EC1 Benedetta Scuderi : Candidate for co-spokesperson

Proposer: FYEG Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Benedetta has been active in the Green Movement since 2019. She is a co-founder and former international relations officer of Giovani Europeisti Verdi. She has been also active in the Italian Green party renovation process. She has been involved in FYEG since 2019, first being part of the "Social Europe" working group, and then being a member of the Executive Committee. During this mandate, she has worked on the development of the organisation and its MOs, with a specific focus on the Southern Region, being the regional co-coordinator. Moreover, she has committed to network with partners to reinforce FYEG external positioning. She is very passionate about the connection between social and environmental issues, believing that a wider engagement of communities is the only way to evaluate and manage our impacts. Therefore, with a degree in law, one in sustainable management and ongoing one in Public Policy, she has become a sustainability and community engagement consultant. She would love to debate politics every minute of her



Member Organisation: Giovani Europeisti Verdi (Italy)

life, and she does so in most of her free time, for the happiness of all her friends.

In her free time, she loves being with friends, eating nice food and having intense political discussions.

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MOTIVATION LETTER Benedetta Scuderi Candidacy as Co-Spokeperson of FYEG



Dear Member Organisations,

With great honour and excitement, I am sending you this motivation letter for my candidacy as FYEG co-Spokeperson.

In the process of writing this letter, I read the one I sent you last year. This reminded me of the emotion I felt when I decided to run for the FYEG Executive Committee. I lived again through all the passion and enthusiasm I had last time. Although on many occasions the initial enthusiasm fades away with the normal day-to-day of life but my experience in FYEG – the motivation to serve has stayed strong throughout my mandate, and I believe has grown as I got to know the organisation better. When reading those words, I realised the person I was and reflected on the person I am now. During this year, I had the opportunity to experience so much, to meet so many people, to find myself in pleasant and challenging situations. This has all contributed into a very different person: more conscious, more prepared, more mature. Moreover, realising what FYEG effectively does and the potential it has for building a green and radical Europe, has not only kept my passion alive, but has given me more fuel to fight for the green revolution. Therefore, as one might say: **don't stop me now!**

Before becoming an EC member, I was committed to the Green cause in Italy. There, I joined a group of young, competent people, who decided it was time for Italy to have a young political Green group. With these great companions, we founded the Giovani Europeisti Verdi (GEV), now a candidate organisation in FYEG. Being a member of the Executive Committee of a newborn organisation, rising in a political landscape where green politics are struggling, I could learn a lot on how to deal with similar situations and how to support MOs with similar issues and opportunities. Therefore, in this year I have supported MOs in the southern region to facilitate their development through mutual encouragement and collaboration. Everything I learnt from this experience and from all the people I met through this role, coupled with the practical expertise I gained as a member and co-founder of GEV, gave me the right expertise and motivation for both continuing the work with the south and supporting the development of other regional areas or MOs with similar struggles. I, indeed, believe MOs' development is key for our project to advance, and it is the most wonderful way to commence such a green revolution: from the bottom, from the youth.

In this mandate, I have had the opportunity to finally understand what my skills are and how I can use them to give that energy back and fuel our fight. For this, I shall thank the amazing team I had the opportunity to work with, whose spirit I hope I can pass onto the next EC, to allow that great collaboration to be consolidate throughout the years. Due to this support, I realised I am a good team player and networker. I found myself in taking decisions, responsibilities, representing the EC in formal and informal settings, networking with our partners and lobbying for radical ideas. The positive outcomes of these activities showed me these are not only tasks I can do but are tasks I am good at doing. I finally feel I can lead the change and not just observe it.

Being an EC Member has also shown me how this organisation works and how this work can carry on and be improved. In the last year, we have done a great job in developing a strategy for the organisation, which requires continuity and expertise to blossom. I have enjoyed working with the team to develop this strategy and to prioritise our work for the efficient use of our energy. I now realise the central role of such operations and how much time and knowledge this requires to become successful. I would love to be able to keep building on this development as well as actualising the strategy with the skills I have learned during this year.

For all the reasons, I am ever more motivated to use my skills for the improvement of our work, especially in such an unstable political landscape. The concerns about climate and social justice are spiking dramatically. First the health emergency and then the unjustifiable Russian war against Ukraine, are calling for an ever more immediate and unified response. Green politics can be the key for energy independency and solidarity, which are unavoidably linked to a peaceful and reliable Europe. As young greens we must act for this to happen, we must embrace the green fight to spread our ideas. This is not anymore just a matter of politics; I believe we have a duty to act and build together a sustainable, inclusive and solidarist Europe. Therefore, I want to perform this duty to the best of my capacity and use what I learned during my mandate and in my previous political and professional experience to support FYEG. This is why, today I am running for a Co-Spokeperson position. As I am already aware of the difficulties of the role yet also conscious of my skills, I feel I can commit to this position and promise you I will do my best for the development of our Federation and of our green fight.

I hope this letter can demonstrate to you my passion and competences, for giving me your trust to embark in what would be one of the most intense experiences of my life.

Green Regards,

Benedetta Scuderi

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ORGANISAITON VISION Benedetta Scuderi Candidacy as Co-Spokeperson of FYEG

The goals of FYEG cannot be achieved in one mandate and cannot be set on the ideas of one person's mind. When thinking about my vision for the Federation, I naturally envisioned the organisational changes and improvements that I believe will be beneficial for pursuing the objectives we will keep deciding on together as a Federation.

I believe we should focus on four main areas for keep being the most kick-ass organisation in Europe!

Creating a structure and network towards 2024

The 2024 European Elections are imminent and the need for a green presence in the European Parliament is ever more necessary. I believe FYEG has the capacity and the potential to empower young greens in this race as well as to build a structure to enable coordinated work towards the elections. Collaboration and knowledge sharing will be a key asset for the positive outcome of the campaign, and that is where our effort should be focused on. In this strategy, FYEG role will be crucial, especially for less structured organisations present in countries where green politics has not blossom yet.

This can only happen if the there is a commitment towards three main areas.

- Working with our partners is a necessary part of our commitment for the 2024 campaign. First our relationships with EGP and the Greens/EFA Group will allow us to be more coordinated and visible in different contexts. Moreover, the collaboration with other youth organisations, can allow us to carry on common campaigns, gain political space and develop a sense of unity among youth, which will give young people more possibilities of success. To do so, FYEG needs to carry on being the reliable partner it has proven to be, as well as being present in important events, structures, and conferences. This will allow us not only to network for its own development, but also to create a platform of partners to boost our work and enlarge our audience towards 2024.
- Developing the Young Candidates Platform is also a crucial step for the forthcoming European elections. The Platform is a tool for young green candidates to share knowledge and ideas, as well as for FYEG to follow their campaigns, provide training and support them in their needs. This structure has the potential to create a young European network in the green elections, able to empower also young people with a less strong mother party, becoming instrumental for including young people from underrepresented countries in our Group in the Parliament. I would love to keep on the work that has already commenced on this project and develop the Platform further.

Finally, I believe advocating for our radical ideas remains our main strength for networking and creating hype towards our activities. The radical politics we put forward has given many young people a home throughout the years. Through our advocacy activities (e.g. resolutions to EGP, the work with the Youth Forum, etc.) we can enhance our politics and attract more committed young people to our cause. This will facilitate the creation of a common understanding towards the 2024 elections. To do so, our campaigning activity in the next two years will be fundamental. The end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023 must be focused on the development of the 2024 EU Elections Campaign, allowing a wide range of young people to understand what a campaign means and to engage in this adventure. I would love to support such a strategic campaign with the skills and knowledge I have developed in my mandate and in my previous experience.

MOs support and capacity building

FYEG is a Federation, which means the Member Organisations are its lifeblood. I believe this should always be our light in the dark, the MOs should always be first in FYEG priorities. To build a sustainable, solidarist and peaceful Europe, we need to spread our voice among the continent. The most powerful way to do so is by empowering the people in every remote corner of Europe. Therefore, being a Federation is the power of our structure. We have the possibility to exchange expertise, to strategize together and to fight for a common cause in a coordinated way. This can only happen if all our MOs are able to blossom, and I believe this is the main responsibility that as EC we should embrace.

For this to happen, I envision two main activities as key for our strategy.

- as EC responsible for structuring the MO Learning Programme (MOLP), I have understood the potentialities of this project and how important this could be for allowing smaller and/or newer MOs to gain confidence and be able to build a sustainable and solid structure. Capacity building of our MOs is key for the development of FYEG and for spreading our green ideas. Therefore, I believe the structure of this programme would be instrumental for such activity and beneficial for a wide set of MOs.
- Enhancing regional and extra-regional coordination and collaboration is also a key activity for reinforcing the capacity of our MOs, as it furthers knowledge sharing and common activities. This could be implemented among MOs with similar structures, for them to share their experiences, concerns and potential solutions, as well as among MOs at different development stages, so they can support each other's with hints and key skills. Such collaboration should be promoted by encouraging common projects and campaigns, as well as creating new moments of exchanges (e.g. MO-to-MO learning programme, MO forum sessions, etc.).

Working for a more strategic and inclusive organisation

The strategic planning to what FYEG has committed throughout the years has allowed for much more efficient work from the organisation. I believe this should be carried on, while expanding to all the areas of our work. I would like to support the creation of a system where individual and common objectives are complementary, and the organisation is therefore able to achieve its goals

not only efficiently but also in a considerate way. Working on the structure will also mean, working on the main areas where FYEG is less experienced, for example towards the inclusion of minorities and racialised groups. FYEG has done great work to become a feminist organisation, I believe this work now should broaden towards even wider inclusion.

In addition to carrying on and refining our strategic planning, I believe we should focus on two main areas to boost and expand the inclusiveness of our organisation.

- First, a policy for more inclusive structures and safe space for different groups should be put in place. Guidelines, infrastructural responses and trainings should be implemented at the Federation level. Moreover, we should support our MOs in this transition, providing all our knowledge and expertise, as well as delivering specific training sessions on inclusiveness and safe space policies, especially for MOs that are struggling more with inclusiveness. The engagement of people from discriminated backgrounds already active within our MOs would be a key asset for this strategy to succeed.
- ➤ To understand the struggle of different groups, the organisation should talk to the people who are living this struggle every day. Therefore, I believe the collaboration with organisations that are active in specific context or aim at supporting discriminated or racialised groups, is essential for FYEG. I would like to improve the already existing collaborations and to engage with new organisations.

Enhancing the political discussion

FYEG is a political organisation, and the political debate should always be at the centre of our work. The beauty of our Federation is the heterogeneous character of its members, encompassing many different views of the green spectrum. Therefore, I believe it is crucial for our organisation to create more moments for political discussion. This can enhance more coherence for our work and revitalise our solidity, ever more important in the precarious and evolving political scenario we are living.

Therefore, I feature two aspects we could develop for enhancing the political debate among the Federation.

- First, I believe it is paramount to create further activities specifically aimed at political discussion, besides the ones already existing; online meetings on specific policy areas and or topics could be beneficial for boosting the political debate within the Federation. Whether on a bottom-up basis or from the EC, policy issues deemed in need of further discussion could be proposed and debated in specific meetings. This would allow MOs to achieve a common understanding of the topic, to share ideas in a considerate and structured way and reach mutual solutions.
- The political discussion is also possible during communal projects. Encouraging MOs to work together, in campaigns, resolutions, training activities etc., is instrumental to boost the political debate within the Federation, as this is a natural outcome of the collaboration on specific policy issues.

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Driven, enthusiastic young professional with extensive experience in sustainability, energy and community engagement. Passionate about the connection among environment, society and development, which drives me in my work and daily life.

Work Experience

ESG Consultant (Oct 2020 – Now)

Ventitrenta Società Benefit, Rome (IT)

Drafting sustainability reports according to international standards.

- Assistance for drafting and executing sustainability strategic plans
- Stakeholders and Community Engagement
- > Execution of impact assessments and management according to International standards

Sustainability and Community engagement, Junior Consultant (Sep 2018 - Sep 2020)

Hpc Ag, Milan (IT)

- > Assistance for drafting and executing stakeholder engagement plans and social impact assessment studies
- > Research and analysis of new trends, drafting sustainability reports according to International Standards,
- > Assistance for implementing and monitoring Environmental Management systems (e.g. ISO 14001)

Account Manager (Jan - Sep 2017)

Pro Servo, Bristol (UK)

- > Built and maintained strong relationship with customers and suppliers
- > Developed the business by promoting services and marketing campaigns

Legal Trainee (Aug - Dec 2016)

Scuderi Law Firm, Salerno (IT)

- > Assistance for solving legal issues and drafting of memorandums
- Attended hearings and prepared materials

Education

Public Policy MSc – University College London (UCL), London – Distinction – (Sep 2020 – Sep 2021)

Final research project focused on building an integrated capacity building framework to facilitate vulnerable households' participation into Renewable Energy Community projects

Summer School, the Journey – Climate KIC, Utrecht-Budapest – (Aug 2018)

Summer school on entrepreneurship and climate change; learning how to create new enterprises to fight climate change

Master MaGER, Green Management, Energy and CSR – Bocconi University, Milan (IT) – 106/110 – (Jan - Dec 2018)

> Final project on stakeholder analysis and engagement in a socio-environmental conflict

Law Master's degree – Università Roma 3, Rome – 110 cum laude – (Sep 2010 - Mar 2016)

- > Participated at the Erasmus Programme at Madrid Carlos III University for 6 months (Jan-Jul 2014)
- Conducted 6 months of field research for my final dissertation on Chinese Sovereign Wealth Funds, at Shanghai International Studies University (Sep 2015-Jan 2016)

Volunteering

Executive Committee Member (Jun 2021 - Now)

Federation of Young European Greens, Brussels (BE)

Part of the European group responsible for coordinating more than 30 Member Organisations around Europe and deciding the organisation yearly strategy, as well as arranging work and organising events

Executive Committee Member (Jul 2020 – May 2022)

Giovani Europeisti Verdi, Italy (IT)

As co-founder of the group, I contributed to drafting the political platform and the statue, and to organising events, round tables, etc., to engage a wider group of young people into the green cause in Italy

European Volunteer Service, Community development (Sep - Nov 2017)

Eko Centar, Latinovac (HR)

> Promoted an eco-lifestyle through organising events and workshops for local community engagement

International Volunteer (Aug - Sep 2016)

L'Aubrege Calais, France, Calais (FR)

Volunteered in the Calais refugee camp as a warehouse operative cooperating with other volunteers in various roles

Faculty Co-coordinator (Dec 2010 - Oct 2011)

Ricomincio dagli Studenti, Rome (IT)

> Networked for resources, partnerships, and participation, as well as organised events and campaigns

Local Group Organiser (Sep 2010 - Dec 2013)

Libera, Associazioni Nomi e Numeri contro le Mafie, Rome (IT)

Co-founded a local group in Rome and organised events and workshops for engaging young people in the fight to organised crime

Skills

- Research and analysis
- Team working
- Customer relations
- Complex problem solving
- Attention to details

- Organisation
- Communication
- > Analytical mind
- Working under pressure and with tight deadlines
- High profile presentations

Languages

Italian: Mother tongue

Spanish: Intermediate

English: Fluent

Chinese: Elementary

Achievements and Publications

Satisfactory Completion of Bar Exam (Fully Accredited Lawyer) - (Nov 2018)

Publication on the Journal MUI: "City of Cape Town Water Crisis Management" - (Nov 2018)

Personal Interests

Politics, Music, Cinema, Theatre



Giovani Europeisti Verdi Rome Italy

Dear Member Organisations,

We are pleased and excited to support the Candidacy of our member and cofounder Benedetta Scuderi as FYEG Co-Spokeperson. In the time we worked together, we could see her passion and commitment towards the Green cause, and we believe she is the perfect candidate for this position.

Benedetta is a hard-worker, optimistic, eco-activist, who passionately fights for environmental and social justice. Seeing her dedication for a different way of doing politics and engaging young people, we are convinced of her capacity for supporting FYEG and all MOs for enhancing green and European values in all regions.

We have been very impressed by the work she has done with the Southern MOs and all the effort she has put on it. She managed to bring in the Federstion all the enthusiasm she had to build a young green movement in Italy, and we believe this is a key strategy for FYEG, that must be carried on.

The work she has performed for FYEG this year and her personal development in the organisation are a confirmation that she can be a crucial element for the development of the Federation. We see in her a capable and valid leader and are convinced she will be able to hold the Co-Spokeperson position in an excellent way.

Moreover, as GEV we would be delighted to see one of our oldest members as FYEG Co-Spokeperson. We are a very young organisation, that is growing fast, while still facing many challenges. For this reason, we strongly believe Benedetta could be crucial for helping us and all other smaller and newer organisations.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing to giovanieuropeistiverdi@gmail.com

Green Regards,

Luca Boccoli & Francesca Cucchiara

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Utrecht, 27 April 2022

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BENEDETTA SCUDERI. Candidate-co-spokesperson

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren fully endorses the candidacy of Benedetta Scuderi as cospokesperson of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

If one were to contemplate on growth, and ponder on what they see when they think of inspirational progress – professionally, individually, mentally, practically, in knowledge, experience, maturity – we would see Benedetta. Benedetta's experience as an activist, as co-founder of GEV, professionally, and within the Federation undoubtedly indicate to us her immense growth as a person. We are not endorsing Benedetta because we believe she is a 'perfect' candidate, but because her growth as a green is growth we should all aspire to; that is emblematic of the green movement.

And it is this very growth that made it clear to us that Benedetta is our choice for co-spokesperson. She has proven her motivation, dedication and ambition before our very eyes, in Italy and within the Federation, and we hold the strong conviction that she will continue to do so as our co-spokesperson. We believe that Benedetta has the capability to keep growing, and to make the Federation grow with her. We are also firmly persuaded by her self-reflection and introspection, and see those, alongside her professional experience, on a personal level as crucial indicators of a good leader.

We strongly stand behind and wholly share her prioritisation of capacity development and framework building, in general and in light of the 2024 elections. We believe in the feasibility of the concrete plans underlying her vision, a belief proven time and time again with her track record in those regards. In all our past cooperation with Benedetta, we hold nothing but the utmost respect and admiration and are delighted to have worked with her. We know that she would therefore be an outstanding addition to the Executive Committee, and a leader that would ensure the healthy dynamics of a team, as good leadership is the crucial puzzle piece to a robust and efficient Executive Committee.

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren sees in Benedetta a bright, brilliant and bold candidate-cospokesperson and individual, and are proud to support her. We call upon the other member organisations to support her candidacy.

In green solidarity,

The National Board of DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren,





Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Benedetta Scuderi applying as co-spokesperson of the FYEG EC 2022/2023.

We strongly believe that with all of her experience within FYEG & European politics, she will be a great next co-spokesperson for FYEG.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to <u>lysander.liermann@gruene-jugend.de</u>!

Lysander-Noel Liermann International Secretary and member of the federal board GRÜNE JUGEND



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To the 2022 General Assembly of the Federation of Young European Greens

Brussels, 27 April 2022

Re: Candidacy of Benedetta Scuderi as Co-Spokesperson

Dear friends,

We are writing to you in support of Benedetta Scuderi's candidacy as FYEG's next co-spokesperson.

Having founded one of FYEG's newest candidate member organisations, Benedetta knows and resonates with the challenges of breaking through as a new youth organisation, and this contributes to her ability to help other Member Organisations who do not have the resources nor the network to build up to upcoming national and European elections.

We welcome her vision that the structures of our Federation need to be more inclusive and visible to young people from discriminated backgrounds. We encourage her in working with the future Executive Committee to make our Federation a genuine current social reflection of Europe. In that way, we can resonate more with our young electorate come the European elections in 2024.

For these reasons, we support Benedetta Scuderi's candidacy as FYEG's next co-spokesperson and hope for your kind consideration in the General Assembly.

With kind regards on behalf of Jong Groen,

Asher Serrana

International Secretary

Paola Travella

Jordy Sabels

Co-Presidents



Support letter Benedetta Scuderi | co-spokesperson candidate

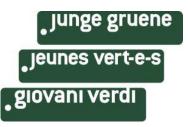
To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

With this letter, Joves Ecosocialistes, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Benedetta Scuderi** in her candidacy to become one of the co-spokespersons of the Federation of Young European Greens. We highly appreciate the invaluable work that Benedetta has put into developing the green wave in the Southern region, and we are looking forward to continuing the great work.

Benedetta has demonstrated over the past year a great ability to translate southern European demands into a priority for the Federation as a whole. In this area, we believe that small and junior organisations can benefit considerably from a broad and generous strategic vision focused on the capacity-building of organizations that Benedetta brings to the table. For this reason, we believe that her work in giving more voice to the peripheries, integrating Europe and empowering organisations that develop their commitment for a greener Europe in the context of convulsive political agendas and realities is incredibly beneficial to the organisation as a whole.

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero co-spokesperson Anna Winkelmann Larios co-spokesperson



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Support letter for Benedetta Scuderi as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG in 2022-23

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Benedetta as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. Benedetta is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate her activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Benedetta will do a great job as a Co-Spokesperson. Swiss Young Greens like her organisational knowledge and understanding of challenges new and/or small Young Green Organisations face. Furthermore we appreciate her for being ambitious in terms of continuous development of FYEG, its structures, processes, tools, formats and aiming to strengthen political discussions.

We wish her good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with her!

sustainable and warm regards, On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination Sebastian Knecht

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Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.

Letter of support for the candidacy of Benedetta Scuderi as Co-Spokesperson of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Benedetta Scuderi in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG.

We are greatly excited to learn that Benedetta has expressed her desire to become one of FYEG's Co-spokespersons, as it has been a pleasure to work with her in various projects in the past years, may it be due to her role as co-responsible for the South MOs, or as a member and co-founder of Giovani Europeisti Verdi (GEV) and we would love to see her in action as an FYEG leader!

In the last few years the world has been experiencing one crisis after the other and we really need leaders who can keep their "cool" and help us to fight back at every challenge with a positive spirit, strong motivation and lots of courage. To say it in a few words, to help us Be Brave and Green the World! One of these leaders is Benedetta, our dear Benni, who will always address us with a big smile and eagerness to understand our needs and help out however she can! Benni is such a delightful person who really inspires us and brings out the best in us. Her amazing character constantly reminds us that even though we come from the troubled region of Southern Europe, we can really make a difference if we strongly believe in ourselves and have an organized approach!

We admire Benedetta's political and activist approaches and we decidedly believe that, if she is elected as a Co-Spokesperson, she will strive to express each and every one of us in the FYEG family! We firmly believe that Benedetta is more than ready to take such a role and we are very much looking forward to working with her from that position if/when she is elected.

Please consider supporting Benedetta's candidacy as well, The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



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Support Letter

Benedetta Scuderi, Candidate for Co-spokeperson

Good morning, delegates, FYEG members, and all those to whom this letter is addressed:

This letter is a symbolization of Juventud Verde's support for Benedetta Scuderi's candidacy for FYEG co-spokesperson.

Italy has been a country that has not been present in FYEG, but thanks to the work of national activists, former members of the FYEG EC, and the former Secretary-General, it has been possible to develop a vibrant organization in the largest country in the Mediterranean. This is the example we all want to achieve when we plant a seed, water it, give it light, but above all love and hope for it to grow. This has not have been impossible without Benedetta's work. She has been one of the most important people in the creation of GEV, that small seed that little by little is becoming a very big pine tree, and with it that the voice of Southern Europe and the Mediterranean countries are heard in FYEG, in the EGP and the Institutions of all Europe.

During her first year as part of the EC, we have realized that Benedetta is the kind of person we want as FYEG co-spokesperson. An activist, hard-working woman, who has the support of her colleagues but who is always there when she is needed; above all she is a person who has kept care and mental health policies very much in mind throughout her work.

Her work proposal for the next few years reflects the reality of the FYEG; we must continue with political and activist work, with our eyes on the elections to the European Parliament in 2024 but not exclusively to this action, as all member organizations are not within the European Union. Benedetta's tireless work, and her motivation for transformation and improvement opens a thread of light in the face of a Europe that is under threat.

As she states in her letter: Don't stop her now.

Greetings,

Juventud Verde

Signed by Hugo Abad Frías, International Secretary of Juventud Verde.



Letter of support

The Green Youth of Serbia is pleased to hereby support candidacy of Benedetta Scuderi for the position of Co-Spokeperson of Federation of Young European Greens for 2022/23. We appreciate that Benedetta holds a long-term vision for FYEG and motivation to build up on wide spreading and strengthening the Green movement in Europe through supporting all of the existing organisations within the Federation, but also network and act together with other young progressive people in order to build the political momentum until EU elections in 2024.

We look forward to Benedeta's contribution to the FYEG for another mandate, and believe she holds the skills, energy and motivation to grow our common network even more resilient and sustainable.

Belgrade, 26.04.2022

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia, Co-Secretariat

Milan Zlatanovic

Munat Fratuatolant

Elena Petrovska



KY/NP/011/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Benedetta Scuderi

FYEG Co-Spokesperson

This is to confirm that Benedetta Scuderi is supported by our organisation for the position of Co-Spokesperson of the Young European Greens. We believe Benedetta will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. Her devotion, motivation, responsibility and knowledge are valuable assets for the Federation.

Benedetta has been active in the FYEG bodies for a long time and managed to prove that she is a key person for the success of the FYEG's aims and activities. It's also important to highlight that Benedetta comes from Giovani Europeisti Verdi an organisation of South; therefore it will be an important addition in the Committee. For us, Young Cyprus Greens, a South member organisation, it's vital to have representation. We believe that she is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits her profile to make FYEG more inclusive, diverse and feminist.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,

Havvoupus

Kyriaki Yiannouri Secretary General Young Cyprus Greens

EC2 Clara Winkler : Candidate for co-spokesperson

Proposer:FYEGAgenda item:6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

My name is Clara and I am a feminist climate activist from Germany currently living and studying in the Netherlands. I am burning for climate justice and intersectional feminism and had the immense pleasure of actively shaping FYEGs work in these topics over the past two years as member of the Executive Committee. Now, I am ready to take on a new challenge and therefore am super excited to run as Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. With my extensive experience within FYEGs structures and the climate movement, I feel well prepared to take on this task and I would be pleased if you would continue to support me over the next year in helping to make FYEG the most empowering, inclusive, kick-ass organisation working for a better world.



<u>Member Organisation:</u> Grüne Jugend (Germany)

Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters



Clara Winkler Federation of European Greens BBC NEWS

LIVE GLASGOW

Dear Young Green Activists and Friends,

What a ride we have been through the last two years. I am so happy that I am finally going to see you all again in person at the upcoming GA! Switching all of our activities online has been a challenge technically, but most of all mentally. But in those amazing two Executive Committees that I had the pleasure to work in over the last years, we managed. And we did not only manage to keep up the minimum of work, no – I can proudly say that our activism was in some parts even more powerful and kick-ass than ever before. We not only created inspiring safe online spaces where activists could grow close despite of lockdowns, but we also managed to raise our voices even louder by putting up creative online campaigns and protests online and in the streets whenever possible. After those two years, the time that we have all worked for has finally come – we can meet in person again and the outgoing Executive Committee has prepared everything for the upcoming mandate to be absolutely awesome.

Having worked so dedicatedly on FYEGs plans, activities and strategy over the past two years, I now feel ready to step up my game and lead FYEG into the coming period. This is why I am today presenting my candidacy as Co-Spokesperson to you. And even though we can finally meet in person again, the crises we are living through are not stopping but growing by the day. But with my extensive experience within FYEGs structures and the climate movement, I feel well prepared to take on this task and I would be pleased if you would continue to support me over the next year in helping to make FYEG the most empowering feminist climate activist organisation working for real and substantive change.

About me

My name is Clara and I am a feminist climate activist from Germany currently living and studying in the Netherlands. After finishing school, I started with grassroots activism in my home city Dresden, and soon got engaged in the local Young Greens group of which I became a spokesperson. After several years of engagement on local level, I matched my activism with the international character of my studies and joined the International Team of Grüne Jugend while also starting to take part in FYEG events and working groups. In both organisations, I gained a lot of experience in the international coordination of activism, not only on a European level but also globally, as I am convinced that green activism cannot stop at European borders.

My fight for Mental Health, Climate Justice and Intersectional Feminism

It was through the inspiring work of the Feminist Network, where we organised a campaign on sexual consent, that motivated me to join the Executive Committee. For my work there, I set three main priorities: Mental Health, Climate Justice and Intersectional Feminism.

As encouraged by the GA 2020, I started working on a mental health protocol with effective measures to prevent activist burn out within our structures – a topic that has long overshadowed FYEGs work. This past mandate has been the first one for many years, where no EC member had to drop out, so I am very happy to already see the success of this work.

One of my greatest achievements of the past mandate is the successful adoption of a resolution on sexual consent by the Council of the European Green Party, that was handed in by FYEG. This was such an important step because before that resolution, the party had cancelled our cooperation on a campaign on this issue, as there was no official resolution on the matter. This shows again that even in green political structures, feminist positions like consent have to be fought for again and again and I am determined to continue to work on these struggles.

Being responsible for climate topics within the EC, I contributed to our campaigns around the European climate law, energy politics and I had the pleasure to lead the work of FYEG's COP26 delegation. COP26 was one of the most transformative experiences I have had so far, showing me how crucial it is for climate activists and young politicians to be as organised as possible in order to make a difference and lobby decision makers to take decisions in line with the Paris Agreement. Next to learning how to organise one of our most successful campaigns, the work in the COP delegation taught me how valuable cooperation together with the European Green Party and the Green Group in the European Parliament can be to push them to be more radical and at the same time profit from their professional experience and contacts.

My Motivation to be a Co-Spokes

My work and experience on these three topics is precisely what will help me to do a great job as a cospokesperson that is responsible for communications, the cooperation with the green party and the well-being of our FYEG office as well as the individual EC members. We have done a lot in the past years to make FYEG an even greener, more radical and at the same time more professional organisation, but there is still so much to do.

The elections 2024 are coming up and with every year that climate action gets delayed, creating real change through our democratic rights becomes more important. Never before, FYEG could rely on so professional structures and such a big office. That's why I am super excited to prepare the most captivating election campaign that we have ever seen, with all of you together. Furthermore, I would like to strengthen our influence and activism beyond elections into the work with our partners like the European Green Party or the European Youth Forum, as well as our presence and advocacy at conferences like COP27.

While creating these huge changes and fighting for a healthy planet, we have to make sure that our mental health is always our first priority. We cannot save the world if we don't save our mental health first. Therefore, I am looking forward to make FYEG a leading organisation in activist's mental health by contributing with my work on this topic to the current annual work plan, where all of our study sessions, our summer camp and one of our two big campaigns are centered around mental well-being of change makers.

FYEG has become one of the leading political youth organisations when it comes to queerfeminist policies and structures. We need to make sure that this work continues, but we also have to put our focus now on other types of discrimination like racism that still continues to make our structures inaccessible for many people. As I have done a lot of work on inclusion and fighting ableism, classism and sexism in the EC but also in my previous work in FYEGs Feminist Committee, I am highly motivated to look deeper into racial discrimination and how to tackle it effectively.

I am more than ready for this commitment!

After six years of young green activism, two of them in the EC, I can say that I am motivated to take on a new challenge in the coming term. I now have a great overview over all of our processes, policies and partners. I am super motivated and ready to start right away into a new operational year and together with a new team working on our visions for this organisation and the world. Including the Member Organisations into all of those actions and this growth is a number one priority to me and I am happy to exchange views and ideas with you at any time. I am looking forward to investing 100 percent of my energy and all my heart into this commitment. Therefore, I would be super happy about your support of my candidacy.



MY VISION FOR FYEG

Clara Winkler

The main topics on which I want to focus as Co-Spokes are

- 1. Making FYEG a Frontrunner in Mental Health
- 2. Combating Systemic Racism
- 3. Building Strategic Allyships for Climate Justice

1. Rest is Liberation – Becoming a Frontrunner in Mental Health of Young People

The importance of mental health is still often neglected in organisations that are for a big part run by volunteers. During the pandemic, for the first time, we had the capacity to take a step back, reflect on our current working culture and get help from the outside to start an organisational change process. During this process we looked deep into our structures to figure out why we have seen so many activist burn outs in the recent years and change our working environment into a healthy space. For the first time since a few years, this EC hasn't seen a drop out of a member, which already shows the success of the many different measures we have implemented. This year again, I was responsible for monitoring and evaluating the mental health of our EC and office members. The evaluation showed significant improvements in comparison to the previous year. My vision for FYEG is that we become an organisation where radical self-care becomes part of our working culture, where we always prioritize joy and pleasure within our activism, where everyone feels safe to set boundaries. I am envisioning a space where we acknowledge rest and joy as essential parts of the resistance against the capitalist, exploitative and oppressive system. I want to contribute with my experience to taking the next steps towards that vision by implementing our work plan for 2022 that dedicates all of our educational activities and a campaign to that topic. I am looking forward to coming together with all of you at the FYEG summer camp and other events, to work on that vision together and make it this the much needed reality for all of us.

2. The Future is Intersectional – Doing the Anti-Oppression Work

It is easy to claim to be feminist, but to maintain inherently feminist structures and to do feminist work externally requires hard work and assertiveness. Over the last years, FYEG has done a great job with becoming a feminist organisation and it is extremely important to continue this work. But it is also essential to put a strong focus on other types of discrimination as well, which has not happened sufficiently within FYEG. The climate movement in Europe is led mostly by white people and organisations like Fridays for Future have been accused of systemic racism. For me, it is important to take this lack of representation of black, indigenous and people of color seriously, to fight racist barriers within FYEGs structures and to help our Member Organisations to make their own structures and work more inclusive and aware of systemic racism. FYEG would profit a lot from building up capacities in that topic where we don't have a lot of expertise yet. We need to constantly improve our internal structures and evaluate how inclusive and accessible our organisation really is. Additionally to breaking down structural barriers, we need to make sure that all of us who are privileged in this system learn how to be strong allies to everyone who faces discrimination.

We have learned from our fight against patriarchy, that to be a truly feminist organisation we not only have to review our internal structures but also clearly speak out on topics of gender discrimination, transphobia and many more to the outside world. Looking at the topics that FYEG has communicated on in the past years, we have done a great job on covering feminist topics but speaking up against racism only takes a small part of our output. My vision is that FYEG takes a clear position against racist injustices in its communications strategy and creates a safe space for black, indigenous and people of color. The fight against discrimination is always intersectional, which should be reflected in all of the work we do and take into account not only sexism and racism but also ableism, classism and all other forms of oppression.

3. Tactics, baby - Building Strategic Allyships for Climate Justice

The crises and struggles that we are currently facing often seem overwhelming for individuals. My experience at COP26 taught me, that only together with the other youth organisations we were able to effectively influence the negotiations and get our demands into final the decision text. I learned that by thinking about strategic partnerships at an early stage of the COP preparations as well as prioritizing them in the other areas where FYEG is active like the Advisory Council on Youth to the Council of Europe, we can have a much bigger impact on the decisions and therefore the realities of so many young people than by working alone. Transformative justice can only be achieved by the collective, by building allyships to complement and inspire each other.

The great thing about FYEG is that we are not only acting in the streets but also in the institutions. During the past years, FYEGs relationship to the European Green Party improved constantly and this cooperation increased our capacities and impact tremendously. By strategically using our position (like we did with the Resolution on Sexual Consent) we can strengthen our position and continue to push EGP towards more radical and progressive policies. We also managed to get a good number of young greens elected into the European Parliament and have a lot of young greens represented in local and national parliaments. Working on spaces for joining forces like the Young Candidates platform or the alumni network we can make sure that no one has to work on issues alone but our efforts are coordinated towards our common goals of limiting the earth overheating at 1.5C and achieving climate justice.

I hope that I could convince you of my motivation and capacities to be FYEG's co-spokesperson. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Looking forward to meeting you soon!



ABOUT ME

- 🖄 24 years old
- Master Studies of International Security
- \heartsuit Climbing, Dance, Travelling, Yoga, Pleasure Activism, Intersectional Feminism

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EDUCATION

109/2021 - 08/2022	LLM Law and Politics of International Security
	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
1/2020 - 01/2020	Exchange semester, Moscow State Institute of International Relations
10/2017 - 08/2021	Bachelor - Studies, University of Erfurt
	major: International Relations; minor: Law

Erfurt Dresden

GRÜNE JUGEND

0	11/2018 - 11/2020	International Team of GRÜNE JUGEND
2 2 2	11/2017 - 11/2018	Co-Spokesperson of GRÜNE JUGEND Er
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#	since 2016	Member of GRÜNEN JUGEND

FYEG

۲	03/2021 - 05/2022	Head of FYEG COP26-Delegation
	03/2021 -09/2021	EGP Council - Consent Resolution Taskforce
20 2	08/2020 - today	EC Member
0	08/2020	GA Delegate of GRÜNE JUGEND
Ø	10/2019 - 10/2021	Feminist Network FYEG
Ø	11/2018 - 08/2019	Feminist Committee FYEG
*	07/2018 - 07/2019	Working Group "Food System and Animal Rights"

OTHER COMMITMENTS

	official committeering		
Ø	01/2020 - today	Member of "Grow the Future Network" of Heinrich Böll Foundation Washington	
•	10/2016 - today	Grassroots Activism - Development of a Sustainable City Map for Dresden	
		(www.quergedacht-dresden.de)	
		Awards: Digital Pokal 2017 (best digital youth project of Germany)	
		Local Agenda 21 – Prize 2017	
0	11/2016 - 09/2019	Erasmus Plus Training Courses for Youth Workers in Macedonia, Greece,	
		England, Hungary, Ireland and Serbia	
	10/2016 - 08/2017	German Teacher for Refugees in Chemnitz	

Curriculum Vitae Clara Winkler

PROFESSIONEL EXPERIENCE

	10/2020 - 12/2020	Internship at Press Office of the Parliamentary Group of Bündnis 90/
		Die Grünen Thuringia
Î	08/2018 - 08/2019	Student Research Assistant at the Professorship for International Relations,
		University of Erfurt
		Working on a website project to create interactive maps of the world, showing
		economic and military international connections
	08/2017 - today	Workshop Instructor of Education of Sustainable Development $\operatorname{at}\operatorname{AHA}-$
		ANDERS HANDELN E.V.
p	05/2017	Internship for a Member of National Parliament Dr. Simone Raatz, Berlin
٩	09/2016 - 08/2017	Gap year to do voluntary work in the political sector
		at AHA – ANDERS HANDELN E.V. (NGO) - Dresden
		Education, instructor, project management
۵î۵	08/2015	Internship at Law Office

SCHOLARSHIPS

*	04/2018 - present	Scholarship holder of Heinrich-Böll-Foundation
*	10/2017 - 03/2018	Scholarship holder of Deutschandstipendium

KEY SKILLS

- Organizing
- **Press Work**
- Educational Work
- A Process Supervision
- 📽 Project Management
- **Social Media Management**
- Advanced Website Development
- € Developing Crowdfunding Campaigns

LANGUAGES

German (mother tongue) French C1 English C1 Russian B1



Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Clara Winkler applying as cospokesperson of the FYEG EC 2022/2023.

Clara is looking back at 6 years of experience in green activism and knows FYEGs structures, the work of the office, the EC and the political discussions inside and out. In her past two mandates of FYEG's Executive Committee, Clara has done outstanding work, for FYEG and the fight for climate justice, feminist structures and activist mental health. She did an excellent job for FYEGs visibility as she was involved in developing various statements and communications campaigns and working closely with FYEG's partners. By developing the mental health protocol, she contributed tremendously to the effective and healthy working culture within FYEG. She showed impressive leadership skills by steering the COP26 delegation and being responsible for the Feminist Network, both with highly successful outcomes. Furthermore, she has shown great engagement with FYEGs Member Organisation in order to respond to their various needs in different local contexts and encourage exchange among them.

We believe that with all of the experience that she has gained, she is an excellent candidate for the position as Co-Spokes, that is responsible for representing the organization externally, engaging with partners and managing the well-being of the FYEG office as well as EC members. We think that she has the experience, capacity, motivation and enthusiasm to carry on the idea of FYEG and that she will continue to enrich the organization's future work in the team.

With her skills and personal qualities, her knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, her past engagement and international experiences with GRÜNE JUGEND and with FYEG, we whole-heartedly support her application as co-spokesperson of FYEG.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to <u>lysander.liermann@gruene-jugend.de</u>!

Lysander-Noel Liermann International Secretary and member of the federal board GRÜNE JUGEND



Luxembourg, 26th April 2022

Dear FYEG General Assembly 2022 delegates,

On behalf of *déi jonk gréng*, I would like to express our support for *Clara Winkler* as co-spokesperson in the Executive Committee of the *Federation of Young European Greens*. We believe her years of experience in green activism and her dedication to be valuable qualities for the respective position.

Déi jonk gréng share Clara's vision on the future of FYEG as a frontrunner in mental health, combatting systemic racism and building allyship for climate justice. We furthermore see Clara's enthusiasm and motivation as an essential attribute for the position of co-spokesperson.

We are confident of the benefits that Clara's experience and knowledge will bring to *FYEG*, and see her as the optimal candidate for the Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Remmy International secretary

Kenny



Subject: Support Letter for the FYEG Executive Committee

Lisbon, 21th April 2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

Ecolojovem – Os Verdes supports Clara Winkler's candidacy for the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Yours sincerely,

Ecolojovem – Os Verdes National Comittee.

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25/04/2022

Support Letter to Clara Winkler

Dear Delegates at the FYEG GA,

We, Green Youth of Ukraine, hereby would like to express our support to the candidacy of Clara Winkler for Co-Spokesperson position at Federation of Young European Greens.

Clara showed great dedication, responsibility and hard work during her two mandates with Executive Committee member of FYEG. Her motivation and skills show that she is a good fit for the position.

Therefore, we confidently believe that she will be a worthy candidate for the Co-Spokesperson FYEG and will support Clara for her candidacy.

Sincerely, Head of the All-Ukrainian Youth NGO "Green Youth of Ukraine" Mariia Patrul



Dear Federation of Young European Greens,



We are pleased to write this letter in support of Clara Winckler's candidacy for the Federation of Young European Greens' Executive Committee.

Clara seems to be a highly dedicated person who can strengthen the work for young people's rights in FYEG. With their knowledge of FYEG's organisation as well as different areas of politics and experience in the green movement in Europe, we believe that Clara has the potential to actively engage more people into FYEG's work.

Moreover, we find it important that MOs across the entire European continent are represented in our Federation. With experience in working with international matters in Grüne Jugend and FYEG, we believe that Clara will be able to represent a big part of the European young greens as an Executive Committee member.

For these reasons, Grön Ungdom believes that Clara will continue making a meaningful contribution to the Executive Committee and we would like to express our support for their candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Grön Ungdom and its International Committee,

Alma Gunnarsson

International Secretary, Grön Ungdom



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To the 2022 General Assembly of the Federation of Young European Greens

Brussels, 27 April 2022

Re: Candidacy of Clara Winkler as Co-Spokesperson

Dear friends,

We are writing to you in support of Clara Winkler's candidacy as FYEG's next co-spokesperson.

Having the immense experience of leading our Federation's delegation at the COP26 in Glasgow last year, Clara has proven that she has what it takes to be at the forefront of FYEG's advocacies and activities. Her experience in organising young climate activists and advocating for effective, intersectional, and just climate policies. As a member of the Executive Committee, she has also taken a pioneering role to care for our volunteers who work hard on the Federation level through the Mental Health Protocol. Indirectly quoting from her motivation: when we fight for a healthy planet, we have to make sure to take care of ours as well.

As a feminist, Clara has been fiercely fighting against sexual discrimination and abuse, leading the way to better awareness of sexual consent and pushing it to the highest Green policy levels. We commend her recognition of the apparent and actual systemic racism which is still present within the wider Green movement and its allies, on a European and global level. A better representation is much needed and we expect her, along with the new Executive Committee, to work with racial, ethnic, and national minorities who might feel left out in our respective MO's, in the federation, and in the wider young green movement.

For these reasons, we support Clara Winkler's candidacy as FYEG's next co-spokesperson and hope for your kind consideration in the General Assembly.

With kind regards on behalf of Jong Groen,

Asher Serrana

International Secretary

Paola Travella

Jordy Sabels

Co-Presidents



Support letter Clara Winkler | Co-spokesperson candidate

To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

With this letter, Joves Ecosocialistes, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Clara Winkler** in her candidacy to become one of the co-spokespersons of the Federation of Young European Greens. Last year, in our support letter when she decided to run for her second mandate as an EC member, we wanted to highlight Clara's effort on pushing the EGP for a clear stance on consent as well as her vision on tackling mental health and fighting burnout among young activists. With the great menace that the rising far right constitutes for everyone's rights and freedoms, having clear stances on womens*'s rights and taking care of each other are vital priorities to protect democracy, European values and our Green agenda. Joves Ecosocialistes believes that counting with Clara as co-spokesperson in our Federation will bring us strength at the political and organisational levels.

Besides that, Clara's commitment to the climate movement has enabled the Federation to stand out during the UNFCCC that took place in Glasgow last autumn. Joves Ecosocialistes' analysis is not only pointing out the need for a push in the public agenda and for the urge of real action with the articulation of ambitions and science-based climate policies, but also calls on building bridges among activists at different levels in order to have a resilient and diverse climate movement. Seeing Clara's experience in that field, and the openness in which she coordinated the FYEG COP26 delegation, we think that her leadership in the climate movement is key not only for the Federation, but for the climate movement as a whole.

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero co-spokesperson Anna Winkelmann Larios co-spokesperson



Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express support for Clara Winkler, applying as a FYEG Co-Spokesperson for 2022/2023.

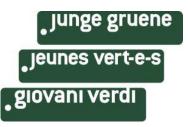
We have worked with Clara on several occasions, including COP26 in Glasgow. During our time together we noted a deep commitment to green values, especially climate change and gender equality. Clara has shown excellent communication skills during her time as an EC member of FYEG and we have great respect for her work.

We think she fulfills all qualifications needed for becoming the next FYEG Co-Spokesperson. Her experience with media is outstanding having represented FYEG on several occasions, most notably for BBC News at COP26, where she also had the opportunity to expand her vast network of contacts among the green family.

We would also like to point out that Clara has been responsible for the Feminist Network Working Group and has committed her career on making foreign policy feminist.

Considering her skills and experience we as Youth Forum URA support Clara's ambition of becoming the next FYEG Co-Spokesperson!

Danilo Boskovic General Secretary and member of the presidency Youth Forum URA



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Clara Winkler clara@fyeg.org

Support letter for Clara Winkler as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG in 2022-23

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Clara as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. Clara is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate her activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Clara will do a great job as a Co-Spokesperson. Swiss Young Greens appreciate her work as a member of FYEGs' EC during the past 2 years which were taking place in very challenging circumstances due to corona virus. We appreciate her background and experience in climate activism and would like to particularly mention her fierce TV appearance during COP 26 as a leader of FYEG's delegation. Furthermore we appreciate her for being ambitious in terms of continuous development of FYEG, its structures and political focus.

We wish her good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with her!

sustainable and warm regards, *On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination* Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegruene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports **Clara Winkler**

for the Federation of Young European Greens FYEG's Co-Spokeperson.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

Peppi Seppälä

Peppi Seppälä Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret

Jami Haavisto

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Jami Haavisto Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret



27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Clara Winkler has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

Clara has already served 2 terms on EC and so she is qualified to stand for Co-Chair position. We are impressed with her prior work in representing Young Greens at COP26 such as working with some of our members who were taking action to demand better from a failed COP. We also recognise her prior work having previously passed a motion about sexual consent to the EGP council.

We support her main priorities which are:

- '1. Making FYEG a Frontrunner in Mental Health
- 2. Combating Systemic Racism
- 3. Building Strategic Allyships for Climate Justice'

Signed:

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Name: Position: Email: Raphael Hill International Officer raphael@younggreens.org.uk



Letter of support

The Green Youth of Serbia is pleased to hereby endorse the candidacy of Clara Winkler for the position of Co-spokesperson of Federation of Young European Greens for 2022/23.

We acknowledge that Clara's involvement in FYEG as an Executive Committee member for 2 consecutive years is advancing her further engagements with Federation, and enabling sustainable continuation of work of the whole organisation. We had the opportunity to witness Clara representing FYEG in the past year and believe she can take on the role of Co-spokesperson in the best manner.

We believe Clara carries the motivation, skills and a vision suited to pursue the mentioned position, and therefore we fully support her candidacy at the upcoming General Assembly.

Belgrade, 26.04.2022

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia, Co-Secretariat

Milan Zlatanovic

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Elena Petrovska

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Letter of support for the candidacy of Clara Winkler as Co-Spokesperson of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Nέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Clara Winkler in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG.

We are excited to learn that Clara has expressed her desire to become one of FYEG's Co-spokespersons. It has been our pleasure to work with her in various projects, or witness her efforts within FYEGs structures and the climate movement, in her time as an EC member in the last two Executive Committees. Two EC mandates that, as we can all admit, have been extremely difficult and demanded of every EC member to be at their best in order to tackle every technical or mental challenge that arose. And that is exactly what they did. No matter the difficulties, EC members managed to "keep their cool", develop innovative and just approaches whenever necessary and helped empower the Member Organizations through two harsh years. Thank you each and everyone from the bottom of our hearts!

One of these amazing persons was Clara, whose passion and dedication for a Greener future, not only inspired us, but, according to our humble opinion, played a pivotal role in helping FYEG work for real and substantive change during the past two years. We truly believe that, if Clara is elected as a Co-Spokesperson, she will strive to express each and every one of us in the FYEG Green family and we are certain that she will achieve to do so in the best way possible!

We admire Clara's political and activist approaches and it has been a pleasure to witness her becoming FYEG's representative in COP26. She nailed it and proved that she has indeed what it takes to be a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. In the insightful motivation letter that she has sent to us, Clara states that she is more than ready for the commitment of expressing FYEG's Green family. With this letter, we, Nέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi, would like to make the same statement. We firmly believe that Clara is more than ready and that she should be elected as one of FYEG's Co-spokespersons in the upcoming General Assembly.

Please consider supporting Clara's candidacy as well, The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



Νέοι Πράσινοι – Μέλος της Ομοσπονδίας Νέων Ευρωπαίων Πράσινων από το 2009 neoi.prasinoi@gmail.com https://neoiprasinoi.blogspot.com/ https://www.facebook.com/NeoiPrasinoi.GrYGs/ https://www.instagram.com/neoi.prasinoi/ https://twitter.com/neoiprasinoi EC3 Sean Currie : Candidate for co-spokesperson

Proposer:FYEGAgenda item:6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

I love FYEG, so I want to see it grow. I went to my first event in January 2019, and saw so much potential that I went to every event that year except one. My roles in FYEG have included prep team member, GA presidency, adviser on how to change the electoral system, working group member, representative of FYEG at COP26 and the European Ideas Lab, writer for Ecosprinter, and delegate at numerous GAs and MO forums. I have been Cospokesperson of my MO, and represented it on the board of our mother party. I am a transnational social movement organiser, having been active in France, Germany, the UK, and Belgium.



<u>Member Organisation:</u> Scottish Young Greens (Scotland)

I also have a vision. Despite our strengths, FYEG suffers from an EC that is overburdened and therefore not visible. We are too white, too privileged, and the EC is too distant from our MOs. If

elected, I will enact a three pillar vision for taking FYEG to the next level, through empowering people in the organisation, and making the EC both more visibly active and closer to MOs.

Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters

MY MOTIVATION



My first prep team. Strasbourg, 2019.

It is an immense please to put myself forward to be the next Co-spokesperson of FYEG. This is a decision that has been shaped by 3 and a half years of activism with the organisation. It's a decision made thanks to countless coffees, beers, and Zoom calls with past and present FYEGers. Most of all, it's a decision shaped by what FYEG has given me. From crying happy tears on a dancefloor in Strasbourg to marching with antifascists in Bologna, this organisation has given me so many emotions, so many lessons, and so many friendships.

I'm running because I believe in the power and beauty of this organisation, but that there are several things we can do a lot better on. I believe I have the vision to take FYEG to the next level, combined with the right diversity of skills and experience to execute this. But first, let me tell you **why** I want to do this.

FYEG has shaped me as an activist

FYEG has changed how I organise. I have done just about everything there is to do in FYEG without being on the EC or in the office. I've represented my MO (the Scottish Young Greens) at General Assemblies (GAs) and Young Green Forums, and I have represented FYEG in various roles from being part of the GA presidency to taking part in a German fossil fuel blockade.

I'm proud that in my time as Scottish Young Greens Co-spokesperson, I helped to build the organisation from being non-existent to being the most active and powerful political youth organisation in the country. This success would not have been possible without learning what I learnt at FYEG, and so I want to give back to the organisation.

We have so much potential to force change, most of all through our MOs

Since fuelling the 'Green Wave' of the 2019 EU election, FYEG has grown into being the most well-organised political youth organisation at the European level. This strength is founded partly upon the highly skilled office we have, but more than that it is our incredible network of member organisations. Now, as we build towards a European election in two years, there is an immense opportunity for FYEG to grow in capacity, to help grow the capacity of our MOs, and therefore to grow the power of Young Greens around Europe. But potential isn't enough. We need to harness it.

Despite this, we are held back by fundamental weaknesses

At the same time as FYEG has increased its office capacity, we have stagnated in other ways. I see four key weaknesses:

- The EC is not visibly active, particularly over the last year. People in the EC put *so much* time into our ourganisation, but the results don't do that justice. For example, only five political statements have been released over the last year, and the absence of a visible EC means our federation continues to feel difficult to relate to and politically inactive. In turn, this makes it difficult to hold the EC to account.
- 2. We don't empower people to do stuff. The EC isn't invisible becaues of a lack of work, but because of an overburden of work. Right now, a group of 8 people act as a bottle-neck for a federation of 40,000 people, which limits the organisation's capacity, thereby forcing us to move events online and take other steps that reduce the strength of our organisation.
- 3. **We're too white, and too privileged.** I don't need to explain this one we see it around us. Although we are much better than many organisations at empowering queer folk and people

of marginalised genders, <mark>we are still too white, too urban, too middle-class, and too Western</mark> <mark>European</mark>. FYEG has made progress on this since I got involved, but there's a lot more to do.

4. The EC is too distant from our Member Organisations. Most people in our member organisations don't understand what FYEG is and why it is so valuable. As a federation, this is a fundamental weakness that comes down to the fact FYEG EC is too far from the needs and desires of MOs.

I have the skills and experience to help bring FYEG to the next level

This organisation means so much to me, both personally and politically. Like anyone, I am not the perfect candidate. But I have what it takes. Over eight years of activism, I have come to specialise in building organisations in the way I will describe in my vision - so much that it has become a part of my dayjob with Campaign Accelerator.

I have been Co-spokesperson of my member organisation, and helped oversee an enormous growth in our capacity and power. I've been on the Executive Committee of my mother party, lobbying for the needs of young people and helping make strategic decisions en route to us becoming a government party. I have organised and participated with diverse movements in the UK, France, Germany, and Belgium, learning the strengths and weaknesses of our movement, and how to build powerful organisations.

In my many roles, I've had the opportunity to make mistakes and learn from them, though I'll probably make more. What I will not do, if elected, is to allow our EC to appear inactive, or our MOs to feel distant from us. This is my promise, and I invite you to hold me to account.

MY <mark>VISION</mark>



Ende Gelände civil disobedience action with FYEG, August 2021.

Since becoming active in FYEG in January 2019, I have seen us grow our office capacity, our budget, and our communications reach. At the same time, our federation has remained distant from MOs while our EC has - despite putting in such hard work - become increasingly less visible.

In this statement, I will lay out a three pillar vision for the growth of our organisation. Each one tackles a particular weakness in the organisation while playing to our strenghts. Importantly, I detail how all three pillars can be shaped to make FYEG a truly intersectional organisation, particularly in relation to antiracism. Although I have some experience with working in antiracism, and although my identity as a queer person who grew up in rural poverty means I have *some* relevant lived experience, I would offer this as an invitation for people with other lived experience to critique my ideas in conversation.

This vision is not simply *my* vision. Since I believe FYEG EC should be more visibly active and closer to MOs, I am reaching out to as many member organisation as possible to get their input on my ideas.

This means that this document will be a working draft until the week of the election (<u>latest version</u> <u>available here</u>).

I try to practice what I preach. If elected as Co-spokesperson, I promise to continue this work.

Pillar 1

Empowering people in FYEG

Powerful progressive organisations are built by empowering people within the organisation to work on things they care about. Right now, it's difficult for individuals to get involved in FYEG, and we can do a lot better. I have the skill to execute on this, since helping organisations to build structures that empower supporters is my day job. So here is my vision for how we do it:

- Create an engagement pathway. A basic modern organising strategy is to offer members increasingly high commitment ways to be involved in the organisation. Our work to implement this process was a central part of the enormous growth of the Scottish Young Greens, from non-existent to Scotland's most active political youth organisation in five years.
- Build around FYEG's needs and desires. The biggest challenge with these things is keeping people engaged as shown by mixed results from previous FYEG working groups. The key is to (1) build things around the individuals' needs, and (2) offer them so much value for staying engaged that they will continue being involved. A key part of this is offering training to people in skills that are useful for their wider life.
- Focus on intersectionality. Taking an approach more focused on empowering people within the organisation is necessary for making the organisation more intersectionally anti-oppressive. Still, it is not sufficient. Clearly, we need to work hard to empower more working-class people, rural people, disabled people, and people from racialised groups.
- The EC should be organisers, not bottlenecks. By making EC more of an <u>organising committee</u> than a <u>do everything for an organisation of 35,000 people</u> committee, these processes provide the necessary framework of accountability so that more people can actively contribute to FYEG's overall strategy. To make FYEG more agile and strategic, we should harness the incredible network we have. For example, at COP26 we struggled to be prepared or to be strategic because of a lack of capacity. For COP27, we should offer interested people the opportunity to support our delegation. This could include valuable experience like lobbying big EU & national politicians, for example.

This model of empowering people would not only make FYEG more connected to the people and organisations that make up the federation, it would also drastically increase the capacity of FYEG, thereby making us more politically powerful. With the European elections happening in two years, we need to start building this movement now, while doing everything to make sure it benefits non-EU MOs too.

Pillar 2 Organising a visibly active EC

Right now, the work of the EC is not visible, which is why most people in our MOs do not see the value of FYEG.

Communication

Member organisations' communication with EC members is largely limited to regional chats (though the activity of these is a notable improvement). In more informal channels, such as the recently active Telegram channels, the invisibility of EC members has been unfortunate.

This feeds into a fundamental problem. Our EC has no human face, which make FYEG difficult to relate to both internally and externally. Here, we can learn from member organisations like the Polish Young Greens, whose Co-spokespeople used live videos to update members on what they're doing. Given the diversity of our organisation, I'd argue for such communication to include all EC members who are comfortable talking about the issues that are most relevant to them.

Politics & Partnerships

If elected as Co-spokesperson, I would make sure we do more than the 5 political statements released in the last year. But more important than statements, I would make sure we are running political campaigns. To make this possible, we should not only empower people within FYEG, but we should also work with groups working on social justice and issues important to young people. Having been active with various of these types of movements, I have the network to make this possible.

Indeed, building relations with other groups is a key way that the EC can grow its capacity and therefore be more visibly active. Another way to do this is by inviting them to events. As Co-spokesperson of the Scottish Young Greens and prep team member of FYEG, I have organised events with exactly this goal, and seen not only how it can increase our capacity but also diversify our organisations. If elected, I would particularly focus this work on anti-oppression, for example through working with antiracist organisations.

Knowledge

If elected as FYEG Co-spokesperson, I would help FYEG establish itself as the first base of knowledge for Young Greens around Europe on what is happening in European politics. Learning from CDN's 'Election Vision', this space could be facilitated with relatively low capacity by FYEG EC if members of MOs were given the space to learn from each other. This simple idea, if well executed, could (a) provide value to people in MOs who care about what's happening, (b) increase pan-European solidarity among MOs, and (c) develop relationships between MOs. All of these benefits would grow engagement in and therefore the capacity of - FYEG.

Pillar 3 Bringing FYEG EC closer to MOs

Right now, FYEG feels distant and difficult to relate to for members of our MOs. This is a fundamental threat to our federation. Pillar 3 is my vision for how we better harness FYEG's greater strength - its member organisations.

Improve regional coordination

Over the last year, regional coordination *has *improved, but MOs still report that meetings and regional groupchats should be more organised, more beneficial, and with more direction. If elected as Co-spokesperson, I will push for EC members to make sure *all* groupchats are active - which is not currently the case. But this has to go deeper. Instead of always talking about how we get MOs interested in FYEG, we have to think about this the other way round. How can FYEG move closer to MOs? This subtle change of framing could radically alter FYEG-MO relations.

Invest more resources

If elected as Co-spokesperson, I will push for more time and money to be given to FYEG-MO relations. With FYEG's budget likely to grow significantly in 2023 and then (hopefully) again after the European election in 2024, I will argue for a significant portion of this money to go into building member organisations. How this looks will change over the coming year, but I have two concrete proposals that we should consider. Firstly, we should strongly consider hiring a membership officer in 2023. If EC is to improve its regional coordination efforts, I would argue this is most sustainable if it is also supported by someone from the office. The second idea has so much potential as to deserve its own heading.

Scale up the capacity building

Capacity building is the best way for FYEG to serve its member organisations. The planned budget for this project is a small fraction of the organisation's budget when we consider how powerful this work can be. Indeed, Campaign Accelerator has indicated that it is willing to do the heavy lifting when it comes to fundraising for this project. This means that even without the planned budget increase, FYEG could scale up this mission if the EC is willing to allow such an investment into our MOs.

Focus training on organisational foundations and antiracism

These two areas of training are particularly powerful for supporting MOs. By organisational foundations, I mean areas that contribute to sustaining the foundations of an organisation - such as fundraising, membership engagement, and strategy. On the other side, making FYEG and our MOs more antiracist requires training and the creation of resources - for example, on how to bring more racialised people into our organisation. To be clear, I'm not the person to do training in antiracism but if elected I will push for it to be prioritised.

Make smaller funds available. When I became co-spokesperson of the Scottish Young Greens, we had an annual budget of 500€ before we managed to negotiate it up. This meant getting a FYEG project grant of 7,000€ was transformational, and helped build us into the largest and most active youth wing in Scotland. However, the problem for smaller MOs who rely on FYEG is that these are huge amounts of money that require months of planning and a long application process. FYEG should seriously look into the possibility of making a pool of funding that can be released quickly to MOs, such as when poorer MOs have an opportunity to build a transformative campaign in response to political change.

A forum of elected Young Greens. Useful for member organisations with elected politicians would be for FYEG to operate a space for young elected greens to network and learn from each other. This already exists within the European Greens (EGP) for local politicians, for example. This can also solidify the existing alumni network into a tangible service that benefits FYEG and its people.

Exchanges. Certain, wealthier MOs offer exchange programmes with Young Greens in other countries, thereby creating a space for intercultural learning and learning about politics. FYEG could operate as a conduit for this, thereby giving value to MOs who can afford these opportunities while growing the relationships between our MOs.

Please, hold me to account

The overlapping social and environmental crises we're up against require ambitious but meticulously thought-out visions, and they require uncomfortable self-critique. So please, download this vision statement and save it in your safest documents folder. Then, in case I'm elected, print it off and show it to me at GA 2023. What have we achieved?

Sean Currie

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MOST RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) - GA Presidency,

Prep Team Member, Working Group Member, COP26 Delegate, Ecosprinter Author, Event Participant (10+ times) January 2019 - PRESENT

- Represent FYEG in various organising roles, including in the GA presidency, COP26 delegation, and Strasbourg study session 2019.
- Actively participate in every single type of FYEG event (GA, Young Greens Forum, study session, educational events, summer camp, and so on), as well as with a working group on migration.

Campaign Accelerator - Communications & Community Organising Lead, Junior Trainer

January 2022 - PRESENT

- Support the organisation's work to build people-powered organising models with various types of federations, NGOs, and movements.
- Develop a communications strategy to show our pan-European identity.
- Support in the creation and implementation of capacity building trainings.

<mark>Scottish Young Greens (SYG)</mark> - Co-Spokesperson, Secretary, Communications Officer, COP26 Campaign Coordinator, International Committee Member

June 2017 - October 2021

- Help re-found SYG and co-build the organisation from non-existent into the most active, powerful, and well-organised political youth wing in Scotland.
- Successfully implement an organising model that intentionally empowers people in the organisation something I would like to adapt to FYEG.

La Fresque du Climat - COP26 Co-coordinator

November 2020 - March 2021

- Implement a people-powered organising model that recruited 235 volunteers to advocate for climate education at COP26.
- Set out an ambitious strategy and create processes to execute it, such that I felt confident to leave my role in the hands of volunteers.

<mark>Scottish Green Party</mark> - Executive Committee Member, Council Member, Regional Committee Member, Activist

September 2014 - September 2020

• Sit on the main decision-making body of the Scottish Green Party, representing the needs of the Young Greens and pushing for greater inclusivity, while contributing to strategic decisions that helped build SGP into a party of national government.

Organiser, communicator & campaigner

to connect the needs of communities to European politics

EDUCATION

MA European Affairs

Sciences Po Paris September 2020 - June 2022

Policy Stream: Management & Public Affairs

BA (Hons) Political Science & International Relations

University of Strathclyde September 2016 - May 2020

Classification: First class {highest grade}

Average over course: 76.8%

Leibniz University Hannover October 2018 - July 2019

CLASSES

Green Politics

Constitutional Foundations of the EU

Social Innovation

Problems of International Organisations

The Role and Relevance of Knowledge in International Organisations

Gendering International Security

Political Parties

Environmental Security

Public Policy Organisation and Management

Parliaments & National Parties in the EU Decision-Making Process

Art & Practice of EU Decison-Making

LANGUAGES

English: Native

French: B1 - Intermediate

German: B1 - Intermediate

Activist Handbook - Co-Founder, Content Coordinator

June 2019 - September 2020

www.activisthandbook.org

- Conceptualise and develop a unique wikipedia-like website for political activists from scratch in a pan-European team
- Recruit dozens of people to help launch an ambitious website
- Organise the work of the group by creating processes and empowering individuals to execute

European Green Party - Digital Community Member

March 2019 - May 2019

Communicate and campaign successfully with potential voters on social media in the European Parliament election campaign.

Yes Scotland - Internet Representative

June 2014 - September 2014

Receive training in digital campaigning and then execute creatively on Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat to several thousand followers.

Other Experience

Green European Journal - Freelance Writer

September 2021 - October 2021

Methodically research the electoral impacts on Green Parties of going into government (viewable here).

Green European Foundation - Author, Book on a Just Transition

April 2021 - July 2021

- Independently research and write a book chapter on how the most marginalised are most affected by the climate crisis and how young people are helping to lead the fight for climate justice
- Successfully centre the perspectives of young activists from across Europe and indigenous people.

Cooperation & Development Network Easter Europe (CDN) -

Proofreader

April 2021

Attentively read through a book on queer activism in Eastern Europe and suggest language improvements.

University of Strathclyde - Research Assistant on IPCC June 2020 - July 2020

Carry out research for a proposal on the politicisation of the IPCC.

University of Strathclyde Alumni Fund - Telethon Caller

February 2018 - March 2018

Persuade university alumni to donate to support university initiatives.

Dornoch Eco Tours - Co-Founder, Manager, Tourguide.

July 2015 - September 2015

- Set up a business from scratch providing guided tours on a rickshaw.
- Present self-written rickshaw tours to tourists.

NOTABLE WORK

'We've Already Won': Analysing Extinction Rebellion's Strategic Logic [Thesis]

Digital Feminist Organising: Is It Any Different? [Research Paper]

Campaign strategy for Sciences Po divestment campaign [role play]

Presentation of dissertation chapter at Political Studies Association Conference

Hamburg MUN 2019: Representative of Malta on the European Council

Harvard World MUN 2019: Representative of South Sudan

OTHER ACTIVISM

University of Strathclyde Green **society** (President, Treasurer)

👉 Ende Gelände - German climate movement using civil disobedience

Living Rent - Scottish tenants union organising for housing rights

Students for Future (founding) *member, Leibniz University) - Student* wing of Fridays for Future Germany

founding **Common Weal Youth** (founding) member) - Scottish social justice group

👉 Le Front Justice Climatique - Belgian climate justice group using civil disobedience

👉 Alternatiba - French climate movement

Youth For Climate Belgium (new member) - Highly successful campaign against a UK oil field

NOTABLE TRAININGS

Spokesperson Training (COP26 Coalition)

Campaign Strategy (Campaign Accelerator)

Activist Legal Training (SCALP)

Regenerative Activism: Building & Sustaining Our Movements (Ulex)

References available on request.



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14.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

On behalf of the Scottish Young Greens, I am glad to support Sean Currie's nomination as co-spokesperson of FYEG.

As a former co-spokesperson and council member of SYG, Sean has been a key part in the organisational change of SYG and helped to lead us to be the organisation we are now. Sean has developed the skills to lead political organisations whilst also encouraging others to take on roles of responsibility.

In the last few years, Sean has been supporting SYG's international work taking part in numerous FYEG events and representing us as a delegate at the FYEG General Assembly and MO Forum. He has a wide range of knowledge of FYEG's projects, processes and politics.

Sean's vision for FYEG is ambitious and with his dedication to the Green movement he will make an incredibly positive impact on the future of FYEG.

The Scottish Young Greens are delighted to support Sean's candidacy as he has the experience, expertise and ambition for this role.

All the best,

Amy Smith Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens



LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports **Sean Currie** for the Federation of Young European Greens

FYEG's Co-Spokeperson.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

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April 27, 2022

Support Letter for Sean Currie

Dear fellow young Greens,

The French young Greens, *Les Jeunes Écologistes*, are expressing our full support for Sean Currie's candidacy to become a co-spokesperson for the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG). We are more than confident that Sean is very well suited for the position he is applying for and that he will make FYEG even stronger.

Sean is an active member of FYEG for over 3 years. He contributed to FYEG on different positions, ranging from being an author for the Ecosprinter to presiding a General Assembly. This allowed him to get insights into different aspects of our Federation, ranging from more political roles to positions where every detail counts. Thanks to this previous voluntary work for FYEG, Sean knows our Federation by heart and is aware of the different challenges FYEG as an organization faces. This allowed him to develop a bold vision for FYEG we fully support. In particular, we agree with the need that the Executive Committee should become more visible. This is not only a just counterpart for all the work its members invest in it, but its also vital to ensure that the voice of the Green youth is heard across our continent.

Sean has not only been an active member of FYEG, but he also defines himself rightfully as an activist. He has been involved in very different organizations, fighting for a multitude of issues in different contexts. To name but two examples, he has been a co-founder of the Activist Handbook and has been a COP26 coordinator for *La Fresque du Climat*. This allowed him to learn a wide range of techniques and methods which will be useful to further develop and enrich FYEG's activist work. His past experience will be essential to allow FYEG to play a double role: demand change in institutions and build up capacities for Green activism across the continent.

Having had the chance to work with Sean in the past proved to be a very enriching experience, since he can defend revolutionary ideas and actively listen to the proposals of others. We believe this capacity is essential to make FYEG an organization where all member organizations find their home, while it defends bold visions for Europe.

We believe Sean is best suited for the demanding role of being a co-spokesperson for FYEG thanks to his rich past experience and his comprehensive vision that would allow our Federation to prepare for the challenges ahead, including the elections to the European Parliament in 2024. For all these

reasons, we fully endorse his candidacy and call other member organizations to support him as well. We would be more than happy to respond to any questions from other delegates about Sean's candidacy.

Green cheers,

Robin Ehl – International Secretary – Les Jeunes Écologistes

Letter of support for the candidacy of Sean Currie as Co-Spokesperson of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Nέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Sean Currie in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. At the moment of writing this letter, we have already expressed our support to two candidates who indicated their desire to run for the position of Co-Spokesperson, but when Sean sent us his request for support we could not simply let it go!

We deeply admire Sean's political and activist approaches and we strongly believe that, if he is elected as a Co-Spokesperson, he will provide a significant boost towards developing an organized methodology that can help empower FYEG's Member Organizations so they can advocate for a Greener future in their countries and push for real political change! Having said this, we have decided to write this letter of support for Sean's candidacy and trust in the MO delegates that they will choose the best candidates for the positions of FYEG's two Co-spokespersons!

We consider Sean to be one of the most kick-ass activists within FYEG's Green family and we would love to see him in action from the position of one of FYEG's Co-spokespersons. He can be described as a highly organized person with a kind heart who always strives for the greater good and who always makes sure to leave no one feeling left out. We feel inspired by his courage to act no matter the difficulties he may face and we strongly believe that, among other important tasks, he can play a pivotal role in addressing the menacing threat that the rapid rise of the far-right poses for the future of the European Union.

In the last few years the world has been experiencing one crisis after the other and we really need leaders who can stand brave, but also ensure a democratic and inclusive political approach in order to fight for a future that is feminist, sustainable, social, welcoming, inclusive and just for all. One of these leaders can certainly be Sean who we consider more than ready to take on the role FYEG's Co-spokesperson.

Please consider supporting Sean's candidacy as well, The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



Νέοι Πράσινοι – Μέλος της Ομοσπονδίας Νέων Ευρωπαίων Πράσινων από το 2009 neoi.prasinoi@gmail.com https://neoiprasinoi.blogspot.com/ https://www.facebook.com/NeoiPrasinoi.GrYGs/ https://www.instagram.com/neoi.prasinoi/ https://twitter.com/neoiprasinoi Dear General Assembly,

We would like to offer our support for Sean Currie's candidacy as Co-Spokesperson for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

Sean has been involved in activism, environmental action and Green politics for almost a decade. Many of you will have met him previously in his various roles within the Scottish Young Greens and the Scottish Green Party. Since 2019, he has become more involved in FYEG and has both engaged with and represented FYEG in a European context. From representing the Scottish Young Greens at FYEG General Assemblies, to attending FYEG summer camps and study sessions, to representing FYEG itself during the COP26 negotiations. Through attending a variety of these events over the previous number of years, Sean has gotten to know many MOs, activists and political figures and the contexts in which they operate.

He is currently living in Brussels, close to the heart of European politics but also to a variety of partner organisations based in Brussels which will be a really tangible benefit in deepening and strengthening FYEGs networks going forward. Working as a campaigner and communicator directly engaging with European issues is a natural synergy which will bring many benefits, ideas and experience to this role if elected. His experience of community building will be invaluable going forward as we will need to focus on organising in the lead up to the next European elections in 2024.

We agree with the vision outlined in his motivational letter and would like for the suggestions to be explored. As a small Young Green organisation on the North Western fringe of Europe, we often feel disconnected from European politics and organisations. We believe this feeling is often shared by the Scots and as such we believe that Sean's experience allows for a deeper understanding of the Irish Young Greens context. Coupled with the fact that both of our mother parties are currently in government and we both feel the impacts of this within our organisations.

We believe that Sean's positive attitude, pragmatism, personal and professional experience would be a valuable addition to the FYEG EC and therefore we are happy to support his candidacy.

Is mise le meas,

Ben Ryan, International Officer Óige Ghlas / Irish Young Greens





Stowarzyszenie Ostra Zieleń

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Letter of support

Dear green friends,

We are pleased to inform you that "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens supports the candidacy of Sean Currie for the Co-Spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

We discussed a lot with Sean about his candidacy and we are very grateful for tackling in his vision the issues and challenges we see in FYEG.

We find his vision for FYEG extremely useful and in line with green values, especially in the point of empowering MOs by making small funds available and increasing the movement-building by creating the engagement pathway.

We are sure that Sean will guarantee that EC work is visible, active and transparent and FYEG will connect with MOs as we need it.

We fully support Sean and wish him good luck in the elections!

On behalf of "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens, Igor Skórzybót International Secretary and EC Member

Igor Skórzybót



Support letter Sean Currie | Co-spokesperson candidate

To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

With this letter, Joves Ecosocialistes, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Sean Currie** in his candidacy to become one of the co-spokespersons of the Federation of Young European Greens.

We believe that Sean's background as a climate and social activist and his broad network and experiences with grasroots organisations are assets for the Federation. Sean has shown throughout his participation in different FYEG events and bodies a deep understanding of the systemic origins of the inequalities that threatens the very existence of our planet. Besides that, Sean has a genuine interest in the development of all the MOs of our Federation.

For all these reasons, we think that Sean's candidacy shows the organisation's stances on grassroots activism and radical proposals, and his commitment to FYEG helps the organisation to move towards even more ambitious and engaging pathways.

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero co-spokesperson Anna Winkelmann Larios co-spokesperson Riga, Latvia 4th May 2022

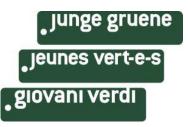
Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

On behalf of "Protests", I gladly announce our support for Sean Currie as co-spokesperson of the Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens.

We trust Sean Currie to be an experienced and qualified candidate for this position. Our positive experiences with him have shaped our support.

We believe he would be a valuable asset to the Executive Committee.

Sincerely, Dainis Miglāns Spokesperson of Protests



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Support letter for Sean Currie as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG in 2022-23

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Sean as a Co-Spokesperson of FYEG. Sean is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate his activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Sean will do a great job as a Co-Spokesperson. Swiss Young Greens appreciate his experience in organising volunteers on different levels and developing organisations and their structures. Furthermore we like his accurate analysis of current structural challenges in FYEG and his ambitious plans to overcome these and evolve and modernise processes.

We wish him good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with him!

sustainable and warm regards, *On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination* Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegruene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Sean Currie has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

Sean has experience of representing FYEG such as through the GA Presidency and as a COP26 Delegate. Their work in refounding the Scottish Young Greens has provided us with a great deal of support as our organisation has been able to rely on them during our difficult times in our relationship with our parent party. As an eco-socialist party, we are also happy to support him as someone who is also an eco-socialist.

We support Sean's proposals to create a forum for elected Young Greens, working to increase public visibility of the FYEG EC & hiring a membership officer.

Signed:

RMpLm4

Name: Position: Email: Raphael Hill International Officer raphael@younggreens.org.uk



KY/NP/009/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Sean Currie FYEG Co-Spokesperson

This is to confirm that Sean Currie is supported by our organisation for the position of Co-Spokesperson of the Young European Greens. We believe Sean will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. His devotion, motivation, responsibility and knowledge are valuable assets for the Federation.

Sean has been active in the FYEG bodies for a long time and managed to prove that he is a key person for the success of the FYEG's aims and activities. We believe that he is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits his profile to make FYEG more inclusive and diverse.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,

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Kyriaki Yiannouri Secretary General Young Cyprus Greens



Letter of support for the candidacy of Sean Currie for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, *écolo j* (Belgian Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Sean Currie in the upcoming FYEG General Assembly 2022 as a candidate of FYEG's Co-spokesperson.

We have read Sean's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that Sean will be a great addition to the next Committee!

We would be thrilled to collaborate and work with Sean Currie on his mandate to put hisvision for FYEG into practice and to develop collaboration between FYEG member organisations in this challenging time for green youth.

The team of *écolo j*



Letter of support

The Green Youth of Serbia is pleased to hereby endorse the candidacy of Sean Curry for the position of Co-spokesperson of Federation of Young European Greens for 2022/23.

Many of ZOS members had the opportunity to meet Sean in the past years at different events and witness immense skills and knowledge he carries on politics, organisational culture and activism. We believe Sean's proposed approaches and vision are of a great potential for the wellbeing of the whole Federation. With the will to address member organisation's needs and assertive analysis of the Federation's means of action, we are confident he will bring the Green movement to a new level in the upcoming mandate if he gets elected.

Having in mind extensive commitment Sean had demonstrated in the past, we are sure that he can contribute greatly as a Co-spokesperson in FYEG, for which we wholeheartedly support his candidacy at the upcoming General Assembly.

Belgrade, 26.04.2022

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia, Co-Secretariat

Milan Zlatanovic

Umatt Fratuatolant

Elena Petrovska

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EC4 Marie Stadtler : Candidate for Treasurer

Proposer:FYEGAgenda item:6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Hello, I am Marie, 25 and based in Stirling, Scotland. In the last two years, I have been the International Officer for the Scottish Young Greens and through that role I actively started my Green activism and became involved with FYEG. Before my time in SYG, I worked as an activist to further international cooperation and cultural understanding, supporting international students in navigating a post-Brexit Scotland and volunteering as a seminar coordinator for an exchange organisation in Germany.

Through my work as International Officer, I gained a lot of experience in the international Green movement, working for the Greens/EFA Group, the European Greens and FYEG itself. Now as the Events & Fundraising Officer for the Scottish Green Party, I want to continue my involvement in the Green movement and



<u>Member Organisation:</u> Scottish Young Greens (Scotland)

use my expertise gained from my job to run for treasurer for FYEG. I want to make the role of treasurer proactive and in the next year work on a fundraising strategy for the organisation.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at any point. I am always happy to chat!

Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters

MOTIVIATION LETTER-MARIE STADTLER

Dear Federation of Young European Members,

As dedicated members of the Green movement, we are all working to strengthen our fight against climate change and social injustice and our commitment to mitigate the capitalistic workings in our societies. The Federation of Young European Greens has been and will always play a big part in bringing each of our organisations together and take us to the unique position we are in as the Greens - an international movement.

I am running for the position of treasurer as I believe with my experiences and skills, I will bring a new perspective to the role and continue the work that the office and previous treasurers have already done. In my opinion this approach is crucial as FYEG grows as an organisation each year which increases the importance of budgeting and a good overview of the finances.

My journey as a political activist is guided by my passion for international cooperation and cultural understanding. Growing up in Germany and now living in Scotland for the last seven years, with periods of time living, studying and working in Brussels, Pamplona and Passau, my life has been an international one.

My time as a Green activist starts with my tenure as International Officer for the Scottish Young Greens. Since July 2020, I am in charge of the international outreach of SYG, being the main contact person for FYEG and its member organisations. In my time in this role, I managed to increase the visibility of FYEG in my own organisation, make international and European politics interesting for my members and organised three big projects.

As the lead organiser for the international webinar series and workshop "A Just Transition for Scotland – Lessons from Europe", I managed the prep team whilst also being the contact person for the four European organisations we work with. We worked together with the Irish Young Greens, Grön Ungdom, Gronn Ungdom and the Young Greens of England and Wales.

MOTIVIATION LETTER-MARIE STADTLER

In September 2021, I organised the week-long, 35 person Summer Camp "Taytos & Tatties: A Celtic Reunion" in the Scottish Highlands for the Scottish Young Greens in cooperation with the Irish Young Greens. As this camp was funded by FYEG, the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe and the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, I managed a budget of around 15.000 Euros.

As the lead organiser for all SYG projects I was responsible for the budgets which gave me the experience to oversee smaller project finances in a Green organisation.

Through my involvement in FYEG as the International Officer, I had the opportunity to work as an intern for FYEG and the Greens/EFA Group in 2021 which gave me insight of how FYEG works from a different perspective. Back in Scotland, I worked for the European Greens, Green European Foundation and Scottish Green Party organising the Green Hub at COP26 in Glasgow. Through this work, I was able to get to know the Green partner organisations, strengthen my organisational skills and deepen my knowledge of the Green movement in Europe and beyond.

I am now working as the Fundraising & Events Officer for the Scottish Green Party, combining my expertise in event and project management with the skills of a fundraiser. I am organising the national fundraising strategy and supporting local branches with their fundraising efforts in the run-up to the Scottish elections.

Being elected to become the treasurer for FYEG would be a great opportunity to continue my international work and journey, using the skills and experiences I have gathered in my roles in Scotland and Europe. Being part of FYEG has been shaping me to a great degree, by becoming the treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee I would look forward to bringing in my passion and expertise to this important organisation.

BEST WISHES, MARIE

VISION FOR FYEG-MARIE STADTLER

Dear Federation of Young European Members,

The Federation of Young European Greens is growing and as an organisation we need to adapt to this change. It is amazing that we are expanding with more EU member organisations and even beyond those EU borders. I believe the treasurer will need to take an active role in the next year to set out a progressive budget and work on a fundraising strategy. If elected, these will be my priorities in the role of treasurer:

Fundraising

As the Fundraising & Events Officer of the Scottish Green Party, I want to use my experience and expertise to write and implement a fundraising strategy for the next five years. It is important that FYEG establishes fundraising as a normal activity in the organisation to further our ability to support member organisations and run campaigns. With my fundraising strategy, I want to encourage the set-up of a regular giving campaign, gaining another stream of income to support FYEG's work.

If elected, I want to work with the office staff to set out tangible goals and test different fundraising formats in the elected period. I believe in learning from other similar organisations and would work with the European Greens and Tilt to understand what works best for European Green organisations and what will be a challenge.

Merchandise is also a great way to fundraise for an organisation, therefore I want to continue the work of previous ECs and offer merch to members and individuals.

Budget setting "After Covid"

Covid has shaken up the way we work, do campaigns and organise projects. Therefore, I believe that we also need to consider these situations in the way we set FYEG's budget.

VISION FOR FYEG-MARIE STADTLER

If elected as treasurer, I want to explore the possibilities to make smaller project grants available for member organisations. Organisations that do not have a budget themselves or do not have the capacities to organise a full project from the usual grants, should still have the opportunity to organise a small campaign or event with FYEG's support.

Additionally, I want to work with the office staff to explore more funds and grants for FYEG as an organisation itself.

Treasurer as Executive Committee member

Being elected treasurer also means being part of the Executive Committee, therefore if elected I have priorities that go beyond the budget, fundraising and finances. Coming from a small organisation with limited capacity and budget, I want to support these kinds of smaller member organisations with their internal organisation and projects. The MO-to-MO trainings have been a great way to start this support. I want build on this basis and further train member organisations and their own members, building capacity and expertise.

In addition, as an EU citizen coming from an organisation that is based in a non-EU country, I know how challenging it can be to inform and excite my own members about the campaigns and policies FYEG is working on. If elected, I believe FYEG should explore and provide a space for non-EU member organisations to discuss policies and campaigns. Through this policy forum, all member organisations can stay informed about current events, ask questions and signpost their own members to international affairs that might be of interest.

I believe in FYEG's potential to be the connection for Green organisations in Europe to come together, work on common policies and be the Green and Youth voice in the fight against climate change, social injustice and the growing disparity in the world. If elected, I want to make the treasurer position into a more active role, seeing the potential to guide FYEG to become an even better organisation, supporting its own member organisations and further our cause and influence in the political world.

BEST WISHES, MARIE



LANGUAGE SKILLS

German	C2
English	C2
Spanish	Bl
French	A2

SKILLS AND

Working proficiency with:

- Office 365
- Excel
- Canva
- Photoshop
- MailChimp
- Google Products

High degree of experience in:

- Public speaking
- Political communication
- Logistical support
- Financial bookkeeping and budgeting

TRAINING

Took part in:

- Skill Workshop Adobe Photoshop
- Skill Workshop Excel Basic and Advance
- Rhetoric for Women

MARIE STADTLER

SHE/HER International Officer of the Scottish Young Greens

ABOUT

I am an experienced political activist, specialising in international relations and cultural studies. Through my international working and volunteering experience, I have gained skills necessary for the role as FYEG treasurer.

WORK EXPERIENCE

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING OFFICER

Scottish Green Party | January 2022 - current

- Responsible for organising party conferences and national events
- Planning and implementing national fundraising initiatives
- Supporting local branches and groups in event planning and fundraising activities

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Green Parliamentary Group at Scottish Parliament & Ross Greer MSP | Dec 2021 - Jan 2022

- Administrative support for the central team of the Greens Group in the Scottish Parliament
- Email inbox monitoring and arranging visits for Ross Greer MSP

GREEN HUB COORDINATOR

European Greens, Green European Foundation, Scottish Green Party | Sept 2021 - Nov 2021

- Local coordinator for the Green Hub at COP26
- Focus on logistics of venue, programme and guests
- Point of contact for all Green groups, NGOs and speakers attending the Green Hub

COMMUNICATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS INTERN

Federation of Young European Greens & Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament | Feb 2021 - July 2021

- Writing plenary debriefs and pre-plenary summaries for important parliamentary files for the Group
- Responsibility for media monitoring
- General support to the Group's Communication Team Leader and FYEG's General Secretary

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation) - 2015 to 2020

Parlamentarisches Patenschafts-Programm (Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange) - Political scholarship for my high school exchange 2012/13

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SOCIAL

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Instagram: <u>@mariestadtler</u>

LinkedIn: <u>marie-stadtler</u>

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS - INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL AND BUSINESS STUDIES

Universität Passau | September 2018 - March 2021

- Part of Double Degree Programme with the University of Stirling
- Focus on management studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS - INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES University of Stirling | September 2015 - June 2020

- Double degree programme with the Universität Passau
- Focus on international politics and Spanish and Latin American Studies

ERASMUS SEMESTER - SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Universidad de Navarra | January 2018 - May 2018

• Erasmus semester spent in Pamplona improving Spanish speaking skills

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Scottish Young Greens | July 2020 - current

- Contact person for FYEG related issues
- Organised the Irish-Scottish Summer Camp 2021 and webinar series in collaboration with numerous MOs in 2020
- Encouraging and advertising European and international themes to the SYG membership

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

University of Stirling Students' Union | June 2019 - May 2020

- Elected representative of international students of 120 nationalities
- To work with the VP Communities to organise and host the International Festival
- To liaise and engage with the International student population, discovering relevant issues, concerns, good practice and ideas and encouraging and engaged and active community

SEMINAR COORDINATOR

Partnership International e.V. | Feb 2014 - May 2021

- Preparing German high school students going on a cultural exchange.
- Annual training seminar to enhance communication and presentation skills.
- Training new seminar coordinators and supporting them throughout the seminar.



Amy Smith Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens convenor.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk international.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk

14.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

On behalf of the Scottish Young Greens, I am delighted to support Marie Stadtler's nomination as treasurer of FYEG.

Marie has been the International Officer of the Scottish Young Greens since 2020 and in that time has been a tremendous asset to our organisation. In her tenure, Marie has expanded our international cooperation to unprecedented levels by providing us with a strong and consistent voice within FYEG, and by overseeing the organisation of three international projects:

- Young Green Recovery 2020.
 - A series of webinars in cooperation with the Irish Young Greens, Norwegian Young Greens and the Young Greens of England and Wales.
- Moving Forward: A Just Transition for Scottish Transport 2021
 - A report and survey investigating what young people in Scotland want from public transport
- Celtic Reunion Summer Camp 2021
 - An international summer camp in collaboration with the Irish Young Greens.

In coordinating these projects she showed an exceptional level of skill in not only managing the budgets of these activities but also the programs, the participants and the reporting with FYEG.

Over the last 2 years, Marie has gained an unmatched level of knowledge and experience within FYEG and the Green family in Europe as:

- Communications intern with the FYEG office in Brussels and Greens/EFA in the European Parliament.
- Green Hub Coordinator for the European Green Party and the Green European foundation at COP26 in Glasgow.

The Scottish Young Greens firmly believe that Marie is the ideal candidate for the position of FYEG treasurer. We fully support Marie's candidacy as she has the experience, expertise and professionalism for this role.

All the best, Amy Smith Amy Smith Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens

Federation of Young European Greens 34 Rue du Taciturne 1000 Brussels Belgium

Utrecht, 27 April 2022

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MARIE STADTLER. Candidate-treasurer

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren fully endorses the candidacy of Marie Stadtler as treasurer in the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

It is without a doubt that Marie would be an outstanding addition to the Executive Committee of the Federation, not only as a more than capable treasurer, but as a competent member of the Executive Committee. Marie's involvement and experience with the Scottish Young Greens, Scottish Green Party and the Federation is nothing short of inspiring, and we are fully convinced that Marie's role in the coordination, overseeing, organisation and budgeting of various national and international initiatives is clear that she is an exceptionally qualified candidate for treasurer and member of the Executive Committee, both in terms of financial and political experience and expertise.

We strongly stand behind Marie's vision as treasurer in prioritising capacity development and the support of smaller member organisations – a vision we also share. Likewise we also commend Marie's focus on the further inclusion of non-EU member organisations. The green movement is, after all, one based on solidarity.

Although we may not have worked with Marie or the Scottish Young Greens as closely as we would have desired, the experiences we have had with Marie have been consistently positive. Therefore beyond her professional capacity, we also strongly believe that Marie would contribute to the healthy and positive dynamics of a team – one that truly works together and cares for each other.

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren sees in Marie a passionate, proficient and proactive candidatetreasurer, board member, and individual, and we call upon the other member organisations to support her candidacy.

In green solidarity,

The National Board of DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren,





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To the 2022 General Assembly of the Federation of Young European Greens

Brussels, 27 April 2022

Re: Candidacy of Marie Stadtler as Treasurer

Dear friends,

We are writing to you in support of Marie Stadtler's candidacy as FYEG's next treasurer.

Currently working in fundraising for her mother party in Scotland, and having worked as intern for the Green Group in the European Parliament, she has the knowledge and skills needed of a treasurer and to take charge of the Federation's finances.

We also welcome her motivation to continuously excite members outside the European Union about the FYEG's policies and actions, and reckon that she will integrate the same motivation when it comes to financial aspects of the Federation's interactions with its Member Organisations.

For these reasons, we support Marie Stadtler's candidacy as FYEG's next treasurer and hope for your kind consideration in the General Assembly.

With kind regards on behalf of Jong Groen,

Asher Serrana International Secretary

Paola Travella

Jordy Sabels

Co-Presidents



27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Marie Stadler has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

We feel that her prior experience as lead organiser for all SYG projects and current role as Fundraising & Events Officer for the Scottish Green Party means she has the necessary experience for the Treasurer role.

We want to thank Marie for her support in her capacity as International Officer of Scottish Young Greens as the Scottish Young Greens have been instrumental in supporting us while we have issues with our parent organisation with transphobia.

Signed:

RMpLm4

Name: Position: Email: Raphael Hill International Officer raphael@younggreens.org.uk Dear General Assembly

We would like to offer our support for Marie Stadtler's candidacy as Treasurer for the Federation of Young European Greens.

Marie has previously worked closely with the Irish Young Greens, particularly in relation to the 'Celtic Reunion Summer Camp' last year, and many of us know her personally from this event and others. As a small Young Green organisation on the North Western fringe of Europe, we often feel disconnected from European politics and organisations. We believe this feeling is often shared by the Scots and as such we believe that Marie's experience allows for a deeper understanding of the Irish Young Greens context.

Marie has much experience in event and budgetary management, in a Scottish context but also at a European level due to her work within the FYEG office and the European Parliament. In her capacity as organiser for the 'Celtic Reunion Summer Camp', Marie was in charge of managing a budget of €15,000 and did so successfully. Additionally, she worked alongside the European Greens, Green European Foundation and Scottish Green Party to organise the Green Hub at COP26 in Glasgow. We trust in her ability to manage and coordinate and believe that she has the skills and experience relevant to this position.

In the lead up to the 2024 European Elections it is crucial that we increase our capacity to organise and build networks. To do this, we will need sound financial management but also increasing levels of funding. Marie is currently Events and Fundraising Officer with the Scottish Greens and as such has experience in fundraising for green political organisations. We believe that this experience will be invaluable to FYEG and necessary if we are to improve our representation in the future.

We believe that Marie is highly motivated, well connected and has wide ranging personal and professional experience relevant to this role. We believe she would be a valuable addition to the FYEG EC and therefore we are happy to support her candidacy.

Is mise le meas,

Ben Ryan, International Officer Óige Ghlas / Irish Young Greens





LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports Marie Stadtler

for the Federation of Young European Greens FYEG's Treasurer.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

Peppi Seppälä

Peppi Seppälä Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret

Jami Haavisto

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Jami Haavisto Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret



LETTER OF RECCOMENDATION FOR MARIE STADTLER TO THE POSITION AS TREASURER

April 27nd, 2022

Dear member organizations of FYEG.

On behalf of the Norwegian Young Greens, I express our support for the candidacy of Marie Stadtler to be FYEGs new treasurer. Through our multiple North-region meetings, as well as collaboration with the Scottish Young Greens, we know that Marie is a solid candidate for the position as treasurer.

Through her work as international officer of the Scottish YGs and her internship in FYEG, Marie has proven to us that she's someone that follows though on the tasks she takes on, and that she pays attention to detail. We believe that the treasurer of FYEG should be analytical, well organized, have knowledge on financial reporting and be familiar with FEYG. Marie has proven to us that she meets all these criteria.

We think that her background with studies in business and culture, might be useful to all FYEG MOs; she runs for a financial role in which her knowledge in business might be relevant for the financial part of the job, and she has studied intercultural studies, which we believe to have contributed to the great intercultural communication skills we have observed from Marie. We support Marie's candidacy, and hope that she gets elected.

Best regards from

Pauline Torren

International secretary of the Norwegian YGs, on behalf of the Norwegian YGs. Dear Federation of Young European Greens,



We are pleased to write this letter in support of Marie Stadtler's candidacy for treasurer in the Federation of Young European Greens' Executive Committee.

Marie seems to be a highly engaged person who will do splendid work as treasurer FYEG. With their knowledge of working with fundraising, experience in administrative work and competences in communication, we believe that Marie has the potential to actively engage more people into FYEG's work.

Moreover, we find it important that MOs across the entire European continent are represented in our Federation. With experience as an international officer in the Scottish Young Greens and also as an intern for FYEG we believe that Marie will be able to represent both the British Isles and the rest of Europe as an Executive Committee member.

For these reasons, Grön Ungdom believes that Marie could make a meaningful contribution to the Executive Committee and we would like to express our support for their candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Grön Ungdom and its International Committee,

Alma Gunnarsson

International Secretary, Grön Ungdom



Support letter Marie Stadtler - Treasurer candidate

To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

With this letter, Joves Ecosocialista, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Marie Stdtler** in her candidacy to become the Treasurer of the Federation of Young European Greens.

We believe that Marie has demonstrated a broad and deep organisational capacity and understanding of the organisation. This will enable her to develop the treasury function in line with the Federation's policy, strategy and values. In addition, during her work as International Officer of the Scottish Young Greens we have seen her valuable commitment to green values, democracy and the defense of a diverse and welcoming Federation.

We are looking forward to working with Marie as the new Treasurer of the FYEG.

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero co-spokesperson Anna Winkelmann Larios co-spokesperson EC5 Ali Khademolhosseini : Candidate for Executive Comittee

Proposer:FYEGAgenda item:6. Executive Committee CandidatesStatus:Withdrawn

Introduction

Ali is a twenty years young human rights activist from Germany. His work is focusing on humanitarian aid, and advocacy for democracy with its bases lying on community organizing, movement building and non-violent action. Ali dreams of a world where equity in society above social identity is established, and tyrants and violators of human rights and dignity are disarmed and brought to justice.



Member Organisation: Grüne Jugend (Germany)

Let's make change and progress!

My motivation to join the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens:

It is around 9 o'clock in the evening, it is Monday the 15th of June 2009. The day started with millions of people protesting, and still after 12 hours quite many people are still on the streets. Many are still protesting, others are in heavy metropolitan traffic, waiting for the traffic to move. It is in between this chaos, sounds of small explosions are heard, and white smoke is seen rising in a narrower street nearby. All of a sudden, it seems like people, who have been protesting for hours are chased to the main streets, where people have been waiting for the traffic to move for quite some time. People, mostly young people, are rushing out of the narrow street, and are running away in between cars, screaming out of fear. The traffic light is still red and cars on the streets are hooting, supporting those running away.

One eight years old boy is sitting in one of these cars, with his dad behind the wheel, and him and his two cousins in the back seat. He is witnessing what is happening, he can see men with long black beards, oversized brown overcoats with a white Keffiyeh around their necks, wearing military boots and camouflage pants with rifles or sticks in their hands who are chasing those who are running away from them. His father tells him that those men are Basiji (Extremists militias), men who see themselves as supreme to others for their beliefs, they are chasing people, who have taken to the streets, asking "where is my vote?". This young boy who was sitting in the back seat of the car witnessed how one of those people who was asking the QUESTION is now being chased on a three-lane street by the militia falls on the grounds next to his window, and he watches as that young protester who was in his early twenties gets beaten up in the most bizarre and brutal manner. As young as he was, he asked himself: why should someone get beaten up just for speaking their mind? Why do people get beaten up for simply gathering on the streets? How is it just to use violence on unarmed people, who are not even endeavouring to fight back?

We all know these feelings: – the fear – the anxiety and the hopelessness that comes with acts of brutality. We all have witnessed, or at least seen, heard, or read acts of state-backed organizations that weaken democracy or harm human rights collectively. Likewise, we all surely remember what happened on the day of the 9th of August in Minsk, how Lukashenko stole yet again the power from the Belarusian people, and how his police tried to silence the protesters using violence. Not only that, but we all still remember the protests in Hong Kong for its independence from the tyrannical rule of China. Likewise, we will not forget about the over decades-long war of Victor Orbán against freedom of the press. Or the fight of the PiS party against LGBTQ+ rights and creating LGBTQ+ free zones in Poland. We cannot overlook the collective racism and institutional discrimination against minorities and migrants. And so much more in the world and most of all in Europe, in the European Union, a union created to keep away the misery that tyrannical acts bring with themselves, and yet again it leaves

people to die in the Mediterranean. A Union that regardless of all the good it brings, its flaws leave us aghast, livid, drained and deeply despaired. All these events leave us with no hope for a new world. This is the hopelessness and the disappointment that leaves us feel miserable and sad. We blame ourselves for why on earth the world is so unjust and cruel? Why is progress not possible? And why do we not get to change what we deserve; change those things we want? We ask ourselves in pure disparity, when does the time to act come?

To those who are desperate, disappointed and exhausted, I would like to say: believe in the probability of the possible rather than the necessity of the probable. Have faith that change is possible and achieving it, is easier than what we all struggle to believe. We can make the unlikely our common reality through our arduous work. For creating change, metamorphosis and to break through the challenges of our time, there is a big chance and even bigger responsibility ahead of us as the upcoming election for the European Parliament is our last opportunity to create fundamental changes in our major policies and secure a future for generations to come. This is our last prospect to accelerate our joint efforts for combating common irresponsible attitudes toward our responsibility to keep the temperature rise below 1.5 degrees, and our widespread problem across the world to create a democratic participatory inclusive civil society and way of life. Unless we want our next generations to come looking back at us believing we did not do enough to give them the possibility to enjoy life as we do (in spite of all the challenges we ourselves faced and our facing); looking back with shame at us, that we did not do enough to make climate and social justice possible!

We must grow ourselves and create a movement for creating change. For achieving the change, we deserve, for the change we need, for the responsibility that this necessity brings on us; we must accept responsibility for enabling people to turn the resources they have into the power they need to make the change they want to achieve our common purpose in the face of this uncertainty. For what matters, we must tell stories of ourselves and each other, we must build new relationships and alliances across movements and campaigns and deepen the old ones while making them all lasting for a progressive future. We must come together as one European family and strategize for a better future, for a movement of movements. And at the very beginning and the end, we must act together to mobilize people for change, create hope and readiness for progress, and a European Union that stands strong in the face of uncertainty and becomes an ally of human rights.

On that night of 15th of June 2009, the boy who witnessed all of this was me and I promised myself that very night to dedicate my life to justice and human dignity, although I was noticeably young and perhaps not aware enough to understand everything happening in the world, I promised that to myself, mostly because I did not want another person to suffer such an injustice. This fight is tough, long, and never-ending, and therefore it is even more worthy to fight for.

I want to create change. I see it as my duty to humanity to help create a world, where no more 8-years olds have to struggle with questions about the meanings and purposes of life, just because they have witnessed such an injustice. Likewise, I see it as my duty to take it upon myself to enable people to turn the resources they have into the power they need to

make the change they want to achieve our common purpose, a better and more humane European Union is a feminist European Union; a union where people are not discriminated against because of the colour of their skin has innately, or because of what they believe in is Allah or Yahweh or Buddha or Jesus. Or because they or their parents or ancestors come from abroad. I intend to help to shape a Europe, where people are not differentiated at its borders, when it comes to the colour of their skin, as we witnessed recently during and at the beginning of the humanitarian crisis in and on the borders of Ukraine. A crisis caused by an unjust criminal war forced on the Ukrainian people, for their will for democracy and independence. A crisis that could have been avoided, if we had the courage to speak up, when it was necessary, instead of appeasing the dictator. I accept my responsibility for enabling people to pursue change, to have a union that acts for humanity. Therefore, there is no place for me, better than the Executive Committee of the federation of young European Greens, to organize change and mobilize for pursuing it.



Ali Khademolhosseini

Education

vrs. Fachhochschulreife, FOS Bamberg, Bamberg SEPTEMBER 2021 – PRESENT Change of specialization from technology Studies to international business Studies

vrs. Fachhochschulreife, FOSBOS Erlangen, Erlangen SEPTEMBER 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2021 Pre-class up to the 12th class with a focus on technology Studies

Extra-curricular activities

Active Member, Grüne Jugend und Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen, Erlangen

MARCH 2019 - PRESENT

Substitute delegate for state delegate conference

Second delegate for federal delegate conference

Coordinator Specialist Forum Europe and Global (Young Greens)

co-opted member of the Federal Working Group (BAG) Flight and Migration 2020-2021 Nov.

Member of the Middle East Working Group of the BAG Peace and International Affairs

Delegates for Federal Working Group Peace and International for Young Greens

Online election campaign coordinator for the federal election 2021 in Erlangen

Treasurer Green Youth Erlangen since Sep. 2021

Regional Coordinator for Europa, Global Young Greens

MAY 2020 - MARCH 2022

Coordinator for intra-European affairs

Coordinator for relations between GYG and the Green European Party

UN HLSC Youth 2030, ICYMO substitute delegate

Activist, Fridays for future

DECEMBER 2018 - JANUARY 2021

Spokesperson for the Fridays for future Europe social media working group.

Spokesperson and coordinator for Fridays for future Iran.

Transparency Observer.

Internal coordinator for inter-European affairs.

Crisis Coordinator, Activists in risk zones (ARZ), International

MARCH 2019 - PRESENT

March 2019 ARZ founded

April 2019 - August 2021 Spokesperson of the Staff

August 2021 - Crisis coordinator for the Afghanistan Mission (evacuation of climate activists)

October 2021 - Rapid Respond Coordinator and Operations Coordinator

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NATIONALITY

DATE / PLACE OF BIRTH 04.11.2001 Rasht, Iran

Links

Instagram : Khademohali Twitter: Khademohali

Skills

Ability to Work in a Team

Public Relations

Non-violent Action Strategy

Organizing (Ganz Concept)

Project management

Event Organization

Conflict Resolution

MS Office

Adobe illustrator

Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Lightroom

Adobe InDesign

WordPress

Adobe Premiere Pro

Google Analytics

Digitale Fotografie

December 2021 - Working in an advisory capacity

Acitvist, Polluters out

APRIL 2020 - DECEMBER 2021

Co-Coordinator for MENA Region.

Co-organizer of the campaign to protect the rights of the Brazilian indigenous people.

Safety working group coordinator.

Coordinator for European and MENA relations

Alumni, European Alternative

DECEMBER 2021 – APRIL 2022 School of migrant organizing

Member, Amnesty International, Erlangen

NOVEMBER 2017 – PRESENT Local Organizer in the city of Erlangen

Member, Young European Federalists

2021 - PRESENT

Member of Europa Union

November 2021 - Deputy Chair Young European Federalists

Internships

Intern, Julia Bailey Law Firm, Erlangen

NOVEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022

Worked on background research for human rights cases.

Intern, Kassem Taher-Saleh MdB (Member of the German federal Parliament), Berlin

MARCH 2022 - JUNE 2022

Courses

International Project Management, RITx

JANUARY 2020 - MARCH 2020

Amnesty digital security and Human rights (online), Amnesty International

NOVEMBER 2019 - NOVEMBER 2019

Justice, HarvardX

JANUARY 2020 - FEBRUARY 2020

Framing Your Communication to Inspire and Convince, DelftX

APRIL 2020 - APRIL 2020

Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving, RIT

JANUARY 2020 - FEBRUARY 2020

Videogrfie

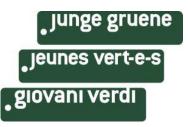
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Englisch

Deutsch

Spanish



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Support letter for Ali Khademolhosseini as an EC-Member of FYEG in the 2022-23 term

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Ali for one of the positions in FYEG's EC. Ali is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate his activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Ali will do a great job as an EC-Member. Swiss Young Greens like his organisational capacities and management abilities. We particularly appreciate his persistent and passionate work in Global Young Greens over the past two years.

We wish him good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with him!

sustainable and warm regards, On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegruene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG-Structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Green's International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



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Letter of support

Dear green friends,

We are pleased to inform you that "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens supports the candidacy of Ali Khademolhosseini for Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG). His work at the German and Global Young Greens to date allows us to say that he is a good candidate. We see his vision for FYEG as valuable and in line with the green values.

We wish Ali good luck for the elections and look forward to working with him!

On behalf of "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens, Igor Skórzybót International Secretary and EC Member



KY/NP/008/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Ali Khademolhosseini FYEG Executive Committee Candidacy

This is to confirm that Ali Khademolhosseini is supported by our organisation for the position on the Executive Committee of the Young European Greens. We believe Ali will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. His knowledge and experience are valuable assets for the Federation.

We believe that he is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits his profile to make FYEG more inclusive and diverse.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,

Kyriaki Yiannouri Secretary General Young Cyprus Greens



LETTER OF RECCOMENDATION FOR ALI TO THE POSITION As a fyeg ec-member

April 27nd, 2022

Dear FYEG member organizations. On behalf of the Norwegian Young Greens, I recommend Ali as a member of the executive committee.

Ali is a German-Iranian YG activist that's been active as a regional coordinator for Europe in the Global Young Greens as well as coordinating and facilitating cooperation between the global young greens and the green party in Europe. These are key experiences we believe would be beneficial for the committee and for FYEG.

He has an education in international business at the technical college of Bamberg, Germany that might be useful.

When it comes to practical traits, Ali has competence in graphic design and has experience in using programs like Adobe Photoshop and Wordpress, and knows how to speak five languages! These skills can be helpful to increase the effectiveness of communication internally in the committee.

Through working with Ali in the COP delegation we got the impression that Ali is kind, humble and hardworking. He is a team worker and is creative. We believe these qualities make him a suitable candidate for the executive committee and would contribute to a good workflow and team spirit.

Best regards from

Pauline Torver

International secretary of the Norwegian YGs,

on behalf of the Norwegian YGs.



Dear General Assembly,

Hereby, I am elaborating the reasons GRÜNE JUGEND is not supporting Ali Khademolhosseini's candidacy for the executive committee of FYEG.

Ali applied for a support letter from GRÜNE JUGEND for the executive committee just like other members of our organization did. After discussing the various applications, the federal board has decided, Ali is not the strongest pick amongst the members of GRÜNE JUGEND for this mandate.

Instead, with their skills and personal qualities, their knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, their past engagement and international experiences with GRÜNE JUGEND and with FYEG, we whole-heartedly support Christina Kessler's and Clara Winkler's applications for the Executive Committee of FYEG.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to <u>lysander.liermann@gruene-jugend.de</u>!

Lysander-Noel Liermann International Secretary and member of the federal board GRÜNE JUGEND

EC6 Antonio G. González : Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer: FYEG Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Hello everybody!

I am Antonio G. González, I am an activist of Juventud Verde (Spanish Young Greens) and FYEG. I currently live in my hometown in Tenerife / Canary Islands, although for a long time I have lived in Madrid. In the capital of Spain, I studied my double degree in sociology and international relations, but it is also the city that has seen me grow and take my steps as a political activist. My activism covers many fields but especially LGBTIQ, feminism, social justice, and climate change. This has led me to specialize in both gender and political communication. Due to the covid pandemic, I moved back to my hometown in the north of Tenerife, an area characterized by a mix of rural and urban. This change of life made me focus on my physical, mental and relational health. With this, I have developed activism from the



Member Organisation: Juventud Verde (Spain)

importance of the bases, renewal, and care. Both experiences converge in this FYEG EC candidacy to put welfare, diversity, and just transition policies from a youth perspective at the center of European policy.

As Angela Davis said: "You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time".

Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters

Motivation Letter

A person's life is measured by the experiences and sometimes the goals that we acquire, but all this is not possible without taking into account the steps we take throughout our careers, our activism or our life. It was 2017, and a young and inexperienced Antonio was beginning to take his first steps by joining the Red EQUO Joven, the current Juventud Verde (JV) and the Young Greens of Spain. Before that new adventure that would bring them here, they started working for Spain and Europe with Social Justice, Diversity and a Just Ecological Transition. Since April 2017, Antonio has continued his work until today and will continue it by running for the FYEG Executive Commission.

With this short introduction, I want to show my experience, motivation and desire to work to build a fairer, diverse and greener Europe. But first of all, I would like to present my roots and the circumstances that have brought me to this point. I was born and raised in the Canary Islands, a mid-Atlantic archipelago off the coast of Africa. The Canary Islands are characterized by being the most populated outermost region of the EU, but also by being a diverse and precarious region due to its economic sources. I grow up in the north of Tenerife, an area where the rural and the urban intermingle, where social rights are a constant struggle and our history and culture go through migration to Latin America, Africa or Europe. At the age of 18, I moved to Madrid, the mainland, where I studied for my university degree and started my activism and my professional career which was cut short by the covid-19 pandemic. This made me return to live with my mother in the Canary Islands and continue everything from a distance. This has brought me closer to the reality of my community and how oppressions, violence and international economic structures also operate and perpetuate themselves even on small islands in the Atlantic.

I think this is the best time to take a step forward. For the past five years, I have worked from Juventud Verde to create a structured and forwardlooking organization, creating robust foundations and structures that will assist the generational renewal of the entity.

For four years (2017-2021) I have been part of the Executive Committee of Juventud Verde along with exceptional people who have helped in the transformation of the organization. We have consolidated JV as the voice of the Spanish environmentalist youth before the FYEG, we have strengthened its role before the regional youth councils of Spain and before the Youth Council of Spain (CJE); we have also strengthened the voice and presence of the youth before the mother party, demonstrating that we are the present and the future of the party; in addition to strengthening statutes that concern the reality of youth, and three permanent workspaces (Ecofeminism, Communication and Political Action). But all this has been thanks to the work done as a team, which is necessary for the day-to-day work of a youth organization.

In addition, during the last five years, I have participated in several FYEG activities as a local organizer (FYEG General Assembly 2017 in Madrid or the beginning of the 2019 European Elections Campaign "Be Brave, Green Europe"), and also as a JV representative to FYEG in spaces such as the South MOs group, FYEG General Assemblies and Mo Forums held in the last five years. I have also participated in the group of young candidates during the 2019 European elections and as a candidate for a local institution.

This complete introduction to my experience within the green youth spaces of both JV and FYEG would not be possible without the work previously done in other spaces such as NGOs, university associations or LGBTIQ+ associations.

In addition to my experience in the professional field in the NGO sector. To this, we must also add my knowledge acquired through a double degree in Sociology and International Relations, a postgraduate degree in development, and several courses in political communication, big data, migration and international relations. Also thanks to the fact that through my academic, activist and work experience I have specialized in gender, the LGBTIQ+ collective and social rights, in addition to acquiring knowledge in migration and environment and climate change.

My candidacy to the EC has as its main objective to bring my experience and my work to FYEG, in addition to giving the opportunity to new activists as this great organization has done in the past with me. I also think it is important to emphasize that my motivation is to work on FYEG's candidacy for the European elections together with the European Green Party, promoting the candidacies of young people, dissidents and social minorities.

I would also like to base my work on four fundamental axes, (1) to promote the importance of rural and island areas of Europe, which are often isolated from European policies; (2) to fight for a Europe where security is not only a militaristic concept and association with war but a concept associated with the freedom to live without violence; (3) to create youth policies that take into account the economic and social reality of all sectors that make up society; and (4) to create a care policy within FYEG that takes into account the needs of both members of elected bodies and FYEG workers as well as members of the international teams of each MO from north to south, from east to west.

For years I have collaborated with FYEG as an activist, sometimes in events, sometimes in meetings or working groups, but I think it is time to take a step forward and work for all young people in Europe for a sustainable, socially just and diverse future. A step for all.

A hug from the Canary Islands, Antonio (They/He)

Vision on FYEG

The Federation of Young European Greens is an example of the progress and welfare of young people in Europe and the world. Step by step it has built a diverse organization that stands for the values of unity and the defence of human rights and the struggle for a just transition and social justice in Europe. FYEG is open and welcoming, from the moment I started participating they have opened their arms and spaces to me, something very important in a youth organization in such a complex geographical area.

The vision I have for FYEG is to continue the previous work that has been done by both the outgoing EC and the FYEG technical office, in addition to all my colleagues from the MOs and former members of the previous ECs. My mandate within the EC would be to improve step by step the work and objectives of the organization. This requires an analysis of the general needs of both the MOs as grassroots organizations and those who build the FYEG, as well as taking into account the working people of the technical staff of the FYEG office. The welfare of all and care policies must be a reality in the FYEG, this is a political space of convergence but that does not mean that care is left aside. Care is one of the great feminist bases of the organization.

Well-being and safety, both in the absence of violence, are one of the three pillars of my vision for FYEG. Working for social justice both inside and outside the organization, for young women in Europe and all over the world, a social justice that is also global.

The diversity and plurality of social realities is an innate characteristic of FYEG, but that does not mean that it is all done. We have to continue working for the organization to remain plural and diverse. For this, the opening of the working groups to people who are not only part of the MOs and who share our values can be a tool to expand the number of activists within the FYEG. Also, the continuous work in all areas of FYEG to realize the needs of the different social groups is something basic in the work of an organization.

Finally the policies of FYEG, and also as a tool of nexus with the institutions of the European Union and the Council of Europe, in addition to the EGP, it is necessary to take into account all those territories that are not big cities; these are the island territories, largely dependent on the continent in day to day activities, such as rural areas that have been seen as an alternative and basic axis of life in all countries of Europe, and that burden a low development because the resources have always been intended for large cities and wealthy regions.

These three pillars of my thinking and vision of the future of FYEG will constitute part of my work within FYEG in addition to the necessary work that will have to be done and that the mandate of the GA will give to the colleagues of the new EC. Also, it a necessary to work to prepare for the European elections of 2024 in addition to supporting the young women candidates running for the various elections during this period.

Finally, I would also add the strengthening of relations with green organizations in countries and continents where we have more relations such as the Maghreb, Latin America and Africa. In addition to the continuity of the work with the European institutions, the impact on the EGP as in the European Youth Forum.

Current affairs are always a pressing issue, the war in Ukraine, energy dependence on Russia; the economic crises generated by the pandemic of covid-19 and the war in Ukraine, even the vestiges of the 2008 crisis; the attack on the rule of law is violated in several countries in Europe; social and civil liberties are also in question; And of course, the great threat of youth, climate change; all these issues must be intersectional with the work of the people who form the EC of the FYEG since a work without taking into account the social and current reality would be invalidated by not reaching the needs of the population.

Finally, I think it is important that in this moment of political instability in which youth are the present and the future of democracy and freedoms, we need to be able to motivate ourselves in those small steps we take every day here is a poem by the Spanish poet Miguel Hernandez.

La Juventud Siempre Empuja, La Juventud Siempre Vence. Y La Salvación De [España] Europa De Su Juventud Depende

Youth Always Pushes, Youth Always Wins. And The Salvation Of [Spain] Europe On Its Youth Relies

A hug from the Canary Islands, Antonio



PROFILE OVERVIEW

SI am Antonio García González, a sociologist and internationalist, as well as a development expert, specializing in LGTBIQ+ studies, gender, migration, environment and climate change.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Management

Plan International España | Sept. 2019- March 2020

The main functions have been the coordination of development and humanitarian aid projects as well as management and accountability to the public administration.

Political Advocacy

Juventud Verde | Dec. 2017 - Nov. 2021

The main functions in the position have been the coordination of Juventud Verde and its Permanent Commission, in addition to the political advocacy that is carried out from the JV.

OTHER REFERENCES

- Experience in projects and public policies.
- Experience at European and national levels.
- Volunteering in the third sector.
- Political activism in assembly
- organizations.

BASIC SKILLS

- Situation analysis and resolution.
- Project and policy coordination.
- Analysis and work in advocacy and political communication.
- High level of English, as well as knowledge of French and Portuguese.

ACADEMIC RECORD

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

University Degree | Sept 2015 - Jul 2021.

Double Degree in Sociology and International Relations and Development Expert.

- Specialization in Gender, Migration and Environment.

University Courses

Multiple Universities

- Course in Political Consultancy for Governments and Public Administrations.
- Course in International Public Law.
- Course on International Cooperation for Development.
- Course in International Migration.

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Antonio G. González

WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Management

Sep. 2019 - Mar. 2020 | Plan Internacional España International Programs Department

Paid Internship. The main functions in the position have been the coordination of development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects in Asia, the Middle East, East and South Africa. Along with this, the accountability and management before the Public Administration. All this with a focus on gender and the protection of children and youth. Sector: Non-Governmental Organizations, International Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid.

NON-FORMAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Spokesperson

Oct. 2019 - Nov. 2021 | Juventud Verde

The main functions in the position have been the coordination with the cospokesperson of the Green Youth and its Permanent Commission, in addition to the political advocacy that is carried out from the Green Youth to the outside, both with political parties and youth organizations. Sector: Political Advocacy.

International Officer

Dec. 2017 - Oct. 2019 | Juventud Verde

The main functions in the position have been the liaison and work between the Federation of Young European Greens and Juventud Verde as well as the management as secretary of the latter. Sector: Political Advocacy.

Volunteer

Nov. 2014 - Dec. 2017 | AFS Intercultura

The main duties in the position have been working with students between 14 and 18 years old of different nationalities in a non-profit educational organization. Sector: Non-Governmental Organization, Non-Formal Education.

Antonio G. González

ACADEMIC RECORD

Double Degree in Sociology and International Relations and Development Expert.

Universidad Complutense de Madrid Sept. 2015 - July 2021

Specialization in LGBTIQ+ Studies, Gender, Migrations, and Environment and Climate Change.

University Courses

Fundación General Universidad de La Laguna Introduction to Big Data: extracting knowledge from data.

Escuela Complutense de Verano 2021

Course on Policy Advice to Governments and Public Administrations.

Unidad de Igualdad UCM

Course on Alternative Masculinities.

Institut d'études politiques de Paris (SciencePo) - Coursea Course on International Migration.

Escuela Complutense de Verano 2018

Course International cooperation for development: policy, management and instruments.

Escuela Complutense de Verano 2017 Course on International Law and International Relations. Current Issues.

Other Courses

Plan International Spain

- Child Safeguarding and Protection Course. Plan International Spain, 2019.
- Gender mainstreaming course in the project cycle. Red OND Madrid, 2019.

AFS Intercultura Spain

- EFIL Study Session: Refugee Crisis, Budapest, 2017.
- Course on Human Rights, Migration and Interculturality, Spanish Youth Council, Madrid, 2016.

Diplomatic School of Spain

The Public Diplomacy Tools that the State Department uses to communicate with the world: the Iranian nuclear case, Diplomatic School of Spain, Madrid, 2016.

Antonio G. González

SKILLS

Communication and Organizational Skills

- Good communication skills in the personal, intrapersonal and public spheres, acquired through my participation in debates and simulations of the European Union and the United Nations.

- Leadership (in charge of a group of up to 15 people).

- Event organization (organization of COMPIMUN 2016, COMPIMUN 2017, FYEG General Assembly 2017, Event "Be Brave! Green Europe!": European elections campaign, etc.).

- Logistics Management. (travel, transportation, shipments, etc.)

- Social Media Management and editing of images and materials.

Language Skills

Native Language: Spanish

Other Languages

U n d e		rstand	Spe	eak	Writing
	Hearing	Reading	Feedback	Expression	Expression
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C 1
French	A 2	A 2	Α2	A 2	A 2
Portuguese	A 1	A 1	Α1	A1	A1



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Support letter

Antonio G. Gónzalez, EC Candidate

To every FYEG activist, Mos, EC and OCE:

As the Spanish Young Greens (Juventud Verde), we are addressing this letter to your team in order to show all of our support to one of our Members, as a candidate to the Executive Committee of FYEG.

At the executive board of Juventud Verde, we are here to inform you all that Antonio González, co-spokesperson of the organization between 2019 and 2021, has decided to advance their involvement as a green activist and present their candidature for the open position within the Executive Committee of FYEG for the upcoming GA Assembly, taking place in Karlsruhe (Germany).

Antonio González has been working with us for the last seven years, getting involved at many different levels: as the Manager of International Relations, Head of Communication, Ecofeminist Committee Coordinator and as a Delegate of the Youth Council of Spain. They have been at the forefront of each role taken from our organization, in the steps taken to accompany the changes in the mother party transferring their knowledge and commitment to the people who became part of the new executive committee of Juventud Verde. Antonio has been involved and strengthened their mediation skills in both inside and outside of the organization, with a proactivity to deal with conflicts, embodying the ethics of care that characterizes their philosophy and practice.

Our challenge as youth political organizations today is to be able to put in practice and incarnate the values of care and resilience that we constantly defend. In this sense, Antonio's candidacy is an opportunity to bridge this gap because of their experience and commitment to make these values a reality in every realm of the organization. Their engagment to social justice, respect for diversity, feminist values, the protection of the ecosystem and their continuous fight against hate speech and discrimination are founding values of the Executive Committee of Juventud Verde. The capacity for compromise and constant work are also key realities that we want to emphasize in the candidacy presented by Antonio.



Antonio's praxis consistency, integrity and political coherence make it clear that if we are all contingent, they are necessary. There are no words we can write to do Antonio justice. They are not only a person deeply committed to freedom, social justice and ecologism but they are probably one of the best people anyone could meet. A person with incalculable human value and a heart of immeasurable size.

We hope you will consider their application favorably, we want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please feel free to contact us for any further information. You will find our contact information below, and we are available to speak at anytime.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Juventud Verde's EC

Ángel Esteban Villabona Juventud Verde's co-spokesperson



Giovani Europeisti Verdi Rome Italy

We are happy to express our deepest support for Antonio, applying as FYEG EC Member. We believe Antonio will be a great addition for FYEG Executive Committee.

Antonio is a very experienced member of the FYEG family. Their experience in the youth green movement is impressive and they know very well the Federation and its history. This is a great added value for an EC Member and will allow them to support the group in a conscious and proactive way.

Moreover, we believe Antonio is a solid representative of southern and more remoted regions, as they know very well the struggles and issues of these areas.

Therefore, we hope Antonio will be become an EC member and contribute with all their skills to the work of our Federation

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing to giovanieuropeistiverdi@gmail.com

Green Regards,

Luca Boccoli & Francesca Cucchiara

National Co-Spokesperson Giovani Europeisti Verdi www.giovanieuropeistiverdi.org giovanieuropeistiverdi@gmail.com / info@giovanieuropeistiverdi.org





Subject: Support Letter for the FYEG Plitical Platform Committee

Lisbon, 21th April 2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

Ecolojovem – Os Verdes supports Antonio García González's candidacy for Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Yours sincerely,

Ecolojovem – Os Verdes National Comittee.



Letter of support for the candidacy of Antonio G. González for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, *écolo j* (Belgian Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Antonio G. González in the upcoming FYEG General Assembly 2022 as a candidate of FYEG's Executive Committee member.

We have read Antonio's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that Antonio will be a great addition to the next Committee!

We would be thrilled to collaborate and work with Antonio on his mandate to put his vision for FYEG into practice and to develop collaboration between FYEG member organisations in this challenging time for green youth.

The team of *écolo j*





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To the 2022 General Assembly of the Federation of Young European Greens

Brussels, 27 April 2022

Re: Candidacy of Antonio González for the Executive Committee

Dear friends,

We are writing to you in support of Antonio González's candidacy for the FYEG Executive Committee.

Coming from an overseas territory and with a background in sociology, Antonio's experience-related and academic contributions to FYEG's discussions gives members a valuable insight into our political work which is seldomly seen in public, that of people from the countryside and European territories outside the continent who feel gradually left behind in national and European policy-making. Therefore, we welcome this valuable opportunity for our movement to involve a diverse spectrum of young people in Europe, be it from the cities, the countryside or from the overseas territories.

We appreciate Antonio's wish to strengthen relationships with green organisations outside Europe whose territories are much involved with the EU's different policies such as the Maghreb, Latin America and Africa. We also value Antonio's vision to fully realise the policies of activist care which the Federation has been proudly advocating for some time.

For these reasons, we support Antonio González's candidacy for the Executive Committee and hope for your kind consideration in the General Assembly.

With kind regards on behalf of Jong Groen,

ier Serrana

International Secretary

Paola Travella

Jordy Sabels

Co-Presidents



Support letter Antonio G. García | EC Candidate

To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

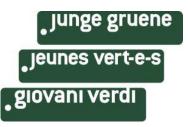
With this letter, Joves Ecosocialistes, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Antonio G. García** in their candidacy to become an Executive Committee member of the Federation of Young European Greens. Joves Ecosocialistes values not only Antonio's commitment and participation as an international activist in a variety of spaces of FYEG, but also their great work in Juventud Verde (the Spanish Young Greens), especially in the successful development of their responsibilities in the past as International Officer and as co-spokesperson. Besides that, Antonio is active at the Spanish level as a fierce LGBTIQ+ activist, an area that Joves Ecosocialistes also considers key, specially in Catalonia and Spain, where transexlcusionary discourses are endangering the rights of the LGBTIQ+ community.

As Joves Ecosocialistes, we appreciate the efforts that the Green Family in general, and the FYEG in particular, has been putting in place to ensure that the Green Wave unrolls in Southern Europe. We also highly regard the Federation's genuine respect for stateless nations and national and cultural minorities, consistently present in our European Family. During the last years, we have seen how Antonio's political and organisational views are enriched by his background as a Canarie activist. Therefore, we are certain that Antonio means for FYEG an even deeper and stronger commitment with the South and with the promotion of the rights and specificities of stateless nations and their democratic and progressive demands. We believe this will enhance the presence of the Greens in Spain and in Southern Europe in general, which we regard as essential towards one of the biggest challenges we will face as a Federation: the 2024 EU Elections.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Antonio for putting the effort in reaching out to our organisation in Catalan. Gràcies, i molta sort!

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero co-spokesperson Anna Winkelmann Larios co-spokesperson



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Support letter for Antonio González as an EC-Member of FYEG in the 2022-23 term

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Antonio for one of the positions in FYEG's EC. Antonio is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate his activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Antonio will do a great job as an EC-Member. Swiss Young Greens particularly like his experience in organising events, his academic background in sociology and his plans to focus on underdeveloped and structurally disadvantaged regions. Furthermore we like his plans to further evolve and adapt FYEG's structures

We wish him good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with him!

sustainable and warm regards, *On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination* Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegruene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



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Letter of support

Dear green friends,

We are pleased to inform you that "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens supports the candidacy of Antonio G. González for the Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG). We believe that Southern Europe needs its representation in the EC just as much as Eastern Europe needs it. Antonio is the right person for that. We see their vision for FYEG as valuable and in line with the green values.

We wish Antonio good luck for the elections and look forward to working with them!

On behalf of "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens, Igor Skórzybót International Secretary and EC Member



Amy Smith Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens convenor.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk international.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk

20.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

I am writing on behalf of the Scottish Young Greens to support Antonio G. González' nomination as Executive Committee member of FYEG.

SYG is happy to support Antonio in their candidacy. Their work and enthusiasm over the years as a delegate and participant of FYEG events have impressed members of the Scottish Young Greens council and we have confidence that they would be a fantastic and capable member of the Executive Committee.

Their ambitious vision for the future of FYEG is inspiring and shows their commitment to the just transition and social justice in Europe.

Their vision for FYEG reflects their values and dedications and we believe they will be making a positive impact on the work of FYEG.

Antonio has the experience, expertise and ambition needed for the role. Therefore, we are keen to support their candidacy.

All the best,

Amy Smith

Amy Smith Co-Convenor



27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Antonio González has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

Antonio has been active in FYEG for a long time so is well placed to take a role in the FYEG EC. We are aware that Antonio has fought for the liberation of queer people within the Spanish Young Green movement, and we are keen to see someone with this background on the EC since we hope they can use their experience to support us on this issue. Antonio's prior experience as Co-Spokesperson and International Officer for Juventud Verde will also be useful for the FYEG EC to have. We are keen to support them in their proposals to use their experience to improve links with organizations in the Maghreb, Latin America and Africa.

Signed:

RMp Lm4

Name: Position: Email: Raphael Hill International Officer raphael@younggreens.org.uk



Letter of support

The Green Youth of Serbia (ZOS) is pleased to hereby endorse the candidacy of Antonio Gonzales for the position of Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens for 2022/23.

Members of ZOS had the opportunity to meet Antonio at different FYEG events in the past years and witness his devotion to Green ideas we all wish to push forward. We believe Antonio would make a great addition to the structure of the Executive Committee, and that they would demonstrate high levels of commitment and manage to bring fresh perspectives and ideas into the organisation.

Having in mind Antonio's considerate presence within Young Greens we are confident they have the right skills and motivation to take on the mentioned position, for which we support their candidacy at the upcoming General Assembly.

Belgrade, 26.04.2022

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia, Co-Secretariat

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Letter of support for the candidacy of Antonio G. González for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Antonio G. González in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as a potential member of FYEG's Executive Committee.

We have read Antonio's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that Antonio will be a great addition to the next Committee! Moreover, another important reason, why we are happy to support Antonio's candidacy, is our experience in our various collaborations all these years. We admire Antonio's passion, political and activist approaches and how well organised they/he are. We are confident that Antonio will express the South regions' perspective, help empower the weaker MOs and play a key role in improving the work and objectives of the Federation as a whole.

Antonio can be described as a magnificent person with a kind heart and we would be thrilled to work with them/him as a member of the EC. Current affairs are indeed a pressing issue on many levels, but with Antonio by our side, we are sure that we will manage to stand Brave and Strong in our fight for a better future for all!

Please consider supporting Antonio's candidacy as well, The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



Νέοι Πράσινοι – Μέλος της Ομοσπονδίας Νέων Ευρωπαίων Πράσινων από το 2009

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KY/NP/004/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Antonio García González FYEG Executive Committee Candidacy

This is to confirm that Antonio G. González is supported by our organisation for the position on the Executive Committee of the Young European Greens. We believe Antonio will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. His devotion, responsibility and knowledge are valuable assets for the Federation.

Antonio has been active in the FYEG bodies for a long time and managed to prove that he is a key person for the success of the FYEG's aims and activities. It's also important to highlight that Antonio comes from Juventud Verde (the Spanish Young Greens) an organisation of South; therefore, it will be an important addition in the Committee. For us, Young Cyprus Greens, a South member organisation, it's vital to have representation. Finally, we believe that he is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits his profile to make FYEG more diverse and inclusive. We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,

TOWOUDU

Kyriaki Yiannouri Secretary General Young Cyprus Greens

EC7 Christina Kessler : Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer: FYEG Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Hi everyone, I am Christina (she/her)! I was born and raised in Germany but left the country when I was 18. Now, I am 25 and still haven't gone back - currently I am based in Brussels, Belgium. In the last few years, I moved around a lot and oftentimes didn't speak the local language well enough to get involved. When looking for a place where this would not be an issue, I found FYEG! I have been active in FYEG since 2017 and have gotten to know the Federation as a Working Group member and coordinator, as part of the team that re-wrote the organisation's Political Platform, an intern, and most recently, as a member of the Ecosprinter Editorial Board! FYEG is my political home, a place where I have learnt and grown a lot over the last years. Today, I am running for the EC because I want to be a part of taking FYEG forward into the future. Please reach out if you



<u>Member Organisation:</u> Grüne Jugend (Germany)

have any questions or any kind of input that you would like to share. I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you at the GA in Karlsruhe!

Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters

MOTIVATION LETTER

DEAR GREEN FRIENDS,

I am very excited to run for FYEG's Executive Committee and with this letter, I want to give you some insight into my motivation!

Getting involved in Green youth politics proved surprisingly difficult for me. I was born and raised in Germany but left the country when I was 18 (I am 25 now and still haven't gone back - currently I am based in Brussels). Moving around a lot and oftentimes not speaking the local language well enough to get involved (sorry ik spreek geen nederlands), I started searching for a way to get involved anyway - and found FYEG!

I first became active in FYEG in 2017 when I joined the Working Group 'Future of Europe'. I remember my first FYEG event and how amazing it was to find myself surrounded by people who shared my values, and ideas, and were equally enthusiastic about the same issues. The following year I again became engaged in a Working Group ('Welcoming and Inclusive Europe'), this time as a coordinator. In 2020, I was elected to the Political Platform Committee and, together with an amazing team, drafted the new Political Platform, focusing especially on the topics of feminism and LGBTQI+ rights, democracy, and international affairs. Last year, I joined the FYEG Office as a communications intern and got to know the organisation from yet another side, learning a lot about FYEG structures in the process. Currently, I am a member of the Ecosprinter Editorial Board, the FYEG-affiliated magazine for young Greens from all across Europe.

FYEG is my political home, a place where I have grown a lot, both politically and personally. I have learnt so much over the last few years, especially thanks to the many incredible people I have met through the organisation. Today, I am running for the EC because I want to contribute to the task of taking FYEG forward. I am excited for what's to come, and I want to actively take part in shaping FYEG's next steps into the future.

Through my many years of involvement with FYEG in a variety of roles, I know the organisation very well, know how it works, and know its strengths but also its weaknesses. Especially through my work on the Political Platform, but also through my personal experiences in different countries and my work, I have become keenly aware of the different political contexts FYEG MOs are facing, in which they are struggling with very different problems. It is pretty amazing that FYEG brings together so many young people from all over Europe, who are all, while coming from so different circumstances, fighting for the same values and ideas.

I do think I have the experience and the skills necessary to make a valuable contribution to the next EC's work. I have a good work ethic and am well organised, having learnt how to manage my time and my work in an effective manner while making sure I do not burn out. I work well in a team and care very much about being reliable, communicating clearly if there are problems, but also, simply showing empathy and understanding for each other when things get difficult. But maybe most important for my application, I am incredibly enthusiastic to build on the amazing work done by past ECs and to shape the future of FYEG!

WITH LOTS OF GREEN LOVE,

CHRISTINA

MY VISION FOR FYEG

The idea of FYEG's future is not something envisioned by any single person, but rather something that is developed through the collaboration of many different people. The following points are the issues I want to highlight and focus on should I get elected to the Executive Committee, while being very much aware of the fact that there are many other areas in which FYEG can grow and which also deserve our attention.

BUIDLING NETWORKS, INSIDE AND OUT

Looking at the state of our world out there, it is very easy to lose hope. The battle for a better world can sometimes seem pointless. Thankfully, we are not fighting it alone. FYEG has much to gain in building bridges and networks, playing the role of a connector, both inwards and outwards.

Internally, FYEG is in the ideal position to bring together MOs that are facing similar struggles and could learn a lot from each other's experiences. Those can be political struggles, but also organisational ones how to build structures and how to work effectively as an organisation. The MO-to-MO-trainings are an excellent example of how this can work in practice, and an idea we should develop and build on further. FYEG should also focus on facilitating exchange and connecting individual activists with each other. Over the past years, the exact role that FYEG Working Groups play has sometimes been unclear and the number of Working Groups has shrunk. Meanwhile, it is important to provide opportunities for activists to get involved in FYEG on an individual basis with a very low threshold. Whether through loose networks, more formalized working groups or other formats, it is an important task for FYEG to connect individual activists with each other while following a clear strategy in doing so.

Looking outwards, FYEG should build connections with actors that are working towards the same goals and where those connections exist, strengthen them. This of course includes, but does not stop with other actors within the Green family. In some issue areas, our political goals overlap with those of other political youth organisations, and we can achieve more by working together. This does not only include the youth wings of other European political parties but also other initiatives that are working towards causes like racial justice and worker's rights. Especially in areas where we ourselves can become more inclusive (e.g. is FYEG an overwhelmingly white organisation), we can learn from initiatives that are working on issue areas in which we still need to grow. Finally, climate activist movements, especially youth movements, are of course sharing many of our goals, with many FYEG activists being also active in the climate movement. Here, it must be our task to support and highlight where we can, but never to overshadow, focus attention on ourselves or claim something that is not ours, always being mindful of what our place is, and what it is not.

A TRULY FEMINIST FEDERATION

One of the most impactful memories I made during my very first FYEG event was the experience of being in a truly feminist space. FYEG is a proudly feminist organisation that has done a lot of work in the past to make sure it offers spaces that are safe and inclusive. However, building a truly feminist organisation in a patriarchal world is a never-ending struggle. Being a leftist, activist space is unfortunately not an automatic safeguard against sexism and misogyny. If we want to live up to our ideals, we need to continuously prioritize making FYEG a feminist, inclusive organisation.

It includes looking at our projects and checking who we are reaching with them, and if necessary, making changes. It includes using our events to empower and work on issues that target specifically marginalized groups. For example, a lot of young women who are politically active, both in and outside of party politics, experience enormous amounts of online harassment and abuse, aimed at making them withdraw from the political space. How do we make sure we protect and provide a safe space for our own activists?

It also includes the topics we choose to focus on in our advocacy work. We are currently witnessing disturbing, ever-worsening attacks on women's and LGBTQI+ rights. The individuals and organisations driving these attacks work together internationally. Here, FYEG is ideally situated to work on a response that likewise goes beyond borders.

UNITED TOWARDS 2024

As young Greens, we share a vision of the world we want to build. If my work on the Political Platform has shown me one thing, it is that there is remarkable unity amongst MOs when it comes to the vast majority of political positions. That does not mean that we agree on everything. Different geographies, different histories, and different political realities result in us disagreeing on some issues. Now, I have admittedly not come up with a scientific way of measuring (dis)agreement, but my personal rough estimate is, that FYEG MOs can fully agree on around 90% of our political positions.

This leaves us with 10% of issues that we approach from very different perspectives, and on which we sometimes simply disagree. And that's completely fine. We do not need to agree on everything, in fact, no democratic movement ever does.

In 2024, the next European elections will take place, and one major task of the next Executive Committee will be to keep the family together and make sure we go into this election year united. That does not mean finding a common position on everything. What we need to do is find ways to manage our differences and build understanding and respect for each other through exchange and dialogue. Meanwhile, we must not lose sight of the importance of working together and of the many many things we agree on. At the end of the day, there is much more that unites us than what divides us.



CHRISTINA KESSLER

FYEG VOLUNTEERING

Member of the Ecosprinter Editorial Board | since 2021 The Magazine for Young European Greens

Member of the Political Platform Committee | 2020 - 2021 Focus on the chapters 'Diverse and Feminist Europe', 'Democratic Europe', and 'Europe in the World'

Working Group Coordinator | 2018 - 2019 Welcoming and Inclusive Europe WG

Working Group Member | 2017 - 2018 Future of Europe WG

OTHER VOLUNTEERING

Green Group at the College of Europe | 2020 Chair

Student Association for Gender Equality | 2019 - 2020 Responsible for Social Media

European Student Think Tank | 2019 - 2020 Deputy Director for COmmunications

EuroPeer Network | 2017 - 2018 European Youth Mobility promotion

SKILLS

- Organisational Skills
- Writing
- Editing
- Social Media
- Collaboration
- Research
- Graphic Design is my passion

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant to the Secretary-General | since 12/2021 European Green Party

Communications Intern | 9/2021 - 12/2021 FYEG and Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament

Press Intern | 6/2018 - 7/2018 German Representation of the European Commission

Amsterdam Tourguide | 2017 - 2018 Best Dam Segways

Human Resources Intern | 7/2017 - 8/2017 KION AG

European Voluntary Service | 2015 - 2016 Twinning Committee in Caen, France

EDUCATION

MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy | 2020 - 2021 University of Oxford (United Kingdom) Diplomacy and International Law, Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

MA European Political and Governance Studies | 2019 - 2020 College of Europe (Belgium)

Political Economy of European Integration, EU Environmental and Climate Policy, EU Foreign Policy

BA (Hons) Liberal Arts and Sciences | 2016 - 2019 Amsterdam University College (Netherlands)

- Politics and International Relations with a Minor in Communication Studies
- Exchange Semester at National University of Singapore



Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Christina Keßler applying as a general executive board member for the FYEG EC for 2022/2023.

Through her many years of involvement with FYEG, she knows the organisation and its workings very well. Christina has been active in FYEG since 2017, first having gotten to know the organisation as a Working Group member and later as a Working Group coordinator. In 2020, she was elected to the Political Platform Committee, the team which re-wrote the new Political Platform of the organisation which was successfully adopted in 2021. Last year, she completed an internship with the FYEG Office, supporting its communications work. Currently, Christina is part of the Ecosprinter Editorial Board, the FYEG magazine.

Due to her wide range of experiences, she knows the different political contexts in which FYEG MOs operate as well as how FYEG structures work and the FYEG office functions. Christina is deeply committed to Green values in general and FYEG in particular. She has demonstrated that she is very well organised, and we know her capable to combine the responsibilities of an EC mandate with other responsibilities in her life.

Her proactive approach, her positive attitude and the diligence she exhibits in her work will be a valuable addition to the next FYEG EC. We know that she has the capacity, motivation and enthusiasm to carry on the idea of FYEG in the next year and will definitely enrich the organization's future work.

With her skills and personal qualities, her knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, and her past engagement and experiences with FYEG, we as GRÜNE JUGEND wholeheartedly support Christina's application as a general board member of the FYEG EC.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to <u>lysander.liermann@gruene-jugend.de</u>!

Lysander-Noel Liermann International Secretary and member of the federal board GRÜNE JUGEND



ALBANIAN YOUNG GREENS

Tirana on April 20, 2022

Re: Letter of Support

Dear members of FYEG's, General Assembly,

We are more than happy to write this letter to support Christina Keßler for the position of Executive Committee member of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

Christina Keßler has extensive experience when it comes to working with international organizations, supports the green ideology and believes in the green perspective. We strongly support **Christina Keßler** as the future member of FYEG's Executive Committee Board, where we are more than confident that she will enrich the organization with knowledge and experience exchanges as well as the support needed.

On behalf of the Albanian Young Greens

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Letter of support for the candidacy of Christina Keßler for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Christina Keßler in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as a General Board Member of FYEG's Executive Committee.

We have read Christina's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that she will be a great addition to the next Committee! Although we did not have the chance to work with Christina as closely as with other EC candidates, we are very satisfied with her skills and personal qualities. Our most frequent interaction with Christina has been during her internship with the FYEG Office, when she was responsible for supporting its communications work and lately, as a member of the Ecosprinter Editorial Board.

We admire Christina's positive attitude, motivation and enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to communicate with her by sending our monthly updates for FYEG's newsletter, or for the purpose of submitting our article on Food Systems for this year's printed version of Ecosprinter. Our collaboration so far may not have been that close, but still, it has been close enough for us to deeply appreciate her character. We truly admire how organized and polite she has been in all of our interactions and we would love to see what she can bring to FYEG's Green family as an EC member!

Alongside Christina and the other EC members that can/will be elected, we also feel incredibly enthusiastic to build on the amazing work done by past ECs and help in making FYEG the most empowering feminist climate activist organisation working for real and substantive change!

Please consider supporting Christina's candidacy as well, The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



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Letter of support

Dear green friends,

We are pleased to inform you that "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens supports the candidacy of Christina Keßler for Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG). Her work at the Political Platform Committee and Ecosprinter allows us to say that she is a good candidate. We see her vision for FYEG as valuable and in line with the green values.

We wish Christina good luck for the elections and look forward to working with her!

On behalf of "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens, Igor Skórzybót International Secretary and EC Member



Support letter Christina Keßler – EC Candidate

To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

With this letter, Joves Ecosocialista, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Christina Kesßler** in her candidacy to become a member of the Executive Committee.

We highly value Christina's work as a member of the Political Platform Committee, which resulted in an assembly with a deep, dynamic and broad political discussion with engaging content that allowed us to grow as a Federation in these complex times in terms of youth participation and empowerment.

We believe that her long commitment and experience in the European Green family in the various places where she has lived and developed her outstanding educational background make her a valuable political asset to the organisation as a whole.

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero co-spokesperson Anna Winkelmann Larios co-spokesperson



Giovani Europeisti Verdi Rome Italy

We are happy to express our deepest support for Christina, applying as FYEG EC Member. We believe Christina will be a great addition for FYEG Executive Committee.

Christina has worked in FYEG in different roles and has always proved her value, motivation and skills. Her work with the Political Platform has been impressive and she demonstrated her alignment with the Federation values as well as her capability to organise her work and be a good team player.

Moreover, her experience in the Ecosprinter board has given her the right skills to contribute to FYEG campaign plan, which is a necessary part of the Federation work, especially in the year of youth and towards the 2024 Election.

Therefore, we hope Christina will become an EC member and contribute with all her skills to the work of our Federation.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing to <u>giovanieuropeistiverdi@gmail.com</u>

Green Regards,

Luca Boccoli & Francesca Cucchiara

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Amy Smith Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens convenor.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk international.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk

20.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

I am writing on behalf of the Scottish Young Greens to support Christina Keßler's nomination as executive committee member of FYEG.

SYG is excited to support Christina in her candidacy. Her extensive experience in the European Green movement have impressed members of the Scottish Young Greens council and we have confidence that she would be a capable and excellent member of the Executive Committee.

We are especially impressed by her vision in building connections internally and externally and her emphasis on FYEG being a truly feminist organisation.

Christina has the experience, expertise and ambition needed for the role. Therefore, we are glad to support her candidacy.

All the best,

Amy Smith

Amy Smith Co-Convenor

Federation of Young European Greens 34 Rue du Taciturne 1000 Brussels Belgium

Utrecht, 27 April 2022

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CHRISTINA KESSLER. CANDIDATE-BOARD MEMBER

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren fully endorses the candidacy of Christina Kessler as member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Christina's experience within the Federation speaks for itself, and we believe her addition to the Executive Committee is but a natural next step. Christina holds an exceptional array of experience in both the political and organisational aspects of the Federation, all of which would immensely contribute to her role as an outstanding member of the Executive Committee. We are fully convinced that Christina is a strongly motivated and passionate candidate, and that she would contribute to the continuity of the successes of the Federation in terms of inclusivity, especially with regards to feminism and LGBTQIA+ rights.

Therefore we strongly stand behind Christina's vision of solidarity, unity and inclusivity, as we can say in full confidence that she will passionately push for what she espouses. We strongly believe that Christina is not only an idyllic thinker, but a doer – and we fully in our heart of hearts support Christina's concrete ideas to build bridges and make the Federation a truly supportive, inclusive, united Feminist Federation.

We may not have worked with Christina as often as we would have desired, but it is impossible to deny the positivity Christina radiates. It is thus clear that she will not only be a competent member of the Executive Committee, but also a supportive and beneficial influence in the healthy dynamics of a team – contributing greatly to the fostering of the bonds of the Executive Committee with each other, what we see as crucial in the healthy functioning of the Executive Committee.

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren sees in Christina a compassionate, competent and committed candidate-board member and individual, and we call upon the other member organisations to support her candidacy.

In green solidarity,

The National Board of DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren,





LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports **Christina Kessler**

for the Federation of Young European Greens FYEG's Excutive Committee.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

Peppi Seppälä

Peppi Seppälä Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret

Jami Haavisto

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Jami Haavisto Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret



Letter of support

The Green Youth of Serbia is pleased to hereby endorse the candidacy of Christina Kessler for the position of Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens for 2022/23.

We acknowledge Christina's extensive involvement and commitment to FYEG in the previous years and believe she can contribute greatly to the EC with the obtained skills and understanding and knowledge on the Federation itself and other Green political actors.

We trust Christina has the needed capacities and motivation to dive into different format of engagement with FYEG and therefore look forward to wholeheartedly support her candidacy at the upcoming General Assembly.

Belgrade, 26.04.2022

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia, Co-Secretariat

Milan Zlatanovic

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Elena Petrovska



Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Chrtstina Kessler applying as a General executive board member for the FYEG EC for 2022/2023.!

President of MODOM Aleksandar Pandilovski

Aleksandar Pandilovski

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April 27, 2022

Support Letter for Christina Keßler

Dear fellow young Greens,

The French young Greens, *Les Jeunes Écologistes*, are expressing our full support for Christina Keßler's candidacy to the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG). We are more than confident that Christina is very well suited for the position she is applying for and that she will make FYEG even stronger.

Thanks to her involvement with FYEG since 2017, Christina is familiar with the organization, its internal procedures, and political orientation. Having contributed to two working groups, the Political Platform Committee, and the Ecosprinter editorial board allowed her to gain the necessary insights into FYEG's political work. In addition, her internship with FYEG allowed her to get familiar with FYEG's office. In these positions, Christina proved to be up to her tasks, while strengthening our Federation.

Being a member of FYEG's Executive Committee is time-consuming and requires a high level of motivation. Our Federation needs a strong Executive Committee that can steer us young Greens through difficult times and prepares our organizations and our Federation for the future. We believe that Christina is up for this task; she is very motivated and is willing to put a lot of energy into her voluntary work for our Federation.

Christina has a visionary project for FYEG. She does not hesitate to put forward bold ideas and engage in creative brainstorming. Creativity and a unique vision for Europe's youth are needed to enlighten enthusiasm in regions where Green ideas are currently less present and are essential to foster support in regions where Green values are already well established.

Green cheers,

Robin Ehl – International Secretary – Les Jeunes Écologistes



Subject: Support Letter for the Executive Committee

Lisbon, 21th April 2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

Ecolojovem – Os Verdes supports Christina Keßler's candidacy as a General Board Member in the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Yours sincerely,

Ecolojovem – Os Verdes National Comittee.

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25/04/2022

Support Letter to Christina Keßler

Dear Delegates at the FYEG GA,

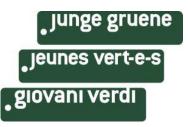
We, Green Youth of Ukraine, hereby would like to express our support to the candidacy of Christina Keßler for Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens as a General Board Member.

Christina showed great dedication, responsibility and hard work during over the last few years of FYEG. Her motivation and skills show that she is a good fit for the position. She's proven to have relevant experience in FYEG, dedicated to green values, development of the organisation and its members.

Therefore, we confidently believe that she will be a great value to the FYEG Executive Committee of FYEG as a General Board Member and support Christina for her candidacy.

Sincerely, Head of the All-Ukrainian Youth NGO "Green Youth of Ukraine" Mariia Patrul





Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Christina Kessler

Support letter for Christina Kessler as an EC-Member of FYEG in the 2021-22 term

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Christina for one of the positions in FYEG's EC. Christina is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate her activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Christina will do a great job as an EC-Member. Swiss Young Greens appreciate her long-term involvement in FYEG and her plans to deepen relations between FYEG and Member Organisations.

We wish her good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with her!

sustainable and warm regards, On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegruene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express support for Christina Keßler applying as a FYEG EC member for 2022/2023.

After examining the applicant's candidacy and her past work, we have come to the following conclusion:

We consider her experience, vision and motivation to be in line with the requirements of a FYEG EC member and are fully supportive of her ambition of becoming the next member of FYEG EC.

For any questions you can write us at daniloboskovic95@pm.me.

Danilo Boskovic General Secretary and member of the presidency Youth Forum URA



27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Christina Keßler has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

Christina has experiences that are relevant for this role such as their current work on Ecosprinter magazine as well as their assistant role working with the Secretary General of the EGP. Having been involved in FYEG since 2017, they seem well versed in FYEG to stand for the EC.

We support her intention to connect FYEG with non-partisan initiatives that are working towards causes like racial justice and worker's rights as well as making FYEG a truly feminist organisation. As an eco-socialist party, we are also happy to support her as someone who is a leftist.

Shared Hill

Signed:

Name: Position: Email: Raphael Hill International Officer raphael@younggreens.org.uk



Letter of support for the candidacy of Christina Keßler for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, *écolo j* (Belgian Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Christina Keßler in the upcoming FYEG General Assembly 2022 as a candidate of FYEG's Executive Committee member.

We have read Christina's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that Christina will be a great addition to the next Committee!

We would be thrilled to collaborate and work with Christina Keßler on her mandate to put her vision for FYEG into practice and to develop collaboration between FYEG member organisations in this challenging time for green youth.

The team of *écolo j*



KY/NP/005/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Christina Keßler FYEG Executive Committee Candidacy

This is to confirm that Christina Keßler is supported by our organisation for the position on the Executive Committee of the Young European Greens. We believe Christina will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. Her devotion, responsibility and knowledge are valuable assets for the Federation.

Christina has been active in the FYEG bodies for a long time and managed to prove that she is a key person for the success of the FYEG's aims and activities. We believe that she is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits her profile to make FYEG more inclusive and more feminist.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,

Kyriaki Yiannouri Secretary General Young Cyprus Greens

EC8 Ivanna Madiar : Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer: FYEG Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

I'm Ivanna, 22-year creative, highly-skilled green activist from Ukraine. Nearly 3 years ago I joined Green Youth of Ukraine where I was responsible for international communication and became involved in the work of the Federation of Young European Greens taking part in different projects, campaigns, etc and aslo as co-coordinator Feminist Network of FYEG, memberDemocracy&Inclusion working group since 2020 and working as EC member since last GA. Last month brought to my life new experience, being a head of a Ukrainian local NGO, which supports medical institutions and pet shelters.

I study political science and management of forigen economic actions in my university. Also, working in an IT agency helps me to get new knowledge and experience which I can use as an activist. I'm extra motivated to continue work as an EC member, bringing all my experiences and knowledge.

If you would have any questions on my candidacy feel free to ask me, I'll be happy to answer.

Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters



<u>Member Organisation:</u> Zelena molod' Ukrayiny (Ukraine)

Motivational letter Ivanna Madiar Candidacy for the Executive Committee of the FYEG

Dear Green friends!

With this letter, I would like to ask to support my candidacy and to share my motivations to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens for the operational year 2022-2023.

First of all, thank you for electing me at the last GA (2021)! It was a real pleasure to be part of the FYEG Executive Committee during the last operational year and I am grateful for this amazing experience to work in such a hard-working and supportive team. I hope to be able to work much more in the coming operational year, if I'm re-elected.

I consider that the Federation of Young European Greens is an organization that connects young Greens, despite the many differences that we have between us, starting from the organizational structure, and in terms of political priorities, as it is natural that our national priorities cannot be the same (and they should not be, because we face different challenges), but our common goal is to change the world for better, especially in such challenging reality (war, climate and human crisis and etc). In this condition, when we have to fight with the results of the climate crisis, for peace and security, safe migration and equality I'm convinced that we can learn from each other, share different competencies, experiences, and best practices, we have among our member and partner organizations. I believe that a strong and sustainable partnership within member organizations is the basis of an integral part of the Federation's work. As an umbrella organization, the Federation is a space to bring together young green people across Europe to pursue common green visions.

I have been actively involved in the green movement for 7 years already, 3 of which in the international level as the head of the Green Youth of Ukraine's international department, member of various workgroups, and for several months as a co-coordinator of Feminist Network of FYEG and 1-year Executive Committee. As an experienced activist of the green movement, I see a number of issues we have on the agenda, which, in my opinion, are possible to overcome actual problems through international solidarity, cooperation.

That is why, one of the main things I want to work on in the Executive Committee is to strengthen **regional MO-MO cooperation**, especially with non-EU countries. As a non-EU citizen, I feel there is a lack of understanding of the Federation processes connected with EP and its importance. During my mandate being responsible for the East region I realized the importance of building inclusive cooperation policy and clear understanding of political context especially in sensitive topics. I also see the sense of additional work with MOs with a similar political situation. Because by sharing experiences we can learn a lot from each other, and the only way to become stronger is to use our best practices. Also this king of cooperation will allow to build stronger green political position.

Different views and understanding of last world events showing again need to build strong communication and cooperation between all FYEG's MO. The Green movement has to be a

movement that sticks together, despite the many differences between us. That means that in the next operational year one of my priorities will be **MO-MO political cooperation and exchange** which will allow built up clear dialogue between FYEG's MOs and be sure that we are "one on the same page" of understanding the political situation across Europe and green priorities.

Also, I want to work as an EC member on the following:

- Ensuring inclusiveness in working with MOs.

The Federation of Young European Greens brings together member organizations with a wide range of cultural backgrounds, experiences, and thoughts. I believe that working in an EC-MO way will allow a better understanding of the needs of the organizations and will also have a positive impact on the level of motivation and engagement. Especially in such challenging reality MOs need to have a safe space to be heard.

- Social network development

The modern level of human development has been marked not only by advances in science and technology but also by the evolution of the communication system. Social media has a huge impact on the modern political process. Therefore a good social media strategy can give the FYEG a greater opportunity to affect policy and promote green ideas, and highlight the issues that members' organizations are facing.

- Spreading safe space policy

As society evolves, we face new challenges (e.g. the issue of digital human rights, refugee rights, etc). FYEG should always "keep its finger on the pulse" and react in time to such changes. To be the voice of MOs, we has to always hear organizations, be as progressive as possible and provide safe space for all MOs.

Briefly about my experience: about 6 years I am a Green activist, started it at the age of 14 from environmental activism in a small town in the Carpathians. In 2017, I moved to Kyiv and started studying political science at the Taurida National University, where I realized that I was interested in human rights protection and joined the feminist movement. At the same time, as head of the student self-government, I actively advocated for students' rights (especially from the occupied territories, as my university was the only one in Kyiv with a program for studying under the simplified system). During this period, I also got experience as a project manager, implementing SDG projects and internships in different organizations and governmental institutions (e.g. the Ministry of Youth and Sports). I've been involved in FYEG work for nearly 3 years firstly as responsible for international cooperation of GY of Ukraine and after as Democracy and Inclusion WG member and co-coordinator of Femininst Network. Last year gave me a lot of new experiences as a member of the Executive Committee. As EC member I had a chance to be a part of prep-teams of several projects and also join EGP Council as a part of FYEG's delegation which allowed me to improve my political activism skills. During the full scale invasion in Ukraine I got new experience (I hope no one ever needs to get this kind of experience) working with European foundations, explaining the political background of war and current reality. Also during the last months I had to improve my coordinating skills and got a lot of new knowledge organizing logistics of medical supplements for hospitals and pet shelters.

After 8 years of activism and last years of work with FYEG I can say that I am motivated and ready for the position as EC member. I feel strong motivation and responsibility to continue work as member of the Executive Committee and I hope that you will deem me a good candidate!

Thanks for taking the time - I hope you find me as a good candidate! Feel free to contact me anytime on any social network if you have any questions about my candidacy!

See you at the General Assembly!

Cheers,

Ivanna Madiar



IVANNA MADIAR

ABOUT ME

Young, creative, highly-skilled green activist from Ukraine

GET IN TOUCH:

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Facebook: Ivanka Madiar Instagram: @your_violet_sun

SKILLS

- Project and event management
- Public Speaking skills
- Organizational and time management skills
- Teamwork and personal communication skills
- Social Media Management
- Languages: Ukrainian (Native), English (B2) Russian (C1), French (A1), German (A1), Slovak (A2)

EDUCATION

Taurida National University

Management of forigen economic action (Master) , 2021 - present

Taurida National University

Political Science (Bachelor), 2017 - 2021

- 2017-2019 Head Student Council
- 2019-2020 Head social and environmental protection department of Student Parliament. Head Volunteer center.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION:

- Study Session "Work that work for all" (FYEG, CDNEE, EYCB)
- D&G Camp (FYEG) (prep team)
- Series of feminist webinars "Scream if you want" (prep team/speaker)
- Green annual working plan "Political ecology" (prep team/speaker)
- Human Rights Basic Course (prep team/speaker)
- National Political Academy (prep team/speaker)
- Action Diplomacy: Ukraine (prep team/speaker)

INTERNSHIP

- Department of Juvenile Prevention of the National Police of Ukraine
- Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine
- Ministry of Education of Ukraine
- Foundation East-SOS

EXPERIENCE

Project manager

2021 - present IT company "Keep Calm"

- Project coordinating
- Communications with partners
- Team coordinating

Member/co-coordinator

2020 - present - FYEG

- EC Member (2021-2022)
- Coordinating of FemNetwork (2020-2021)
- Social Media Management (2020-2021)
- Member of Democracy&Inclusion WG (2020-2021)

Specialist of innovative development department

2020 - present Taurida National University

- Creating analytical reports
- Coordinating scientific project

Head of NGO

2019-present - NGO "Dobra dolya"

- Cooperation with European Foundation
- Creating and coordinating projects
- Organization logistic of medical supplements for hospitals and pet shelters during war in Ukraine
- Creating analytical reports

Member/responsible for international communication

2019 - present - Green Youth of Ukraine

- Implementation of green youth projects
- Coordinating international communication of organization
- Supporting social media campaigns

NGO's project manager

2014-2020 - NGO "Dobra dolya", Reanimation Package of Reforms Coalition

- Creating and coordinating of SDG's projects
- Creating analytical reports

Project and Event manager

2015-2017 - Talan Group, LLC "Staff Academy", Vega Group Marketing

- Management of project
- Coordinating of communications with partners

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25/04/2022

Support Letter to Ivanna Madiar

Dear Delegates at the FYEG GA,

We, the Green Youth of Ukraine, would like to express our deepest support for Ivanna Madiar applying for the FYEG EC 2022/2023.

During work in Green Youth of Ukraine she showed great commitment and organizational skills. She has a huge activist background and extensive knowledge of foreign policy, especially in the fields of gender and human rights, sustainability, and political conflict. Also we want to mention amazing academic basic which she got during study political science and managment of forigen economical action. Her knowledge and experience are also proved by her job. For a while, Ivanna occupied the position of the project manager in an IT company, which works for the foreign market.

Over the years, Ivanna has proven herself to be highly organized, diplomatic and reliable, with a great sense of responsibility. She always engages our members in the organizational processes, makes them feel seen and heard, and helps them to realize their ideas.

Ivanna was elected last time and has therefore already a good experience of how the EC and the organisation function. We think that she has the capacity, motivation and enthusiasm to continue work in FYEG.

For these reasons, we are convinced that Ivanna would be an excellent addition to the Executive Committee. She has Green Youth of Ukraine's full support. We encourage you to give her your support and your vote.

Sincerely,

Head of the All-Ukrainian Youth NGO "Green Youth of Ukraine" Mariia Patrul



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Utrecht, 27 April 2022

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR IVANNA MADIAR. Candidate-board member

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren fully endorses the candidacy of Ivanna Madiar as member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Ivanna Madiar, member of the Executive Committee – it is something so obvious that this letter is essentially unnecessary. We enthusiastically support Ivanna's re-election as we believe that Ivanna would continue the great strides the Federation has made to be an inclusive, supportive and solidary Federation. We hold strongly the conviction that Ivanna's experience within the current Executive Committee, the Federation, the Green Youth of Ukraine, and on the ground as an activist makes her an extraordinarily competent candidate. Her past work demonstrates her outstanding capability politically, organisationally and practically, and we are fully convinced that Ivanna will be an asset to the Executive Committee in both expertise and experience.

We also strongly stand behind Ivanna's vision of cooperation and exchange in all levels to strive for inclusivity and safety within the Federation. Her concrete plans and ideas for improving the cooperation between member organisations and the Federation, and between the member organisations themselves, and ensuring the inclusiveness of this, is crucial in the continued blossoming of the Federation. We also see her prioritisation of a well-developed social media strategy as vital to modernise and spread the reach of the Federation and green movement.

We regret having not worked with Ivanna before, but it is without a doubt from her inspiring array of experience that she is and has been nothing short of an outstanding leader, supporter, and member of a team – what we see as vital in the healthy and positive dynamics in the functioning of the Executive Committee.

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren sees in Ivanna an accomplished, adept and astute candidate-board member and individual, and we call upon the other member organisations to support her candidacy.

In green solidarity,

The National Board of DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren,





Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Ivanna Madiar applying for the FYEG EC 2022/2023. Ivanna has been a great advisor for GRÜNE JUGEND in the past weeks and a strong ally.

We strongly believe that with all of her experience within FYEG & European politics, she will be a great addition on FYEG's next Executive Committee.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to <u>lysander.liermann@gruene-jugend.de</u>!

nder-Noel Liermann

International Secretary and member of the federal board GRÜNE JUGEND



Stowarzyszenie Ostra Zieleń

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Letter of support

Dear green friends,

We are pleased to inform you that "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens supports the candidacy of Ivanna Madiar for the Executive Committee Member of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

We had the pleasure to work with Ivanka during a common *D&G Camp* project last year and we know her organizational and management skills.

We see her vision as convincing and in line with the green values, especially in the point of strengthening MO-MO political cooperation and exchange and increasing understanding of the Federation processes connected with EP and its importance.

We see her candidacy as a strong representation of the Eastern European Member Organisations, especially from non-EU countries. We see how her work is contributing to closing the gap between West and East. Her extraordinary work for the community as well as her commitment and sacrifice are an inspiration for us and many other activists from Eastern Europe who are, especially during the current war in Ukraine, misunderstood and left unheard by governments and societies of Western Europe.

We fully support Ivanna and wish her good luck in the elections!

On behalf of "Ostra Zieleń" – Polish Young Greens, Igor Skórzybót International Secretary and EC Member

Igor Skórzybót



27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Ivanna Madiar has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

We greatly appreciate Ivanna's willingness to stand again for FYEG EC during wartime in their country. We stand with Ukraine in this war, and we believe that Ivanna's inclusion on the EC will be helpful to ensure that we are taking the correct actions to support Ukrainians during this time.

From her statements we believe she seems to exemplify green values as a feminist and champion of international solidarity & cooperation.

We are supportive of their goals as a candidate to ensure inclusiveness in working with MOs and hope they will have success in improving our social media networks & safe spaces within FYEG.

Signed:

RMpLm4

Name: Position: Email: Raphael Hill International Officer raphael@younggreens.org.uk

Letter of support for the candidacy of Ivanna Madiar for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Nέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Ivanna Madiar in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as a Member of FYEG's Executive Committee.

We have read Ivanna's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that she should be re-elected in the next Committee! It has been a great pleasure watching her in action during her mandate in the current EC and we would love to see what she has to offer in the upcoming EC term. Ivanna is a wonderful person who always brightens everyone's mood with her positive attitude and friendly vibes. Moreover, she not only never fails to uplift our spirits, but she is always there when needed!

We deeply admire Ivanna's positive attitude, motivation and passion for a future that is feminist, inclusive and fair for all! We strongly believe that her re-election will help FYEG and its MOs at fighting back the devastating impact of aggressive and authoritarian politicians, who not only attempt to bring us back to a time that we thought the world would never face again, but also threaten the future of the European Union and its very existence!

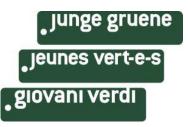
Last but not least, Ivanna is an experienced activist of the green movement and alongside her and the other EC members that can/will be elected, we feel confident that we will manage to overcome the harsh times ahead of us and any challenge that mayl arise through international solidarity, cooperation, love and persistence.

Let's stand brave and keep working for real and substantive change with Ivanna by our side!

Please consider supporting Ivanna's candidacy as well, The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



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Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Ivanna Madiar madiar.ivannna@gmail.com +38 (050) 012-4124

Support letter for Ivanna Madiar as an EC-Member of FYEG in the 2022-23 term

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Ivanna for one of the positions in FYEG's EC. Ivanna is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate her activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Ivanna will continue doing a great job as an EC-Member. Swiss Young Greens particularly like her experience in social and environmental activism, her experience in NGO-Work and her plans to adapt FYEGs' presence and appearance in social media. Furthermore we think it's of utmost importance to have an EC-Member from a Non-EU Eastern Europe Member Organisation in order to have this perspective and the knowledge about the people's thinking present in the organisation.

We wish her good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with her!

sustainable and warm regards, On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegruene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports **Ivanna Madiar**

for the Federation of Young European Greens FYEG's Excutive Committee.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

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To the 2022 General Assembly of the Federation of Young European Greens

Brussels, 27 April 2022

Re: Candidacy of Ivanna Madiar for the Executive Committee

Dear friends,

We are writing to you in support of Ivanna Madiar's candidacy for the FYEG Executive Committee.

Having extensive international experience on national and European levels, Ivanna's involvement in the young green movement has shaped her advocacies—from feminism and the fight against gender-based discrimination and abuse, to a more inclusive cooperation with people and organisations who are not in or do not come from the European Union.

We appreciate Ivanna's vision for a wider safe space policy and a better development of our communication on social media. Her insights and experiences are much needed to build on a Federation where its members are on the same page, but most importantly, understand each other's experiences and insights, no matter where they come from, and have a sense of belonging.

For these reasons, we support Ivanna Madiar's candidacy for the Executive Committee and hope for your kind consideration in the General Assembly. We also wish Ivanna all the best in helping young activists in and from Ukraine, and constantly wish for her safety and that of the people of Ukraine.

With kind regards on behalf of Jong Groen,

Asher Serrana

International Secretary

Paola Travella

Jordy Sabels

Co-Presidents

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,



We are pleased to write this letter in support of Ivanna's candidacy for the Federation of Young European Greens' Executive Committee.

Ivanna seems to be a motivated and experienced person who can strengthen the work for a more inclusive Europe in FYEG. With their knowledge of matters considering human rights and experience in activism, we believe that Ivanna has the potential to actively engage more people into FYEG's work.

Moreover, we find it important that MOs across the entire European continent are represented in our Federation. With experience as head of the international department in the Ukrainian young greens, member of FYEG's Executive Committee and active in CDN as well as a wish to further be a representative of those countries who are not a part of the EU, we believe that Ivanna will be able to represent Eastern Europe as an Executive Committee member.

For these reasons, Grön Ungdom believes that Ivanna will continue to make a meaningful contribution to the Executive Committee and we would like to express our support for their candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Grön Ungdom and its International Committee,

Alma Gunnarsson

International Secretary, Grön Ungdom



Letter of support for the candidacy of Ivanna Madiar for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, *écolo j* (Belgian Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Ivanna Madiar in the upcoming FYEG General Assembly 2022 as a candidate of FYEG's Executive Committee member.

We have read Ivanna's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that Ivanna will be a great addition to the next Committee!

We would be thrilled to collaborate and work with Ivanna Madiar on her mandate to put her vision for FYEG into practice and to develop collaboration between FYEG member organisations in this challenging time for green youth.

The team of *écolo j*



KY/NP/006/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Ivanna Madiar FYEG Executive Committee Candidacy

This is to confirm that Ivanna Madiar is supported by our organisation for the position on the Executive Committee of the Young European Greens. We believe Ivanna will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. Her devotion, responsibility and knowledge are valuable assets for the Federation.

Ivanna has already been active in the FYEG bodies and managed to prove that she is a key person for the success of the FYEG's aims and activities. We believe that she is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits her profile to make FYEG more inclusive and more feminist.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,

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Kyriaki Yiannouri Secretary General Young Cyprus Greens

EC9 Lone Sandvik Kristiansen : Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer:FYEGAgenda item:6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Lone grew up off the coast of Norway, where she first hand has observed how the insane increase in plastic pollution has affected her hometown the last decades. Having been active in the Norwegian Young Greens since 2015, she has experience from all the levels of the Norwegian Young Greens as well as the Norwegian Green Party. Lone has lived in 5 different areas in the mid, south and east part of Norway, which has sparked an interest and understanding for the fact that different regions have very different political needs. Lone has a diverse background with education in Theatre, Photography, International Relations, and has just finished a Bachelor in Political Science. She loves to read, do crafts, sing, and hike.



Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters

Member Organisation: Grønn Ungdom (Norway)

Motivation Letter

Dearest friends in FYEG,

I am delighted to be running as EC member and would love to share why and what some of my motivations are with you! 2015 was the year I started to explore the political scene, after learning about government in school. I knew very little in general about politics, and after researching every political party in Norway I decided to join a friend to a meeting with the young greens just to check it out. Later that evening I was officially a member, and so begins my journey within the young greens.

My interest in politics has grown steadily for everything I have learned, the amazing experiences I have had, the events I have had the pleasure of attending, and all the incredible people I have gotten to meet and be inspired by. It has been challenging, confident building, and has always provided me with a sense of meaning. To the degree where this is the field I am hoping of making a career in. Political science, and especially international relations is something I find so incredibly interesting and being active in the young greens has been a big part of shaping the person I have become. I am a big advocate for making politics as understandable, inclusive, and approachable as possible, and I believe this is the perfect way for me to be able to contribute to just that.

During my seven years in the Norwegian Young Greens, I have built knowledge not only in the different levels internally in the Young Greens and the Green Party, but also in different places with very different situations. I have done so many different things, from writing speeches and organizing archives, running social media, planning a variety of different meetings for our members, workshops, demonstrations, campaigning, travelling to different places recruiting people, different types of schooling, camps, seminars, the list could go on and on. The bottom line is I have knowledge and experiences from a wide variety of different settings I believe would be a good edition to FYEG.

The international green movement is in my opinion one of the key factors in getting green policies through in every level, and that it why it is important to have a strong international community to help support and strengthen each other. And something I would love to get to contribute to. Saving our planet is not something we will be able to do on a national level.

I am not the most experienced when it comes to FYEG in itself, but I do have the competence and experience needed. A pair of (relatively) fresh eyes every once in a while, is important for developing a healthy organization, and I do believe I have what it takes to succeed as an EC member. It would be an absolute honour getting to work towards spreading the green message I am such a believer in on an international level!

Wishing you all the very best,

Lone Sandvik Kristiansen

My vision for FYEG

Dearest friends in FYEG,

All of us want a thriving FYEG, but how to achieve this is not as easy to answer. Nor do I think my personal beliefs should affect FYEGs course dramatically should I get the honour of joining the EC. FYEGs future and goals should reflect the green movement and its goals, as well as the member organisations. It is obviously unrealistic to think that we are all going to agree on everything, and I also think that would be damaging in the long run. But by focusing on our common ground, it is all of us as a unified unit who should determine the vision and reality of FYEGs future.

With that said, I do naturally have personal opinions about what I believe to be crucial for a thriving FYEG in the future. The first and maybe even most important part in my eyes, are creating a solid and stable organization. The green movement will only grow bigger for each passing day and having a solid foundation will not only be crucial in the growth of FYEG, but also in maximizing our output and reach, as well as being as effective with our means as possible. Having a solid foundation will also make it a lot easier to be as stable as possible as an organization, which in return will provide us with an image of a strong organization that should be taken very seriously in the international arena. I believe the international arena to be the most important arena for ensuring a green future, and therefore it is important for us to be portrayed is the most beneficial way to achieve our goals.

Another important thing is making FYEG as inclusive and accessible as possible, while also keeping in mind who our members are. Politics is in itself a very demanding field and being a youth organization brings its own joys and challenges. This should be reflected in the way we work, always making sure we are creating a safe, inclusive, educational, and fun space for everyone involved. I believe an understanding, caring and positive organization is at the centre of this. For FYEG to be thriving we need to be united, not only in the goals of our policies, but the very spirit of the green movement. And I believe it is important for the EC to push these values as good examples. A solid organization also needs a united front and thriving culture within, to ensure reaching FYEGs true potential. Making sure everyone in FYEG have a proper voice and ensuring that FYEGs work actually is properly rooted in the member organizations is also something I think is very important.

Lastly, I just wanted to add that I am not saying that FYEG necessarily lacks these things at the moment, but they are qualities I believe should be at the very core of the vision for the future as well. Because everything we are great at today we have the potential to be even better at tomorrow.

Wishing you all the very best,

Lone Sandvik Kristiansen



Lone Sandvik Kristiansen

She/Her, 23, International committee Norwegian Young Greens

ABOUT ME

EDUCATION

Bachelor in Political Science

- 2019-2022
- University of South-Eastern Norway
- With Human Rights and Leadership

Erasmus semester

- Autumn semester 2021
- Faculty of Social Studies
- Masaryk University

International Understanding and Cooperation

- 2018-2019
- University of South-Eastern Norway
- One-year study program in international relations with a focus on cultures and religion

Photography and Backpacking

- 2017-2018
- Agder Folkehøgskole
- One-year practical studies in photography

Music, Dance and Theatre

- 2014-2017
- Charlottenlund Videregående Skole
- High School Program with Theatre

I am an ambitious, creative, and hardworking person with interest and experience a bit all over the place. I have been active in the young greens since 2015, and my political experience includes everything from writing/giving speeches, and organizing various events, to schooling in election campaigning. I have also participated in international events like "Participate, Act, Change!" with the Swedish and German Young Greens. My native language is Norwegian, and I understand Swedish and Danish. My English level is A1

WORK EXCPERIENCE

Shoe-store

- 2018-2021
- Working alone in the store, therefore needing to know/do everything from fitting baby shoes to making inventory

Kindergarten

- 2018
- Summer-worker
- General childcare

Arranging Theatre Workshops

- 2017
- I made and taught a couple workshops for youth aged 13-17 based on theatre pedagogy

Bookstore

- 2016-2020
- Combined book, toy and candy store

Founding and running a theatre company

- 2016-2017
- Me and some of my classmates made a theatre company, wrote an original show and travelled around to different schools, kindergartens and other events performing it.

Museum

- 2013-2019
- Working in the exhibition doing a monologue for the visiting tourists

VOLUNTEERING

International committee

- 2022-
- Arranging International events and representing Grønn Ungdom in FYEG events, Young Greens Nordics among other

Leader of Grønn Ungdom Vestfold

- 2018-2019
- Basically in charge of everything other than the economy
- Biggest event was a school climate strike where we filled the local square. Approximately 1500 attending, and we got coverage from TV and radio

Assistant director Holmen/Hjertaas Productions

- 2017
- Creative and practical work in collaboration with the director of the production

Sound/Lighting engineer

- 2017
 - I helped multiple companies rig up and down, controlling the light during performances and other technical tasks during a performing arts festival and other events

Concert Organizer for Olavshallen

- 2017
- Planning, organizing, and producing concerts for youths under 18.

Secretary for Grønn Ungdom Sør-Trøndelag

- 2016-2017
- In charge of organizatory tasks like archiving, writing reports, being active on social media and arranging member meetings.
- In charge of recruitments and planning recruit week and school debates

Youth Representative Norwegian Green Party Sør-Trøndelag

- 2016-2017
- I was a part of the county council of the Norwegian Green Party in Sør-Trøndelag being the voice of the young greens



LETTER OF RECCOMENDATION FOR LONE SANDVIK KRISTIANSEN TO THE POSITION AS A FYEG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

April 27nd, 2022

Dear member organizations of FYEG.

On behalf of the Norwegian Young Greens, I have the pleasure of expressing our support for the candidacy of Lone Sandvik Kristiansen to the FYEG GA. We strongly believe that she will make great contributions to FYEG that will benefit all MOs

Lone has been an active member of the green movement and the Norwegian Young Greens since 2015. Since then, she's been active at a local, regional, and national level. She was also a member of our international committee in 2016, and again from 2022. Lone has solid experience from both the Youth party and the mother party, which means she can contribute to a better collaboration with the European Green Party.

Having worked with Lone these past 6 months in the international committee, I know that she is someone that prepares well for meetings, follows through on her tasks, and has great analytical skills. She's not scared to take on new tasks and contributes with new ideas and perspectives in meetings.

In addition to this, she is a good listener, and pays attention to the ideas of others. That's why I think she will be a great colleague to other EC members, and representatives from MOs that wish to reach out to an EC-member. In my experience, she always meets people with respect and understanding, regardless of their background.

Lone also has a very interesting background herself, with varied work experience from the public and private sector, which gives her insight into what its like to be a worker at the forefront of welfare services, and what it's like to work on the floor for a big company. She also has very interesting experience from paid and unpaid work within the creative sector. Her combined experience within these fields, gives her insight into many important political issues that can contribute to a more diverse competence in FYEG.

Her practical education within photography, her year-unit in international relations and her current bachelor's degree in political science, have also given her more formal

knowledge of political communication and international cooperation that we think will be useful to the role as a FYEG EC-member.

We strongly believe that Lone has informal, formal, and personal skills that will be useful to all FYEGs member organizations. It is rare to find someone that is both as creative and organized as Lone.

She comes from the North, but I'm certain that she will embrace all MOs in her day-today work if she's elected to the EC. That's why I can wholeheartedly recommend that you vote for Lone for the position as an EC member the coming year.

Best regards from

Paulines Formerkst her

International secretary of the Norwegian YGs, on behalf of the Norwegian YGs.

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,



We are pleased to write this letter in support of Lone Sandvik Kristiansen's candidacy for the Federation of Young European Greens' Executive Committee.

Lone is a highly motivated and skilled person who can strengthen the stability in FYEG and make the organisation more inclusive. With their knowledge of politics as a subject and experience in grassroot operations, we believe that Lone has the potential to actively engage more people into FYEG's work.

Moreover, we find it important that MOs across the entire European continent are represented in our Federation. With great, as well as long, experiences in Grønn Ungdom we believe that Lone, even though her knowledge in FYEG arenas is still to be developed, will be able to represent the Nordic countries as an Executive Committee member.

For these reasons, Grön Ungdom believes that Lone will make a meaningful contribution to the Executive Committee and we would like to express our support for their candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Grön Ungdom and its International Committee,

Alma Gunnarsson

International Secretary, Grön Ungdom



LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports Lone Sandvik Kristiansen

for the Federation of Young European Greens FYEG's Excutive Committee.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

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Amy Smith Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens convenor.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk international.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk

27.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

I am writing on behalf of the Scottish Young Greens to support Lone Sandvik Kristiansen's nomination as executive committee member of FYEG.

SYG is happy to support Lone in her candidacy. Her experience in the Norwegian Young Greens is admirable and we believe she would be a great member of the Executive Committee, bringing in new ideas.

Lone has the skills and ambition needed for the role. Therefore, we are glad to support her candidacy.

All the best,

Amy Smith

Amy Smith Co-Convenor

EC10 Srishagon Abraham : Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer: FYEG Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Srishagon (Srish) Abraham, 22, is a law student, an activist, a dreamer, a doer, a fighter, a lover, a young green. Originally from Malaysia, he was forcefully conscious from a young age of the systematic and systemic racism and discrimination against his fellow Indians in Malaysia, and later of refugees and irregular migrants. Witnessing first-hand what it means to be voiceless – even silenced – and the cruciality of being heard in a society, he has made it his mission in life, conscious of his own privilege, to give a voice to the voiceless and a platform for them to be heard.

His fervent prioritisation of the representation and inclusion of minority cultural and ethnic groups in politics only but continued since moving to Europe in 2019. He immediately continued his activism and political involvement upon moving in DWARS and the LGBTQIA+ student association of Amsterdam. And now he



<u>Member Organisation:</u> DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren (Netherlands)

wants to take that a step further in FYEG, making the young green movement truly a movement for all.

Motivation - Vision - CV - Support Letters

Srishagon Abraham

To: Secretary General Özgecan Kara
 Federation of the Young European Greens
 34 Rue du Taciturne, Brussels B-1000, Belgium

Amsterdam, 28/04/2022

Subject: Application for board member of the Executive Committee

Dear Secretary General Kara,

Brevity being the soul of wit, I will keep this as concise as possible. Putting my candidacy for board member of the EC forward is with one core vision in mind: solidarity. As a dedicated ambitious candidate with a record to back it up, I believe I would be a pragmatic addition to the EC – where platitudes are met with concrete action.

Pragmatism and ambition are not mutually exclusive, they're Ying and Yang – ambition drives one to strive for their dreams, pragmatism grounds one in reality. Growing up in Malaysia, I was always forcefully conscious of the fewer rights I had as a racial minority, let alone the lack of rights altogether as a sexual minority. It is this consciousness that drove me to make it my mission in life to empower, support and fight for the marginalised and disenfranchised – to give the voiceless a voice, because everyone deserves to be heard. Solidarity. It is this ambition in which I was the youngest finalist at 16, representing Malaysia at the UNICEF High Level Meeting on Child Rights; in which I volunteered to help undocumented Rohingya refugees; in which I led an initiative to tutor less fortunate Indian children; in which I have always stood up for the rights of my fellow Indians in Malaysia.

And it is this ambition that drives me to continue that fight no matter where I am. Moving to the Netherlands three years ago, I created the position of board member of International Affairs at DWARS Amsterdam, built a framework for internationallyoriented development and organised several events and workshops with experts and MEPs on European solidarity, activism and migration law. In the LGBTQIA+ student association of Amsterdam, I started the 'Dear White People' initiative to give queer POC members a platform, and founded and chaired the diversity working group to hold the board accountable and develop policies centred to the diversity, inclusivity, and intersectionality of all queer people. As international secretary of DWARS, I am working on various initiatives to ensure youth for whom Dutch is not their mother tongue are just as included in our green and left movement; as well as initiatives to ensure the continuity of DWARS in European and international representation.

Therefore, it is simply not enough to me to voice out solidarity, it must be actualised and manifested; it is, to me, threefold: not just with the (international) community, but with each other and within the board. Solidarity with each other entails ensuring every organisation of the Federation has an equal footing. My vision is clear: capacity development. Acknowledging the privilege of working in DWARS, a political youth organisation with a history of more than 30 years and a comprehensive expanding institutional and organisational framework, many of our sibling organisations are, simply put, much newer and less experienced. As board member, my core focus will be utilising my experience in capacity and organisational development to build a framework in which the organisations with the most capacity have an avenue of sharing their skills, knowledge and experience with those that have the least. And it is my pragmatism and record in which I ensure campaign promises aren't simply empty platitudes.

Solidarity within the board entails working as a team. I am always willing to listen and work together, coming to a compromise when needed without letting go of my own ideals. My priority as a member of a team is not only a healthy productive dynamic internally, but the bonds built together externally, outside work. (Also, I love cooking, and cook well!)

Thus, as someone with a vision, a mission, and the ignition to bring this into fruition, my addition to the Federation is *the* pragmatic choice to truly make the Federation a federation of young European greens.

Srishagon Abraham

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Vision on FYEG

Continuing off of my motivation letter, I will aim for concision – outlining in detail the precise plans I have as a member of the board. My vision for my term as board member can be separated into three spheres wherein solidarity stands central: within the Federation, within the internal organisation, and external to the Federation.

Capacity development

As aforementioned, capacity development is at the heart of my plans. Within the Federation, ensuring that every member organisation has a solid foundation is core to the long-term blossoming of the Federation. I've listened to our fellow young greens, of conflicts with their parent party, of issues with funding, with expansion, retention, internal policies, inclusion, of inexperience with internal organisation and structure. If we want to strive for a Europe that lives up to the principles of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility, we have to start at home. This must be striven for not solely supranationally from the Federation, but coordinated internationally by the Federation between our member organisations.

Supranationally, I aim to continue and further strengthen the efforts of the Federation in this regard, taking inspiration from my work in the Dutch context, and first and foremost prioritising the internal organisation and policies crucial to laying the foundation of a political (youth) organisation. This entails the formulation and compilation of guidelines and templates to internal policies in conjunction with the relevant working groups and experienced member organisations, including but not limited to statutes, by-laws, diversity and inclusivity policies, integrity policies, recruitment policies, privacy policies, and codes of conduct; and catering them based on the needs and deficiencies of each member organisation that could make use of it.

Internationally, I aim to build a framework in which the Federation coordinates connecting member organisations with the most experience or expertise in a specific organisational area with member organisations with less capacity or who are in need of help in that regard. I envision the willing cooperation of the member organisations with the most capacity in striving for this solidarity and making this successful.

Intersectional inclusion

The internal organisation of the Federation itself is as much a priority. An opinion I have oft-shared is that being part of a green movement unfortunately tends to be an option solely available to the privileged, on a macro-level to the West, and on a micro-level to the predominantly White, predominantly academia, and predominantly urban.

The work done up until now by the Federation to be an inclusive, radical feminist organisation is commendable if not inspirational. I can only hope to further this, expanding on the internal rules of procedure as well as taking the next steps to update the Inclusion Plan 2019-2021. There will be a particular focus on the inclusion of POC and those of minority national, cultural or ethnic origins or backgrounds – and working on a strategy on how we could ensure that they too feel included within the green and left movement. Intersectionality will not solely be a "lens" through which we look at, but the very core and rationale in which we carry out our work.

International solidarity

It is vital to recognise the privileged position the Federation has. Externally, capacity development is just as relevant, and the sharing of resources – information and expertise – with our sibling organisations throughout the world is crucial. There will especially be a focus on the Asian region, cultures and peoples, as there is a considerable absence of the Asian voice within social justice and international political discourse – one made increasingly clear during the COVID-19 pandemic. Holding the concepts of corrective and distributive justice at heart, I will ensure any policy or issue we push vis-à-vis a nation of the global south reconciles the imperial past and present of Europe.

Let us strive for a Federation that realises solidarity, diversity, inclusivity, and intersectionality in all aspects, together.

For you, for us, for FYEG,

Srishagon Abra



Srishagon Abraham

Date of birth: 21/05/2000 Nationality: Malaysian Gender: Male

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ABOUT ME

Law student with outstanding oratory and communication skills. I have dedicated my time and passion into various political and social causes from representing Malaysia in UNICEF for child rights, to leading diverse efforts for the sake of diversity and inclusivity in every association I'm in and for the awareness or aid of marginalised groups.

WORK EXPERIENCE

11/12/2021 - CURRENT - Haarlem, Netherlands

Vice-chair and general board member, GroenLinks North Holland Chapter GroenLinks

GroenLinks

01/07/2021 - CURRENT - Netherlands

International Secretary DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren srishagon@dwars.org / https://dwars.org

26/06/2020 - 24/06/2021 - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Board Member of International Affairs, Amsterdam Chapter DWARS, Groenlinkse Jongeren

25/06/2020 – 08/06/2021 – Amsterdam, Netherlands

Secretary and vice-chair ASDV Bonaparte

06/2018 - 08/2018 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Legal Firm Intern Pathi & Associates

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/09/2019 - CURRENT - Amsterdam, Netherlands

LLB Rechtsgeleerdheid

Universiteit van Amsterdam

Minored in: Global Migration, Law and Justice in the European Union

Erasmus: Università degli Studi Di Firenze, Florence, Italy in International Human Rights Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Globalisation and Human Rights, Social Citizenship, Energy Poverty

EQF level 6 | WO, NLQF-niveau 6 | EC | 180 | https://www.uva.nl

01/2017 - 06/2018 - 1, Jalan Taylors, Subang Jaya, Malaysia

General Certificate of Education - Advanced Level

Taylor's College Sri Hartamas (now Taylor's Lakeside Campus)

EQF level 4 | <u>https://college.taylors.edu.my/en.html</u>

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): English | Malay

OTHER LANGUAGE(S):

Dutch

Listening	Reading	Spoken	Spoken	Writing
C1	C1	production	interaction	C1
		C1	C1	

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

09/2019 - CURRENT

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren - Amsterdam Chapter

International Committee: Founder and chair, 09/2020 - 06/2021
 Diversity Committee: Member, 02/2020 - 06/2021

09/2019 - CURRENT

Amsterdamse Studentenvereniging Gay (A.S.V.Gay), the LGBTIQ+ Student Association of Amsterdam

- Diversity Working Group: Founder and chair, 08/2020 09/2021
 Current Affairs Committee: Member, 10/2020 09/2021; Secretary,
 - 10/2019 09/2020
- Trusted Advisers Committee: Member, 10/2019 09/2021
- Newsletter Committee: Member, 10/2019 09/2020

PROJECTS

Student-oriented

- ASDV Bonaparte Amsterdam Open 2020 (27 29 November 2020), organising committee
- AFS Intercultural Programmes (August 2016 December 2018) facilitator
- Taylor's Performing Arts Society (SPART) Shorties 6.0 (18 20 October 2018) Head of Guest Relations

Social causes

- Taylor's Rotaract Stepping Stones Initiative (March 2017 August 2017) project leader
- Gift of Sight Programme (4 September 16 October 2016)
- Society of the Blind in Malaysia (SBM) Inclusive Community Challenge (3 December 2016) organising committee

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Poetry and culture

I have a huge passion for spoken word poetry. I started writing from 2018 and was involved in the spoken word scene in Kuala Lumpur until moving to the Netherlands in 2019. The spoken word scene has always been the most accepting community, a goal I try to develop and support in all areas I'm active.

My love for my Indian and Malaysian culture also plays a prominent role in my life, and in 2018 I represented Malaysia as part of a delegation from Taylor's University in China for an ASEAN-China traditional dance showcase and tour.

RECOMMENDATIONS



References available on request.

Federation of Young European Greens 34 Rue du Taciturne 1000 Brussels Belgium

Utrecht, 27 April 2022

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SRISHAGON ABRAHAM. Candidate-board member

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren fully endorses the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham as member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Impassioned, ambitious, dedicated and hardworking – traits we strongly believe that Srishagon embodies. Despite his relative newness to DWARS, or even to the Netherlands, Srishagon has continued to prove himself in every endeavour he undertakes, academically, professionally and personally.

From his time in the board of DWARS Amsterdam to his current role as International Secretary of the national board, Srishagon consistently prioritises the importance of international issues and it's interweaving with national and local issues, of diversity and representation, and of the inclusion of all. As International Secretary, Srishagon has tirelessly worked on ensuring not only that international issues get prioritised nationally, but also the establishment of a framework for the continuity thereof and the inclusion of non-Dutch youth in the Dutch green movement. Srishagon has further raised the profile and representation of DWARS within European and international spheres to higher heights, establishing bonds for example with the Taipei Representative Office and Jerusalem Human Rights Consortium.

It is therefore without a doubt that Srishagon's vision equals action, a vision prioritising capacity development and solidarity that we enthusiastically stand behind and echo within DWARS. Furthermore, his lived and professional experiences and unique perspective equips him to be a crucial asset to the Federation. We fully believe in his capacity to radically transform the Federation to one that is inclusive of people of colour and minority cultural and ethnic groups. We further commend his plans to build bridges with our allies beyond Europe, which as aforementioned he has pursued within DWARS. From our time working with him, we know his abundance of care will contribute to the healthy and positive dynamics of a team – where he won't just be a member of a team, but a friend you can count on.

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren sees in Srishagon an impassioned, intelligent and inspirational candidate-board member and individual, and we are proud to support his candidacy. We call upon the other member organisations to support his candidacy.

In green solidarity,

The National Board of DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren,





Luxembourg, 26th April 2022

Dear FYEG General Assembly 2022 delegates,

On behalf of *déi jonk gréng*, I would like to express our support for *Srishagon Abraham* as a board member in the Executive Committee of the *Federation of Young European Greens*.

We believe that Srishagon's dedication and years of experience as an activist in Malaysia and the Netherlands to be valuable qualities for the respective position. We are in admiration of Srishagon's achievements as a member of DWARS and his active fight for the rights of marginalized people.

Furthermore, *déi jonk gréng* share Srishagon's vision on the future of FYEG and support his desire to develop capacity and to further expand intersectional inclusion and international solidarity.

We are confident of the benefits that Srishagon's experience and knowledge will bring to *FYEG*, and see him as the optimal candidate for the Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely, Claire Remmy International secretary

Kenny



Letter of support for the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, *écolo j* (Belgian Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham in the upcoming FYEG General Assembly 2022 as a candidate of FYEG's Executive Committee member.

We have read Srishagon's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we truly believe that Srishagon will be a great addition to the next Committee!

We would be thrilled to collaborate and work with Srishagon Abraham on his mandate to put his vision for FYEG into practice and to develop collaboration between FYEG member organisations in this challenging time for green youth.

The team of *écolo j*



Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express support for Srishagon Abraham applying as a FYEG EC member for 2022/2023.

After examining the applicant's candidacy and his past work, we have come to the following conclusion:

We consider his experience, vision and motivation to be in line with the requirements of a FYEG EC member and are fully supportive of his ambition of becoming the next member of FYEG EC.

For any questions you can write us at daniloboskovic95@pm.me.

Danilo Boskovic General Secretary and member of the presidency Youth Forum URA





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To the 2022 General Assembly of the Federation of Young European Greens

Brussels, 27 April 2022

Re: Candidacy of Srishagon Abraham for the Executive Committee

Dear friends,

We are writing to you in support of Srishagon Abraham's candidacy for the FYEG Executive Committee.

Having been International Secretary of the Dutch Young Greens (DWARS), Srish has been fostering sound ties with us during our common activities and endeavours. With his active advancement of anti-racism and cultural diversity, we believe that Srish and his vision perfectly covers and can deal with the present challenges of the Federation internally and externally.

Moreover, we welcome Srish's wide vision of looking further than Europe to face the troubles the world currently faces, such as but not limited to climate change, racism, and gender-based discrimination and violence. While we can be proud of our pioneer role in the world on various fronts, we also reiterate the need for global cooperation, beginning with the youth in Europe whose origins are from outside the continent, and represent various cultural values which can be enriching to European diversity and solidarity. That is where we as Young Greens can make a difference in Europe and have an impact on the world—for the common good.

For these reasons, we wholeheartedly endorse Srishagon Abraham's candidacy for the Executive Committee and hope for your kind consideration in the General Assembly.

With kind regards on behalf of Jong Groen,

Asher Serrana

International Secretary

Paola Travella

Iordv Sabels

Co-Presidents



Support letter Srishagon Abraham | EC Candidate

To FYEG's MOs, EC, Office and every activist:

With this letter, Joves Ecosocialista, FYEG's Member Organisation in Catalonia, shows its support to our colleague **Srishagon Abraham** in his candidacy to become a member of the Executive Committee.

We believe that Srish's candidacy can bring a broader and more representative view of the reality of young people around Europe with diverse backgrounds to the organisation. We highly value his task as International Officer of DWARS, and consider that it has been remarkably beneficial for FYEG, bringing interesting proposals and enriching ideas.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Srish for putting the effort in reaching out to our organisation in Spanish. ¡Gracias!

On behalf of the National Coordination Board of Joves Ecosocialistes,

Dani Sosa Caballero co-spokesperson Anna Winkelmann Larios co-spokesperson



Les Jeunes Écologistes 3 Rue de Vincennes 93100 Montreuil France

Federation of Young European Greens

34 Rue du Taciturne 1000 Bruxelles Belgium

April 27, 2022

Support Letter for Srishagon Abraham

Dear fellow young Greens,

The French young Greens, *Les Jeunes Écologistes*, are expressing our full support for the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham to become a member of the Executive board of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

Thanks to his positions with the Dutch young Greens, including as an international secretary since last summer, Srishagon not only became familiar with FYEG, its internal structures and political positions, but he also developed an understanding of successful relations between the Federation and member organizations. Good relations between the federation and its member organizations ensure that FYEG can be of help for all its members and that all members contribute to the political goals of the federation. We are more than confident that Srishagon could contribute to strengthen these links and build the capacities of member organizations building on his experience as an international secretary.

In addition to this, Srishagon proposes a vision for FYEG which we fully support. His proposals to strengthen international solidarity and intersectionality inclusion are essential to open up Green movements and our Federation to young people we did not reach in the past. We believe that it is essential for FYEG and its member organization to develop exchanges with other parts of the world. Thanks to his personal experience, Srishagon is the perfect candidate to strengthen our links with activists all over the world. A Green future will be inclusive or will not be.

For these reasons, we believe that Srishagon would be a most valuable member of FYEG's Executive Committee and we can only endorse his candidacy.

Green cheers,

Robin Ehl – International Secretary – Les Jeunes Écologistes



Riga, 28 April 2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

On behalf of Protests, I am happy to announce our support for Srishagon Abraham as a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

We know Srishagon to be an experienced and ambitious person and thus a very qualified candidate. His motivation and vision impressed us and we strongly support it.

We are confident that he would be an asset to the Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely, Dainis Miglāns Spokesperson Protests



Amy Smith Co-Convenor Scottish Young Greens convenor.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk international.syg@scottishgreens.org.uk

20.04.2022

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

I am writing on behalf of the Scottish Young Greens to support Srishagon Abraham's nomination as executive committee member of FYEG.

SYG is happy to support Srishagon in his candidacy. His work and experiences have impressed members of the Scottish Young Greens council and we have confidence that he would be a great member of the Executive Committee.

His motivation to run for this position is impressive and shows his commitment to the Green movement in Europe.

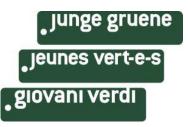
His vision for FYEG is progressive and we believe he will be making a positive impact on the work of FYEG.

Srishagon has the experience, expertise and ambition needed for the role. Therefore, we are keen to support his candidacy.

All the best,

Amy Smith

Amy Smith Co-Convenor



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Support letter for Srishagon Abraham as an EC-Member of FYEG in the 2022-23 term

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Srishagon for one of the positions in FYEG's EC. Srishagon is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate his activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Srishagon will do a great job as an EC-Member. Swiss Young Greens particularly like his knowledge and experience in the topics of inclusion and intersectionality. Furthermore we appreciate his plans to make FYEG more inclusive and more solidary.

We wish him good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with him!

sustainable and warm regards, On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegruene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



ALBANIAN YOUNG GREENS

Tirana on April 20, 2022

Re: Letter of Support

Dear members of FYEG's General Assembly,

We are more than happy to write this letter to support Srishagon Abraham for the position of Executive Committee member of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

Srishagon Abraham has extensive experience when it comes to working with international organizations, supports the green ideology and believes in the green perspective. We strongly support Srishagon Abraham as the future member of FYEG's Executive Committee Board, where we are more than confident that he will enrich the organization with knowledge and experience exchanges as well as the support needed.

On behalf of the Albanian Young Greens

Ambra Durro Albanian Young Greens <u>ambra.durro@hotmail.com</u> cel: +355 693400500 https://www.facebook.com/www.tegjelbrit.al



LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Finnish Green youth supports Srishagon Abraham

for the Federation of Young European Greens FYEG's Excutive Committee.

Helsinki 27/04/2022

Peppi Seppälä

Peppi Seppälä Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret

Jami Haavisto

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Jami Haavisto Co-chair, Vihreät nuoret



27 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

On the behalf of the Young Greens of England & Wales Executive Committee, I can confirm that Srishagon Abraham has received our letter of recommendation to stand as a candidate for the Federation of Young European Greens Executive Committee.

As an eco-socialist party, we support their political beliefs as a leftist who has been involved in campaigns related to the Black Lives Matter movement and for queer liberation. We hope they can use the experiences gained from their time as the International Secretary of DWARS (Dutch Young Greens) on the committee. We also note their experience working to support Rohingya refugees amongst a lot of other important humanitarian work.

We support their values of international inclusion and solidarity. We therefore support their aim to 'ensure any policy or issue we push vis-à-vis a nation of the global south reconciles the imperial past and present of Europe.'

Signed:

Sharel Hill

Name: Position: Email:

Raphael Hill International Officer raphael@younggreens.org.uk



Letter of support

The Green Youth of Serbia is hereby endorsing the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham for the position of Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens for 2022/23.

We appreciate Srishagon's enthusiasm, intersectional approaches he takes in activism and motivation towards getting involved with FYEG as an Executive Committee member. We believe Srishagon's vision is in line with the FYEG one and that if elected, his potential contributions would mirror improvements within the Federation.

Belgrade, 26.04.2022

On behalf of Green Youth of Serbia, Co-Secretariat

Milan Zlatanovic

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Elena Petrovska

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Letter of support for the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham for the Executive Committee of FYEG

To whoever it may concern,

With this letter, we, Nέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi (Greek Young Greens) would like to express our support for the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham in the upcoming FYEG GA22 as member of FYEG's Executive Committee.

We have read Srishagon's CV, motivation letter and vision for FYEG and we strongly believe that he will be a great addition to the next Committee! Although we did not have the chance to work with Srishagon Abraham as closely as with other EC candidates, we have been closely following the work of DWARS and we feel so inspired and empowered by the way they are organized and act! Our appreciation for DWARS is so strong, that even the fact that they decided to suggest him for this position, is good enough for us to support him as well!

Moreover, Young Greens around the globe are known for being able to have a critical ability and the courage to express their own viewpoints for the sake of the greater good and a fair life for all, no matter if the rest of the world takes an opposite stance. This means that besides supporting DWARS's decision due our appreciation of their organization, we also have strong and concrete reasons for our decision to support Srishagon! As we mentioned above, we have not had the chance to work as closely with Abraham as we would like, but we are greatly impressed by his vision and motivation. His qualifications and skills are outstanding and he is a person that is always there. In almost every FYEG meeting and seminar we attended in the past 2 years he was present, his name and reputation precedes him and that tells us a lot about his character! Neoi Prasinoi is a small organization that is lacking proactive members and we strongly believe that having such motivated EC members will help us a lot at achieving our biggest goal for this season: to learn how to develop a strong base of members who are not afraid to take initiative!

Please consider supporting Srishagon's candidacy as well, The team of Νέοι Πράσινοι - Neoi Prasinoi



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KY/NP/007/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Srishagon Abraham FYEG Executive Committee Candidacy

This is to confirm that Srishagon Abraham is supported by our organisation for the position on the Executive Committee of the Young European Greens. We believe he will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. His knowledge and experience are valuable assets for the Federation.

We believe that he is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits his profile to make FYEG more inclusive and diverse.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,

Kyriaki Yiannouri Secretary General Young Cyprus Greens



Giovani Europeisti Verdi Rome Italy

We are happy to express our deepest support for Srishagon, applying as FYEG EC Member. We believe Srishagon will be a great addition for FYEG Executive Committee.

Srishagon attention for a wider diversity within the organisation can be beneficial for the work of the Executive Committee as it would enhance FYEG inclusivity strategy. Srishagon international approach and background could facilitate the broadening of FYEG network, which is instrumental for the organisation development and diversity.

Therefore, we are pleased to support his candidacy and hope he will be able to contribute to the work of our Federation as EC Member.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing to giovanieuropeistiverdi@gmail.com

Green Regards,

Luca Boccoli & Francesca Cucchiara

National Co-Spokesperson Giovani Europeisti Verdi www.giovanieuropeistiverdi.org giovanieuropeistiverdi@gmail.com / info@giovanieuropeistiverdi.org

