Azerbaijan with UNICEF and have your voice heard!



ATHENS, 30 August 2024 – UNICEF Greece Country Office invites young people 14-24 years old living in Greece to submit their proposals on ways to address climate change, along with a comprehensive climate advocacy plan. The author of the best climate advocacy plan will be provided with the unique opportunity to participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 29) that will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 11-22 November 2024.

Young people who would like to take part in the competition launched by UNICEF Greece should complete **Green-Pal**, a digital tool aiming to support adolescents and youth to develop climate action skills. UNICEF Greece launched Green-Pal in April 2024, recognizing the importance of green skills and the need to amplify the voices of children and young people in the climate debate. Through the 5 tasks available on Green-Pal, the participants will be asked to work individually or in groups, to develop their own Climate Advocacy Plan with their ideas on how to address the impact of the climate crisis and their proposals for policy changes on aspects related to climate and the environment.

All Climate Advocacy Plans will be assessed by a UNICEF Greece committee. An oral presentation in English of the 5 best Action Plans will follow, before the UNICEF Greece committee. Once the process is complete, one winner and two alternates will be selected in case the winner is not able to travel to COP29 due to unforeseen circumstances. All expenses to attend COP29 in Baku (air tickets, accommodation, meals) will be covered by UNICEF Greece.

The competition will be open from 30 August 2024 to 30 September 2024. Detailed information about the terms and conditions of the competition can be found <u>here</u>. You can read more on COP29 here.

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## **About UNICEF**

Through its global programmes, UNICEF promotes the rights and the well-being of every child. Working with our partners, we operate in 191 countries and territories in order to put into practice this commitment, focusing our efforts not only towards the interest and benefit of the most vulnerable and excluded children but also for the interest and benefit of all the children in the world. UNICEF Greece Country Office was founded in November 2020 with the aim to safeguard the protection, the equality, the inclusion in education, the development and the participation without exclusion of the two million children in the country. Find out more about UNICEF's work in Greece and other parts of the world at www.unicef.org/greece

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