



## **Maria Blomenhofer,**

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Maria Blomenhofer serves as the ESD Youth Delegate for the Austrian Ministry for Climate Action and the Austrian Commission for UNESCO, where she also held the position of Youth Representative and Chair Person for the Youth Council. Over the past four years, she has significantly advanced youth participation in policy processes, particularly in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Holding a Master's degree from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in Environmental Technologies and International Affairs, Maria has developed expertise in both environmental and social issues.

Maria has made notable contributions to UNESCO's initiatives focused on promoting ESD and GCED. As part of the Youth Platform for the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD, she has addressed the Committee twice on youth participation and inclusivity in policy processes. Her work with UNECE underscores her expertise in policy development and international cooperation, with a strong emphasis on ESD frameworks.

Maria's roles involve leading workshops, conducting thorough analyses, collaborating on recommendations, and participating in panel discussions on ESD. Her extensive experience with ESD initiatives demonstrates her commitment to fostering inclusive, effective, and sustainable educational strategies.