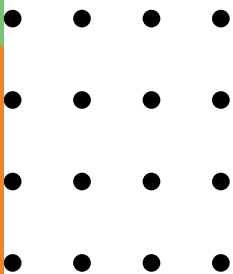


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Association for Innovative Mentality (AIM) organized and actively participated in the event called **“Climate Policy Debate”**, under the European Project entitled **«ENABLE - EMPOWERING NEXT – GENERATION ADVOCATES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT»** which was held in Sofia, Bulgaria on the 14th and 15th of January.

The ENABLE Climate Policy Debate was a two-day event in Sofia, Bulgaria hosted by AIM on the 14th and 15th of January aimed at empowering 25 young individuals with the knowledge and skills to actively participate in climate governance. The event kicked off with a welcome and registration session, where participants had the opportunity to network and familiarize themselves with the agenda. This was followed by an interactive icebreaking activity, allowing attendees to introduce themselves and share their perspectives on climate action. The opening keynote, "Youth Engagement in Climate Governance," set the stage for discussions by highlighting the crucial role of young people in shaping climate policies.

The first day also featured a hands-on workshop on "Understanding Regional and International Climate Policies," where participants explored major agreements like the Paris Agreement, national climate action plans etc. This session provided a strong foundation for understanding the political and legal frameworks that shape global climate efforts. Following this, an open discussion on youth contributions to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) encouraged participants to brainstorm ideas on how young people can take leadership roles in environmental sustainability. Attendees shared personal experiences, discussed community-driven initiatives, and debated ways to bridge the gap between policymaking and on-the-ground climate action.

The second day emphasized action-oriented learning. Participants engaged in an interactive session on designing inclusive climate solutions, where they collaborated to propose innovative and equitable climate strategies. The highlight of Climate Policy Debate was a simulation, where participants applied their knowledge and advocacy skills in a structured debate format. Teams were assigned different positions on pressing climate issues, such as carbon taxation, renewable energy policies, and climate justice, and were given time to research and prepare their arguments. The debate fostered critical thinking, persuasive communication, and a deeper understanding of the complexities of climate governance.



As the event concluded, closing remarks acknowledged the participants' dedication, and certificates were awarded to recognize their efforts. The ENABLE Climate Policy Debate successfully equipped young changemakers with the tools to advocate for sustainable policies and take an active role in shaping the future of climate governance. At the end of the debate there was a distribution of certificates and participants filled out a survey on Justice, Rights and Values.

The ENABLE Climate Policy Debate was a resounding success, fostering an environment where young leaders could develop their understanding of climate governance and enhance their advocacy skills. Through insightful discussions, hands-on workshops, and a thought-provoking debate, participants gained valuable knowledge on policy frameworks and practical strategies for civic engagement. The event not only deepened their awareness of global and regional climate challenges but also empowered them to become proactive changemakers in their communities.

By the end of the two-day program, attendees left with a renewed sense of purpose and the confidence to advocate for climate policies that drive meaningful change. The connections formed, ideas exchanged, and skills acquired will undoubtedly contribute to their ongoing efforts in environmental activism. As these young voices continue to push for sustainable solutions, the impact of ENABLE will extend far beyond the event itself, inspiring a new generation of climate leaders committed to shaping a greener, more resilient future.



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