# The future begins here and now.

The project "Futurize – energy for the future" opens doors to a sustainable future for those who are gaining most benefits from doing "the right things" already today. It is about giving the young people from the Northern Sweden the skills and knowledge to create their future in the Northern Europe.

It is about e.g. sustainable economic development, green jobs and how to use the existing resources in a more sustainable way.



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## Energy for the future

The project "Futurize - energi for the future" intends to give students aged 12-16 in Northern Sweden skills and knowledge to create their future in Northern Europe following their own visions. The main project issues are climate change, renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and sustainable development.

New thinking and different thinking are some of the key words. In addition the project shall develop and spread best practice examples how to work with energy and climate related issues on the regional and local scale. Most important and highest priority is to motivate the young ones to participate in the regional political decision processes.

### **FUTURE CONTRACT**

A key instrument of the project is a so called "Future Contract" that should be signed by both the regional political leaders (Mayor, City Council) and youth representatives. The contract includes that politicians are obliged to listen to proposals and visions students develop in order to build a sustainable regional future.

## **Objectives and aims**

- Youth participation in regional political decisions linked to climate and energy. Within the project students will be trained to discuss and negotiate regional future issues with politicians and stakeholders based on their own convictions.
- Show job opportunities within the sector energy and environment.
- Develop knowledge and skills that leads to more engagement of youth in crucial questions of the future society.

#### WHAT THE PROJECT OFFERS:

- Analyzes of status quo based on students participation
- Continuous support for all participating schools
- Best practice examples and easy-to-use tools and materials
- Trainings, courses and capacity building for both teachers and students

## **Opportunities for participating schools**

- Developing schools education following the principles of participation and sustainable development
- Continuous support for school activities related to sustainable energy, energy efficiency, climate change and sustainable regional development in a 3-years period.
- Trainings and courses for teachers and student representatives.
- Cooperation with City Council and municipal administration based on a "Future Contract" between Mayor/City Council and students representatives.

**SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN PILOT PHASE:** Östra skolan Jokkmokk, Gränsskolan Haparanda, Tallbackaskolan Gällivare and Centralskolan Pajala.