

CHARTER OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF PORTUGAL

The Portuguese youth, aware of their responsibilities, selected during the National Conference the following RESPONSIBILITIES and ACTIONS

- **To increase the production of renewable energies reducing the gas emissions that cause greenhouse effect**

- To raise the awareness of the population and the local authorities on the need to adopt measures for the reduction of energy consumption;
- To promote energy self-sufficiency using renewable energies (ex: wind; tides, solar, geothermic, biomass);
- To increase the production and the consumption, for the population, of renewable energies reducing the material costs.

- **To prevent soils desertification**

- To prevent deforestation by promoting a sustainable use of the forest resources;
- To reduce intensive use of soils for agriculture;
- To encourage and support biological agriculture.

- **To preserve biodiversity by protecting the ecosystems**

- To promote information campaigns alerting the population on the need of preserving their ecosystems;
- To implement measures for forest fire fighting (cleaning woods and forests, burning, firebreaks);
- To reforest the burned areas with local species (oaks, chestnut trees, cork oaks, holm oaks).

- **To preserve water as an essential good for life**

- To raise the awareness of the population and the economic agents on a sustainable water consumption;
- To implement measures in favour of the reuse of water;
- To adopt at local, national and European levels policies aiming at concrete actions to protect WATER.

- **To protect watercourses**

- To alert the local authorities and the industries on the need of proceeding to water treatment for residual waters;
- To reduce the use of chemical fertilizers in agriculture, rich in phosphates and nitrogen, as a way to fight the pollution of the superficial and ground waters;
- To reduce the pollutant sources that provoke the superficial waters' eutrophication.

- **To reduce the emission of gases responsible for the greenhouse effect's increase**

- To promote the use of public transportations for the population;
- To reduce the use of road transport for goods;
- To implement policies on forest management as a way to reduce the quantity of forest fires.