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"Youth for the Environment": Online contest for school and youth projects – application deadline extended until 10 January 2017

The online platform "EnviroNetwork.eu" offers a contest for school and youth projects in the fields of environmental and nature protection. The main prize will be the free participation in the four-day International Convention of Environmental Laureates in Freiburg from March 9 to 12, 2017. Due to the feedback from individual teams needing more time for the development of their projects and the subsequent application, the application deadline has been extended until 10 January 2017.

Young people aged between 16 and 28 can participate in the contest. In order to do this, they set up their environmental protection project on the "EnviroNetwork.eu" online platform which was initiated by the FWTM in cooperation with the European Environment Foundation. The winners will be chosen in a subsequent voting on the corresponding Facebook page. The project with the most "likes" wins.

An attractive prize awaits the winners:

- Free participation in the "International Convention of Environmental Laureates" in Freiburg from 9 to 12 March 2017. Laureates of the world's most significant environmental awards participate in the Environmental Convention. The award winners will travel to Freiburg from more than 40 countries.
- Large presentation of your own project on the "Young Talents Day" of the International Environmental Convention. The "Young Talents Day" offers young people the unique opportunity to meet and talk to the international

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laureates in person.

- Participation in environmental classes at the UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg, the only UWC College in Germany.

Information and Application:

www.vironnetwork.eu

Online Contest – Opportunity for young environmental groups:

The online platform EnviroNetwork.eu, which was also initiated by the FWTM and the European Environment Foundation, offers a contest for youth projects. The main prize is the free participation in the entire four-day International Convention of Environmental Laureates from 9 to 12 March 2017, the participation in environmental classes of the UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg and, as a highlight, the presentation of their own project in the large plenum on the Young Talents Day on 11 March 2017.

Information and Application: www.vironnetwork.eu

At a glance:

International Convention of Environmental Laureates and Young Talents Day

Since 2012, the International Convention of Environmental Laureates has been held in Freiburg under the patronage of Professor Klaus Töpfer. More than 100 environmental laureates from more than 40 nations participate each year. In addition to internal events and the Young Talents Day, there are also several

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public programme parts. The Young Talents Day is organized in cooperation with the University of Freiburg, the Regional Council Freiburg and the UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg. The young participants receive a qualified preparation. On Young Talents Day, they actively apply the acquired knowledge in discussions with the laureates, learn how to integrate global climate and environmental challenges into everyday context and are motivated by their role models for their own environmental commitment.

EnviroNetwork.eu

The project is sponsored until the end of 2017 by the Deutsche Bundessiftung Umwelt DBU (German Federal Environmental Foundation) and provides digital networking to environmental laureates, companies, NGOs, environmental activists, students and to the media and press. Those interested can get information on the website or create profiles and projects themselves.

www.vironetwork.eu

European Environment Foundation:

Founded in 2011, the European Environment Foundation aims to promote dialogue between all disciplines of environmental policy at a global level. The focus is on laureates of prestigious international environmental prizes, the networking and support of which the foundation promotes with various projects. The main projects are the International Convention of Environmental Laureates, held annually in spring, and the new online platform "EnviroNetwork.eu".

The foundation's Board of Trustees consists of 17 renowned personalities from the field of environmental and climate protection: Manuel Collares-Pereira, Amalio de Marichalar, Monika Griefahn, Rainer Griesshammer, Peter W. Heller, Sigrid Janssen, Gerhard Knies, Jeremy Leggett, Antonio Luque,

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