





Subject: Global Initiative The Wind of Peace

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Dear ASPnet Coordinator,

the Slovenian UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) and the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO are pleased to invite your country to participate in the pilot project the Wind of Peace, a global initiative to connect all children and youth of the world and give them a voice for peace and their future.

In a world increasingly marked by conflicts and climate change, the mission of ASPnet—to build peace in the minds of children and young people—has never been more relevant. Therefore, this project seeks to give voice to all children and youth across the world, empowering them to speak up for their future as they observe what is happening around them and recognize that things are heading in the wrong direction.

The *Wind of Peace* will begin its journey in Slovenia and continue across borders and continents, with each participating country contributing a message of peace in travelling notebooks and passing them on to a neighbouring country.

Each participating country is invited to:

- Prepare a **written message of peace** (two pages in a shared notebook), including translations into English, French or Spanish.
- Record a **video of students** delivering the message in their own language(s), and in the language of the receiving country.
- Organize a handover event in collaboration with a neighbouring country.
- Submit the following materials to <u>windofpeace@aspnet.si</u>:
  - $\circ$   $\,$  A photo of the written message and of the students at the handover.
  - A video of the handover ceremony (please upload the video to YouTube and send us the link).

All submitted content will be published on the official project platform: www.aspnet.si/windofpeace.

Participation is strictly youth-led: messages must be prepared and delivered exclusively by children and young people. Adults may offer logistical support but may not speak on behalf of students. Accessibility should be ensured wherever possible, and political figures and content must not be included. Each country is expected to carry out the handover as soon as possible and not later than within five days of receiving the message.

Should your country wish to participate, we kindly request that you submit the following information **by 12 May 2025**:

- the confirmation of the participation and a contact person (name, position, e-mail, phone number),
- your national school holiday dates,
- the country or countries to which you could pass on the message, and
- the estimated number of days your country would require to carry out the handover.

The schedule will be finalized by 30 May 2025 and published on a dedicated website. The Wind of Peace will begin its symbolic journey on 2 June 2025.

We look forward to your country's participation and remain available for any further questions at windofpeace@aspnet.si.

We look forward to your response and to joining hands to create a global space where the youngest generations can stand together and be heard on matters of peace and their tomorrow.

With warm regards,

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