

Article about our SDG project from the danish side 2023/2024

We were 14 students, who had either been chosen or signed up for the project through our schools. Back in November 2023 we all met for the first time. Some of us knew each other beforehand, and the others we didn't know. We quickly got to know them. We all quickly bonded. When March 2024 was just around the corner, we were all very happy to see each other again.

In Greece, we learnt a lot about their culture and some of their sustainability problems and some of the solutions that they had invented. One of the businesses I remember we learnt about, they had found a replacement to paper straws. We were told that in Greece they drink a lot of coffee with straws, and that paper straws were just annoying because after 3 sips it was already impractical and that this business had come up with the idea to make straws out of straw. So they would harvest a pile of straws and use the good quality ones. Apparently it wasn't a widespread business yet, but in the local area it was popular - and a very good SDG solution.

If I'm completely honest, before I joined the project I was minimally sustainable. I would sort my trash, reuse my clothes before I put it in my laundry basket, give my old clothes away and so on. But after I had participated in this project, I had become 110% more aware of the *Sustainable development goals*, the climate and how I should solve some of the problems, and how to make others more aware of climate change and how they could help.

In my opinion, this was definitely one of the best projects I have ever been a part of. It was fun, interesting and it really informed how to make better choices that were more sustainable. I also really loved how we were involved in how we wanted to present our SDG actions in our schools. It was such a cool project, where I made so many new friends. If I was ever offered an opportunity to do this again, I would accept in a heartbeat. I also think this project should continue so others can get the same fun and educational experience I had.

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