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To: World
From: Future Europe

Dear World,

Everyone seems to be feeling better now, people are finally spending more time together in nature.

They aren't always rushing and they aren't feeling overwhelmed with work or academic pressure.

And guess what? I am breathing again!

There are more green spaces, people are using recycled things and the best part is that they are helping me in becoming even healthier!

Sincerely Yours,
Future Europe



Every story, the good or the bad one, starts with the simple question "What if...?". And I couldn't help, but ask myself "What if Europe looked better?". And I must say that it was not easy to define the meaning of the word "better". Because what is a better Europe for me, how do I want to see it in the future? The choice was really big, from inclusiveness and equality to access to employment. But two problems that have unfortunately accompanied my recent life simply appeared in my mind.

What I would like to see in the future Europe would definitely be a greater emphasis on the mental health of all people. In the past 3 years, more precisely since the outbreak of the coronavirus, I have witnessed that people have become significantly distant, they spend less and less time together, they feel too pressured by work or school, and all this contributes to their mental and physical health collapsing.

I would also like to see in the future that people spend more time outside, in the fresh air and surrounded by nature. And this is where we come to another problem. Considering that I come from Belgrade, Serbia, every year I witness an increasingly horrifying sight. Every morning, especially in winter, I wake up with a view of gray, concrete buildings surrounded by smog, or rather very dangerous particles in the air. Also, in the last few years, there has been a lot of river pollution and deforestation in my country.

This is precisely why I decided to include sustainability and climate action in my vision of Europe in the future. In my work, you can see people spending time with each other, without stress, in a healthy, sustainable environment. I hope that all of us Europeans will enjoy this scene in real life soon.