

E2 Strategic Plan 2018-2020

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1 The European project is currently undergoing one of its most critical tests.
2 Millions of young people are still paying a high price for the financial crisis.
3 Thousands are risking their lives and dying in the Mediterranean. Climate change
4 will soon not be reversible and will threaten all generations to come.

5 We, Young Greens, do not take this harsh reality lightly, and we refuse to be
6 bystanders.

7 We believe that Europe is where these problems can be solved. International
8 solidarity and collaboration is a necessity and a reality for young people; we
9 grew up with it. However, we see that we will need to fight for the better
10 future that was promised to every generation. As young people we need to
11 negotiate a better social contract. We need to demand a society where freedom of
12 movement is a reality, where citizens can effectively take part in shaping
13 decisions that affect them and where sharing our resources is the main tool for
14 the emancipation of everyone. On top of that, we need to demand a global
15 leadership that will make sure that one of the biggest shifts in society has to
16 happen in the near future: The shift to a zero-carbon society.

17 Our network of committed young people across Europe will work together with
18 partners, policy-makers and activists to actively come up and advocate for the
19 solutions necessary for a bright future for all. We see an important role to
20 play for the Federation of Young European Greens towards this effort:

- 21 1. Strengthen Young Green organizations everywhere in Europe, to increase our
22 size and impact in society.
- 23 2. Come up and promote solutions for the issues that our and future
24 generations are facing.
- 25 3. Consolidate FYEG's educational work, improve our organisational structures
26 and strengthen our partnerships.

Strengthen Young Green Organizations everywhere in Europe

29 **To increase our size and impact in society**

30 FYEG represents 50 000 young Europeans. Our Member Organisations, big and small,
31 play an important role in society, going beyond regular activism and politics to
32 political activism. We understand the importance of linking the movements in the
33 streets to the institutions, but also don't hesitate to question both once in a
34 while. We all stand for progressive, outward looking, sustainable policies and
35 cooperate with organizations that work on the same topics.

36 To increase our impact, we want to continue sharing best practices in our MOs
37 and FYEG. How to recruit and manage an MO's membership, how to organise engaging
38 activities, how to be a radical think tank.

39 In the next years we will focus on the following:

- 40 1. Inter-organisational learning. Through an online platform and space during
41 our statutory meetings, we will increase the sharing of best practices,
42 manuals and resources of our MOs and FYEG.
- 43 2. Organising activities specifically targeting staff and human resources
44 responsables in our Member Organisations.
- 45 3. Address discrimination within our own structures and develop practices
46 that enhance inclusion and foster diversity.
- 47 4. Maintain a close relationship with CDNEE
- 48 5. Encourage members of MOs that haven't been present in FYEG's ECs to
49 candidate

50 **Come up with and promote solutions for the**
51 **issues that our and future generations are**
52 **facing**

53 FYEG organizes events where we analyse what is going on in Europe socially and
54 politically and how young people are affected by these developments. Our Member
55 Organisations on the ground do the same for their societies and make the link
56 towards Europe. Similar discussion are carried out in a structured manner in our
57 Working Groups which function as FYEG's think tanks on specific topics. But they
58 also emerge spontaneously on the different communications platforms we use for
59 sharing and community building on a daily basis. They are important because they
60 enable us to further sharpen the ideology of our political movement. Embracing
61 the diversity and bringing everything together into one story of a better Europe
62 is what binds us and makes us a strong movement. Through these activities, we
63 can make sure that young people of different backgrounds have their voices
64 heard, learn about best practices from peers and imagine pan-European solutions
65 to issues affecting our daily lives.

66 In the next years, we will focus on the following:

- 67 1. Fostering our Working Groups and empowering them to come up with radical

68 ideas for Europe and to test them within our Member Organisations.

69 2. Organise education activities with clear radical political ideas as an
70 outcome.

71 3. Facilitate more topical discussions on the policies and tools we need for a
72 better Europe, together with Member Organisations.

73 4. Promote our solutions online, through social media and give an important role
74 to the Ecosprinter for this.

75 5. Continue lobbying MEPs to fight for Young Green solutions

76 **Consolidate FYEG's educational work, improve our**
77 **organisation's structures and strengthen our**
78 **partnerships**

79 Through our increase in office capacity and years of experience we have raised
80 our standards for our educational events to a high quality. We strongly believe
81 in non-formal education and want to strengthen our efforts here. To engage as
82 many young people as possible we will diversify our educational activities and
83 look for ways how to reach out beyond the limited number of participants at each
84 event.

85 At the same time, we don't want to stand still as an organization but continue
86 improving. Therefore we want to have a clear re-evaluation of our bodies and
87 structures after the European Parliament elections.

88 In the next years, we will focus on the following:

89 1. Improve our non-formal education practices by setting up a Pool of
90 Trainers together with CDNEE.

91 2. Ensure that our educational activities empower new leaders, making every
92 participant an actor for change who can share what they have learned and
93 empower others to share this as well.

94 3. Look critically at the way FYEG functions and redefine our structures when
95 there is a need - in particular after the European elections.

96 4. Strengthen our bonds with our Green partners and European youth
97 organisations with the aim of mainstreaming our political priorities as
98 much as possible.

99 5. Engage actively in the European climate movement and other social
100 movements, including in actions of civil disobedience.