We're racing along at 108,000 km/hr, aboard a spaceship called Earth. We are the crew members, responsible for its future. We must protect it because we don’t have a rescue planet. European astronauts, who are supporting this appeal, bear witness that, seen from space, our planet is a finite, unique and isolated oasis of fragile life.

This coming 26 May, the European elections will be decisive for reshaping a shared vision of the European Union that is united and humanist, bold and ecological. In the face of climate change and resource depletion, the European Union (EU) must commit to a new challenge: upholding the Paris Agreement (COP 21) and the United Nations’ (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure a successful ecological transition towards a sustainable future.

The EU has historically held out hope for lasting peace and shared prosperity. At times it has disappointed, locked into its dogmas and divisions. Today it appears threatened and will fail to recover without an ambitious project that puts fighting the environmental crisis at the heart of its activities. Through our vote, we, the 500 million of European citizens, can land the EU a leading role in implementing bold and innovative solutions for our durable well-being and that of nature.

We, European astronauts, young citizens and personalities who have put our names to this Appeal, followed by the people who will sign this petition, call upon all the candidates standing for European election in May 2019. We will only support those who commit to making every effort, over the next term of office, to ensure the following measures are adopted to address the climate challenge at European level.
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Ambitious measures to meet the climate challenge

All the measures outlined in this Appeal are financially viable and should be funded by tools created or to be developed by EU (e.g. tax on financial transactions, carbon pricing...).

Energy for hope
- Stop subsidising and financing fossil fuels.
- Accelerate the transition to clean, neutral energy.

Produce organic, eat healthy
- Accelerate the exit plan for the use of ecocide products like glyphosate.
- Strongly support the ‘organic’ sector and make it more accessible; impose certified traceability for organic foods produced outside Europe.

Sustainable production
- Tackle waste by rethinking the entire life cycle of consumables and products from ‘disposable’ to ‘sustainable’.
- Align household and industrial waste management at European level.

Let the living breathe
- Put a stop to the development of artificial lands, deforestation, and ‘looting’ of our oceans.
- Develop ambitious and appropriate legislation for animal welfare.

Move without polluting
- Tax fuels for intra-European air, maritime, and river transport.
- Accelerate funding and development of sustainable transport modes.

Share/prepare the future
- Set up an exchange programme involving schools, universities, and professionals in the field of sustainable development.
- Prioritise European research and development on sustainable development.