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ManagersForFuture Statement

ManagersForFuture join Global Climate Strike

ManagersForFuture join the Global Climate Strike on 25 March. We are with the millions of young people and persons of any age and background. The many "For Future" movements born over the years, from grandparents to managers, are taking to the streets across the world to denounce once again the culpable inaction of world governments and businesses in the face of the climate and ecological crisis that is unfortunately getting worse by the hour. The latest report published by IPCC at the end of February, the latest in a long series of alarming reports, is unequivocal: „It emphasizes the urgency of immediate and more ambitious action to address climate risks. Half measures are no longer an option“, the IPCC President himself said¹.

ManagersForFuture, since its inception in 2019, has taken a stand in many occasions on crucial issues directly connected to the climate crisis. For instance, at the occasion of the World Economic Forum in 2021, **we firmly expressed our dissent² about the recovery packages** that after the Covid-19 pandemic were still focused on "business as usual", being much more in support of sectors linked to fossil fuel production and consumption than low-carbon energy sectors. We summarized our thoughts on these critical issues, as well as our proposals with regard to possible strategies and actions to be put in place in order to address them concretely, in our recently published position paper **"Unleashing New Leadership: building a sustainable and regenerative Economy"**³.

The Global Climate Strike's slogan reads #PeopleNotProfit and ManagersForFuture fully agrees on the urgent need to put at center stage, also in the economic space, the well-being of people and in particular that of future generations, increasingly put at risk by the climate crisis. The right to a climate and more in general to an environment and a planet that not only allows but favours life, the life of mankind as well as of every other species on our planet, is a right that the climate crisis is severely calling into question. We must all protect this right, by any means.

¹ IPCC 2022: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/resources/press/press-release/>

² ManagersForFuture 2021: <https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/cdf5720e/files/uploaded/MFF%20Statement%20WEF%202021%20Jan%202020.pdf>

³ ManagersForFuture 2022: <https://irp-cdn-website.com/cdf5720e/files/uploaded/MFF%20New%20Leadership%202022.pdf>

However, we also recognize that running economic activities in a profitable way is necessary, first to make them survive, and then to put them at the service of building a truly sustainable, resilient, fair, just economic and social development model. By joining the Global Climate Strike, we reaffirm ManagersForFuture's availability and willingness to dialogue, discuss and mainly build bridges with all the organizations that intend to join forces with the aim to urgently address the climate crisis with concrete actions and projects. We also join the call to governments to accelerate the implementation of measures to tackle the climate crisis in line with the Paris Agreement's targets, which are increasingly difficult but still possible to achieve.

An #EconomyForFuture is not only possible but urgently needed.

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ManagersForFuture is a grassroots movement of leaders accelerating change for people and planet. ManagersForFuture started in 2019 as a campaign launched by CEC European Managers. Today, it gathers executives, managers and students united in their action for sustainable and regenerative leadership that delivers on a net positive future.

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