

Youth engagement for Air Quality in Albania

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Children and young people have a **higher breathing rate** and a **higher body/surface ratio**, thus they breathe in more pollution; they also have less developed natural protective barriers against inhaled particles.



What data and **YOUTH** are saying:

An **e-questionnaire “Air quality around me!”** was launched through the U-Report platform in November 2022:

Target: 214 responders out of which **61%** were young people in the age range **15- 24** years old.

- Two key data from this poll were:
 - **81 %** of respondents believe that Climate change and air pollution problems are intertwined
 - **83%** of respondents feel that air quality in their cities has deteriorated since they were children.

What **YOUTH** in Albania want:



- A **Youth Manifesto** with concrete demands and contribution by **YOUTH** on:

- 1) Reduction of Deforestation,**
- 2) Preservation of water resources,**
- 3) Green Public transportation and**
- 4) Prevention of Air pollution itself.**

What YOUTH from Albania will do for improving Air Quality:



#Advocate:

- Digital communication campaign with key messages, youth influencers on raising awareness on air quality.
- Watchdog skills for 250 young advocates in the municipalities of Fier, Kurbin, Durres and Korçë;
- Air&Climate Hub exchange meeting with 50 youth from municipalities of Fier, Kurbin, Durres, Korçë, Tirana, Shkodra, Elbasan, Pogradec, Berat;
- Youth led designed initiative on air quality and five youth led position papers;
- Three Peer-to-peer learning events for young people;
- Nine municipal meetings for advocacy purposed between youth and municipal stakeholders to advocate for the implementation of initiatives in municipal action plans focusing on environmental aspects/ air quality.

#Inovate

- UPSHIFT4AirQuality on innovative youth led solutions on Monitoring air quality in the community; Green Transport; Education on air quality; Promoting Biodiversity.

#supportyounger generations

CLEEN (climate change) methodology for primary schools





Thank YOU !!!

**Youth are ready to
be partners for
improving air
quality.**

