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Climate action as a human and democratic responsibility

Motion for a resolution

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The summer of 2025 has been a stark reminder of the accelerating climate crisis. With record heatwaves, devastating floods, rampant wildfires and disturbed marine ecosystems, Europe has witnessed the fragility of its environment, infrastructure and social fabric.

These events make clear that climate change is not simply a matter of extreme weather, but the consequence of exceeding ecological limits. Addressing it requires more than technological innovation or emergency response: it calls for a profound rethinking of our relationship with energy, resources and consumption. Moving towards a model of sobriety and sufficiency – where well-being is measured not by the volume of goods produced but by resilience, equity and quality of life – is essential if Europe is to adapt and thrive.

At the same time, climate resilience is also a democratic challenge. Transformative change depends on the mobilisation of communities, the empowerment of citizens, and the capacity to imagine new forms of collective organisation. Localised, regenerative solutions – in food, energy, housing and mobility – must be supported alongside national and international strategies. Only by weaving together bottom-up innovation and political leadership can Europe build systems that are both sustainable and socially just.

Parliamentarians should consider calls for investment in early warning systems, resilient infrastructure and stronger nature conservation measures, paving the way for a wider transformation. Member States must commit to ambitious reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, restoring ecosystems and embedding resilience at every level of governance. Cultural heritage and biodiversity must be safeguarded, with local communities shaping their own sustainable futures.

The Council of Europe must lead in co-ordinating these efforts, ensuring that adaptation and mitigation strategies protect human lives, uphold rights and preserve Europe's natural and cultural treasures for generations to come.

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