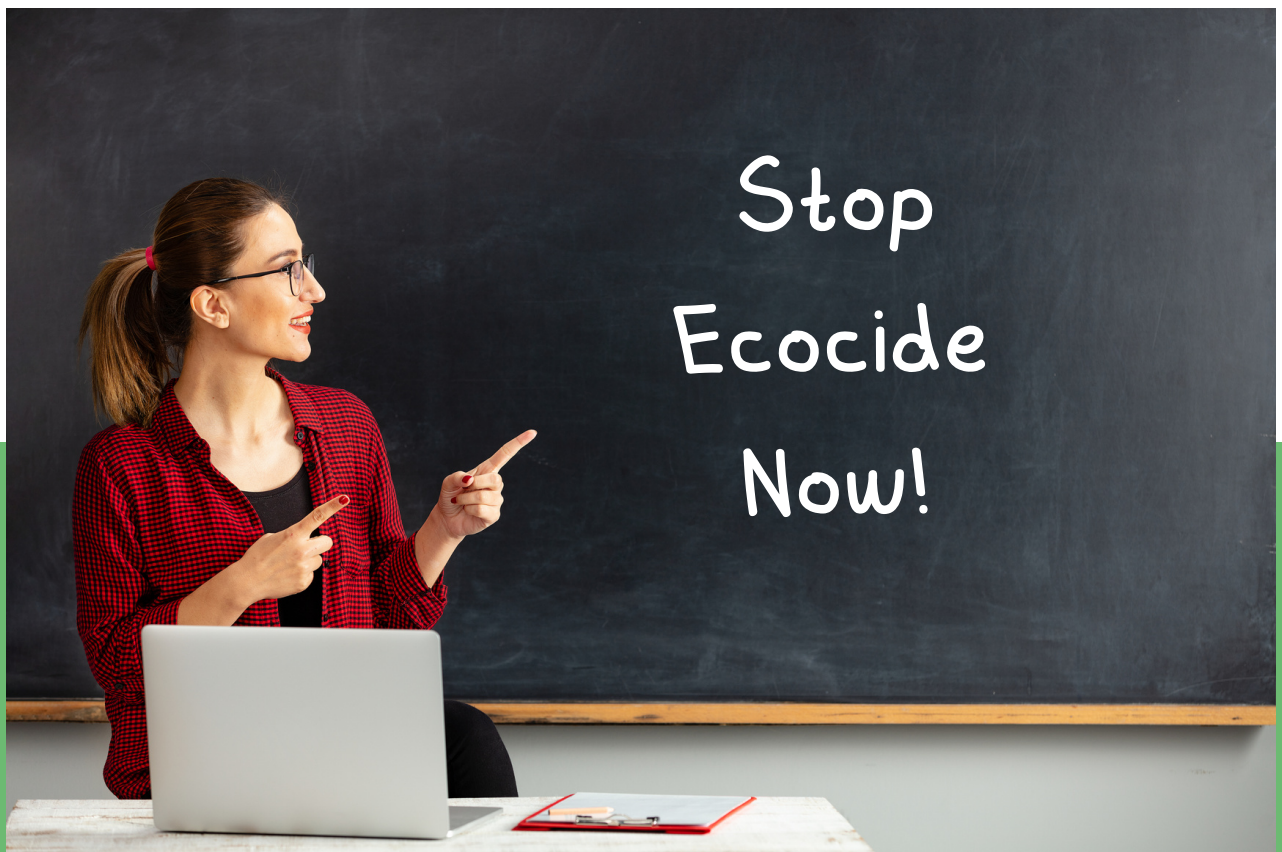


THE EDUCATION SECTOR CALLS ON THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE RECOGNITION OF THE CRIME OF ECOCIDE.



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ECOCIDE

literally means “to kill our house”.

It's a word that describes what's happening to Earth right now:

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En détruisant les systèmes de survie de la Terre, ces dommages cumulés nous ont conduits à la catastrophe climatique et écologique que nous connaissons et cette situation a de profondes répercussions sur les individus, la nature et - inévitablement - les jeunes générations et les générations à venir.

The climate and biodiversity crisis is a crisis of children's rights.

The normalized misuse of the environment and the failure to comply with existing environmental regulations have jeopardized the future of our children, our young people and future generations. Up to half of the world's 2.2 billion children are at serious risk by the effects of climate change, and this situation will only worsen in the coming decades.



Principals and teachers can contribute to opening the consciences of students to this very difficult reality and to educate students to protect the living in order to reverse the trend in which our beautiful planet is dragged.

The crime of ecocide does not yet exist as such in national legislation (or only very marginally) and it is not yet recognized at the international level. Therefore, today, those responsible for behavior likely to be considered "ecocidal" only receive fines that they can easily integrate into their spending budget.

As members of the educational community, we are convinced that it is now essential to recognize ecocide in national, European and international legislation, according to the definition mentioned in the December 2021 resolution of the Belgian Federal Parliament, in order to guarantee sustainable protection of life on Earth.

LEGAL DEFINITION

Acts that are illegal or result from a serious lack of foresight or precaution committed with knowledge of the real likelihood that these acts will cause serious damage to the environment that is widespread or lasting. (1)

(1) Proposition de résolution visant à inclure le crime d'écocide dans le Statut de Rome de la Cour pénale internationale et le droit pénal belge - Amendement: <https://www.lachambre.be/FLWB/PDF/55/1429/55K1429002.pdf>



It becomes just as essential to learn to coexist within our own species as it is to learn to coexist with other species. Our survival is partly conditioned by this learning. This requires us to reinvent our democracies, to rebuild our institutions so that they are partners of the Earth system, to educate our children and adolescents in harmony with Nature, to arouse their wonder and their spirit of collaboration. Perhaps now is a good time to switch from the question "which planet will we leave to our children?" to "Which children will we leave to our planet?" »

It also has many benefits for educational institutions, teachers and students, with a view to a sustainable future.

This consists, for example, in promoting education in emotions: the suffering we feel for the damage caused to the planet is increasingly palpable in our societies. Solastalgia is a kind of pre-traumatic stress, urging us to bounce back to more desirable futures.

It's time for governments to step up!

As members of the education community, we therefore call on the Belgian government to support the recognition of the crime of ecocide in its own legislation as well as at the International Criminal Court, by engaging positively in the ongoing global process in order to achieve it.

Sign the manifesto



Ecocide: Change or disappear

The aim of this documentary is to help raise awareness.

The documentary is freely available on the film's Youtube channel, along with many other interesting videos.


Don't hesitate to share the link with your friends and family and on your social networks.

This documentary film tells the story of the tug-of-war between the forces that insist on perpetuating a way of life that has become obsolete and destructive, and those who defend the urgent need for a more sober humanity that is aware of the limits of our planet.

EDUCATIONAL PACK

The supporting pack for the academic world, teachers and students, has been presented publicly and is currently being distributed by our partners.

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