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Addressing Global Challenges: The Invention of Science Diplomacy

Discovery Round Table: ENVIRONMENT

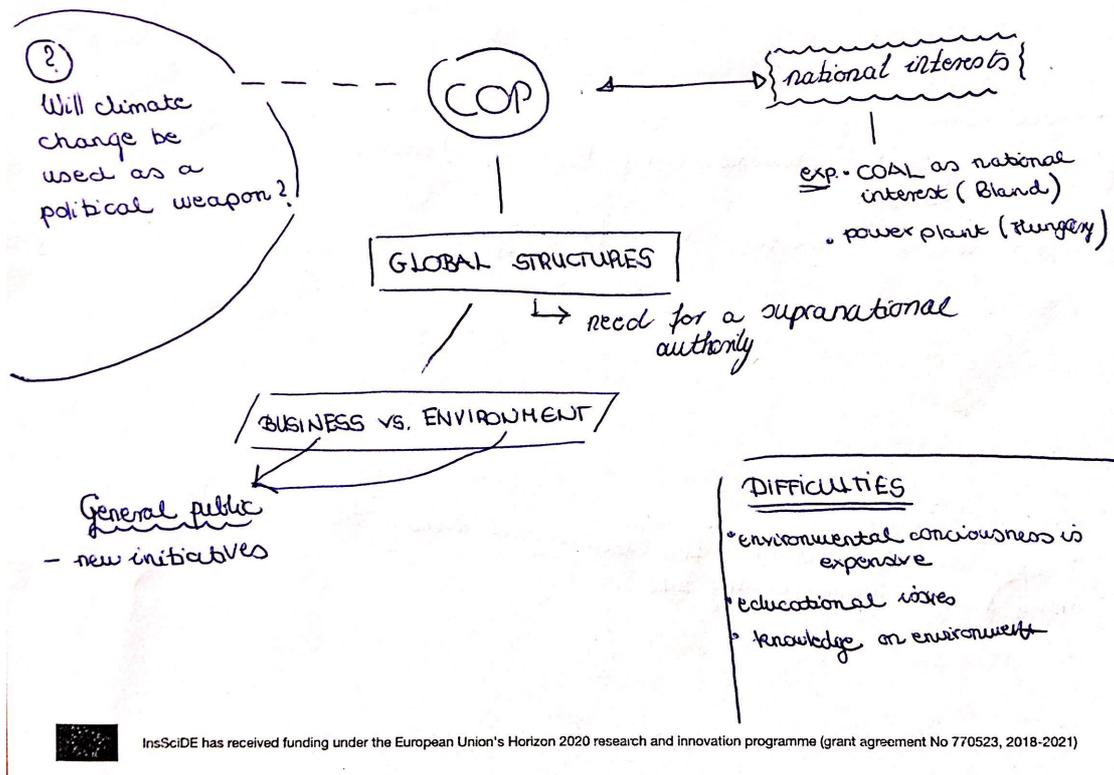
Greening the Alliance: NATO and the emergence of environmental diplomacy

Summary of 'Academy of Young Diplomats' Participants' Notes (10 sets)

1/ Does the historical case provide any lessons to you?

- **Learning from the past** (9/10): Learned more about NATO's origins and early role; Bad practices such as relocating high-polluting activities; New-old technologies
- **Short-sighted view** of the environment (7/9): Other national interests are given more importance role (e.g. security, business); Instrumentalization of environment (e.g. by politicians)
- Importance of **environmental diplomacy** (4/10): Foster supranationalism; Science opens communication channels

2/ Please map key ideas and their interrelations (why not make a drawing?)



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3a/ Thinking about European Science Diplomacy, in the historical case and in the present time... List some GOOD PRACTICES or LIMITS in terms of bringing together science and diplomacy...

GOOD PRACTICES: Collaboration (9/10):

- Supranationalism (e.g. NATO)
- Environmental challenge as an opportunity to unify countries and people
- Diplomacy as an opportunity to share knowledge/raise awareness on environment

LIMITS (10/10)

- Science reduced to a tool (e.g. greenwashing)
- Lack of regulation enables circumvention of international agreements
- Common goals vs. national interests (e.g. shifting the environmental burden to other countries)
- Difficulties of raising people's awareness
- Tendency to focus on the short-term

3b/ ...and in terms of "European" coordination for this Global Challenge or area?

GOOD PRACTICES

Tackling environmental degradation and climate change (10/10)

- Policies on a supranational level (e.g. law on single-use plastics)
- Europe taking the lead
- Investing in sustainable solutions
- Funding NGOs
- Strong communication/dialogue among member states and with the general public

LIMITS (8/10)

- Not enough coordination
- Lots of talk, lack of implementation
- No real impact on the national mindset

4/ How could - or should - European Science Diplomacy look in the near future, to address Environment challenges? Recommendations and/or strategic suggestions

- **Raising awareness (10/15):**

- *Sharing knowledge (by civil society and governments)
- *Curbing climate change skepticism
- *Communicating that environment presents a global, not national challenge

- **Collaboration (7/15):**

- *More experts
- *Broader diversity of actors (gender, age, nationalities)
- *Involve national environment ministries

- **Environmental measures (4/15):**

- *Support science
- *Acknowledge legitimate environmental concerns and empower people
- *Support economic and ecological transition (e.g. decrease coal use)
- *Implement an efficient international treaty (obligations and incentives)
- *Help other countries to deal with the environmental issue