

PANEL AND FISHBOWL DISCUSSION

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Environment and the Future

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Our table included people from Moldova, Ukraine, Germany, Slovakia and Serbia. Our topic was environmental protection. We concluded that effective environmental protection is impossible without genuine democracy.

Where corruption and autocracy prevail, citizens have little ability to influence their governments to protect nature and the environment. The participants from Ukraine also emphasised that environmental protection is barely possible without peace and an end to aggression. War threatens not only people but also animals, plants and entire ecosystems.

Despite these difficult conditions, young people in Ukraine continue to work for the environment. Our message is that social interests, political action and environmental protection must be brought into balance. Corruption is an obstacle to protecting nature. Democracy, peace and environmental protection belong together.

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