

#EcoFighters

Impact Month

Call for Applications

As part of the #EcoFighters – School students for the environment annual workplan, OBESSU is launching a call for actions for the Impact Month!

We will be funding actions to take place between 15 April and 15 May 2021 related to raising environmental awareness and sustainability or advocating for climate justice from youth organisations.

#EcoFighters aims at:

- promoting the exchange of best practices and examples, among OBESSU member organisations in relation to environmental issues and sustainability;
- building capacities of school student activists in advocacy and democratic participation, with a special focus on addressing environmental challenges, from local and national to European and global levels;
- developing an 'Action Kit' related to the topic for school student activists;
- implementing local and national awareness raising actions regarding environmental issues

Sounds good?

All you have to do is identify an environmental problem that students in your school, street, town or country are having and come up with a great idea that will contribute to solving the problem and advocating for change.

The ideas can be very diverse and depend on your realities, issues and needs in the community. They can be campaigns, events, actions or initiatives, and can be both online or offline - or even blended!

All initiatives are welcome that aim:

- To empower school students - regardless of their backgrounds - to take action and advocate for climate justice in their contexts;
- To build closer ties and create synergies among youth organisations that work on the topic of environment and sustainability (especially the ones that belong to the Generation Climate Europe coalition);
- To further engage and enable OBESSU membership (national school student unions) to increase the dissemination efforts and visibility of #EcoFighters on a national level and to work towards achieving a political impact with their funded initiatives.

What can we offer you?

OBESSU provides funding (up to 700 EUR per initiative) for initiatives implemented by general and vocational secondary school students and young activists on local, regional and national levels.

The grant can cover expenses such as materials, communication costs and costs for events, but no staff costs or rent will be accepted. Expenses must be directly related to and necessary for the implementation of the submitted initiative proposal.

Who can participate?

General eligibility criteria

- ✓ The application has to be submitted by an OBESSU Member, Candidate or Affiliate Organisation, or by a member of Generation Climate Europe Member Organisation in partnership with an OBESSU Member, Candidate or Affiliate Organisation.
- ✓ To apply you have to be in a Council of Europe country, you can find the list [here](#).
- ✓ Your team has to have at least 3 members, all young people (under 30 years old). The person who will be communicating with OBESSU must have at least medium level English language knowledge.
- ✓ Your initiative has to take place in the period 15 April to 15 May 2021.
- ✓ Your initiative has to focus on raising environmental awareness and sustainability, or advocating for a change.
- ✓ The initiative has to have a local, regional or national impact.

How can you apply?

In order to apply for a grant in the framework of #EcoFighters please send the [application form](#) together with the [budget proposal](#) for the activity to Dragana at secretariat@obessu.org **before the 25th March 2021 at 23:59 CET**.

Please include the following information in the subject of your email: **Impact month _ Name of activity**.

Once the deadline is over, we will assess all the applications and communicate the results by 30th of March 2021.

What help can we offer you?

If you want to:

- develop your idea
- gather inspiration from different actions for the environment from around the globe
- learn how to fill in the application form or the budget
- better understand application procedure



- ...or have any other question before applying...

Check out the #EcoFighters MOOC where you will find this information and much more!

Additionally, don't hesitate to contact our Programme manager, Dragana at dragana@obessu.org for any other question you may have regarding the call, initiatives or the project.