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Journalist (Jack Parrock): The teenager who started it all. The movement to leave the classroom and protest climate change every week was started by Greta Thunberg. And it's taken hold most strongly, here in Brussels. Ahead of this march, she addressed the EU's most senior politicians.

Greta Thunberg: we need to focus every inch of our being on climate change, because if we fail to do so, then all our achievements and progress have been for nothing, and all that will remain of our political leaders' legacy will be the greatest failure of human history, and they will be remembered as the greatest villains of all time.

Journalist (Jack Parrock): the EU commission president said Brussels has plans in place to tackle climate change. In the next financial period from 2021 to 2027, every fourth euro in the European Union's budget will be geared towards climate change goals. There have also been protest by school children in London, Paris, Berlin and many other cities across Europe.

The young people I hear on the streets say they have to act now because by the time they're older, it'll be too late. This is week seven, and they promise these demonstrations won't stop anytime soon.

The protesters have also rejected the claim from some politicians that this movement has been influenced by outside forces. They say it's time they're listened to.