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## "Eiger Climate Schools" national school project

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The four municipalities of Grindelwald, Gündlischwand, Lütschental and Lauterbrunnen more or less cover the entire Lütschinen valleys area in the world-famous Jungfrau region. The region is heavily dependent on tourism and relies on an intact environment and unique landscape.

On behalf of these municipalities and as President of the JUNGFRAU CLIMATE-CO2OPERATION association, I cordially welcome you to Grindelwald.

The Eiger, Mönch und Jungfrau form just such a unique landscape. Spectacular mountain railways take passengers up to their peaks; since 1912 the Jungfrau railway has been conveying visitors to Europe's highest rail station, the "Top of Europe" situated at an altitude of 3,454 meters, or – following its conquest by James Bond – to Piz Gloria on the Schilthorn, at 2,971 meters above sea level.

But the Jungfrau region has also become world-famous due to exciting winter events such as the World Cup downhill ski race on the Lauberhorn in Wengen, the Inferno Race in Mürren and the World Snow Festival in Grindelwald. Not to mention summer events such as the Jungfrau Marathon, the Inferno Triathlon, the Eiger Bike Challenge and the Eiger Live festival.

This is the sublime environment in which we live and work – in a place where others take holidays and pay for the privilege. Yet in this region, so close to Nature, we are also seeing, experiencing and feeling the consequences of global warming as manifested by various natural events such as glacier retreat, rock fall and flooding...

This worrying situation prompted us to seize the bull by the horns and take concrete action last year by founding the JUNGFRAU CLIMATE-CO2OPERATION.

The aim is to present to an interested public both here and abroad a new type of cooperative CO2 initiative, developed in the Jungfrau region, for regional climate protection with a far-reaching impact: The **JUNGFRAU CLIMATE CO2OPERATION** initiative is a voluntary consortium of municipalities, members of the scientific community, transport, tourism and energy providers and private individuals who have come together out of a sense of conviction and responsibility.

Today, thanks to the outstanding collaboration and commitment of BKW FMB Energy Ltd, we can launch the Eiger-Climate-Schools project and raise awareness of the drastically receding glaciers in our valleys – a sure sign of global warming.

On behalf of the municipalities of Grindelwald, Gündlischwand, Lütschental and Lauterbrunnen, I wish you an enjoyable stay in the Jungfrau region and wish this interesting national schools project every success.