EC4 Antonio G. González: Candidate for Executive Committee

Agenda item: 2. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

¡Hola!

I am Antonio G. González, an activist of Juventud Verde, during the last year I have been part of the Executive Committee of FYEG, and I am running again for another mandate. During this first year, I have learned a lot about this extensive and incredible organisation with so many people behind it, so I want to continue giving the best of myself to continue building and doing politics from care. As always my main goal is to create safe spaces where we can build new politics, taking into account the social and geographical margins of Europe so that it can move forward. If you have any questions or want to talk to me, don't hesitate to write me @antgargon96.



<u>Member Organisation:</u> Juventud Verde

Best regards,

Antonio.

Supporters

Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι - Greek Young Greens); Mylena Ferreira (Joves Ecosocialistes); Cameron Garrett (Scottish Young Greens); Ivana Vojnov (Green Youth of Serbia); Danilo Boskovic (Youth Forum URA); Marta Bogustova (Protests); Patrícia Marcelino (Ecolojovem); Nefertiti Bikin-kita (Swiss Young Greens); Theo Lecarpentier (écolo j); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Konsta Lindi (Vihreät nuoret); Mireia Roncero (Juventud Verde)

ANTONIO G. GONZÁLEZ

MOTIVATION LETTER

To whom it may concern,

Over the course of a year, learning and experiences can be enriching, instructive and renewing. During this year I have learned something fundamental; FYEG is a large and complex organisation, which takes into account the local, regional and national realities of all its organisations. An organisation with workers and activists working for a Europe that is fairer, greener and where young people can have a future.

During the last year, I have developed the functions of the political campaigns "Mental Health is Political" and "Tax the Rich"; I have also been responsible for the Southern European organisations; as well as responsible for the EC for the FYEG strategy 2022-2025. In addition to other tasks that I have developed throughout the year together with my colleagues from the outgoing EC, such as representing the FYEG in the European Youth Forum, being in the evaluation team of the FYEG "EU and You" programme, being a delegate in the European Green Party Congress and Conference, etc.

Such a big organisation with so many people needs a political body that aims at the continuous stabilisation and future growth of the federation. A year is enough time for many things, but it is also too short for some of us to continue working in this incredible organisation. That is why I want to present myself again to the FYEG Executive Committee, to continue contributing my perspective as an environmental activist but above all as a social activist with an important and necessary look at the local and regional levels, and as always in the insular and rural territories, which are the most affected by climate change, depopulation, and which are the most undermanaged due to their isolated reality.

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FUTURE OF FYEG

To whom it may concern,

My vision for the future of the FYEG is simple: policies have to be made together and for the margins.

I understand the margins not only as what is outside or not in the centre, but also as all those groups and categories that societies have made to be on the margins. Trans people, migrants, refugees and racialised people, the working class, the LGBTIQA+ community, and so on. This is what we understand as the social margins, but the territories, the islands, and the rural areas are also margins that Europe and the European Union must take into account in order to build a more prosperous future.

2024 is going to be a very important year for FYEG, once again we are facing elections which, as in 2019, will determine the perspective and role of the European Union, and in the broadest sense of the word, of Europe. We will be faced with the dichotomy of resignation or hope, autocracy or democracy, a dark and uninhabitable future or a green future in which we can all fit. The European Parliament elections of 2024 will be very important for many organisations, but we must also attach importance to those organisations that are not part of the European Union, and in which it is also necessary to defend the environmental and social policies that FYEG is always committed to defending and making a reality.

I understand that the elections to the European Union are an important event for FYEG, but we have to understand that the contingent cannot be more important than necessary, all FYEG organisations must continue to build a fairer and more ecological Europe, understanding that European policy is not only made from Brussels but also from the social, political and geographical margins.

Antonio G. González



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ABOUT ME

I am Antonio, a sociologist and internationalist, as well as a development expert, specialising in political analysis, LGTBIQ+ studies, gender, migration and environment and climate change.

BASIC SKILLS

(1) Situation analysis and resolution. (2) Project and coordination. (3) policy Analysis and work in advocacy and political communication. (4) Research and social analysis. (5) Languages: English, French and Portuguese.

ANTONIO G. GONZÁLEZ

Political and social analyst

WORK EXPERIENCE

City Council of San Bartolomé de Tirajana | Sociologist and Project Manager

2023 - Now

The work that has been developed is the direction, creation and implementation of projects in the area of equality and diversity, together with the coordination of a working group and the investigation of the social reality of the municipality.

FYEG | Member of the Executive Committee

2022 - Actualidad

The main functions in the position have been the coordination of political campaigns, responsibility for the South of Europe region and responsibility for internal strategy.

Plan Internacional España | Project Manager

2019 - 2020

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

ACADEMIC RECORD

Doble Degree in Sociology and International Relations and Expert in Development

Universidad Complutense de Madrid 2015 - 2021

Course in Political Consultancy for Governments and Public Administration

Complutense University Summer School 2015 - 2021



Support letter

Antonio G. Gónzalez, EC Candidate

To whom it may concern,

From the executive committee of Juventud Verde (Spanish Young Greens), we are writing to you as a token of the great support, respect and affection that we have always had and will continue to have for Antonio.

From our point of view, Antonio is a person who has undergone experiences since they were a child that have led them to become the determined and strong person that they show us all today. The diverse experiences and the constant struggle with society have generated in their enviable values of solidarity, equity and respect for diversity. This includes, of course, the defense of the environment and the entry into politics with the aim of improving (at least a little) the world around us. Antonio has worked on various fronts in our organization since 2017 and has proven to know how to defend our rights and positions. The different positions they have held are Co-Spokesperson, Manager of International Relations, Head of Communication, Ecofeminist Committee Coordinator, delegate of youth Council of Spain and, last year in the Executive Committee of FYEG. During these 7 years, Antonio has developed very valuable skills to be in the management and organization of an association such as FYEG. In addition, their great mediator character generates an openness to debate and the search for solutions necessary in such a large and diverse group. We are not surprised that knowing FYEG they have fallen in love with another way of doing politics, more inclusive, freer and more representative of what they and many people in this organization defend.

We consider that they are a person who still has a lot to contribute to FYEG and we are sure that they will continue to give their best for the organization and the young and green Europe that we all wish for. Now, it is time to keep growing and keep adding. From Juventud Verde we support you to continue in the process of changing the Europe we want and represent us young people in the struggle, determination and willingness to make the world we live in greener, fairer and more inclusive.

Heartfelt gratitude Antonio,

Juventud Verde's Executive Committee

