

EC1 Benedetta Scuderi: Candidate for Co-Spokesperson

Agenda item: 2. 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 was also part of the Italian Green party renovation process. She has been involved in FYEG since 2019, joining the Executive Committee in 2021 and being Co-spokesperson in the last mandate. During this time, she has committed to support the develop the organisation and its MOs, worked with various partners and represented FYEG externally. She has also been responsible for developing the EU campaign plan.

She is passionate about the connection between social and environmental issues, believing that a wider engagement of communities is key in the decision-making process. Therefore, with a degree in law, one in sustainable management and one in Public Policy, she has become a sustainability and community engagement consultant.

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



Member Organisation:
Giovani Europeisti Verdi

Supporters

Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Mylena Ferreira (Joves Ecosocialites); Theo Lecarpentier (écolo j); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι - Greek Young Greens); Benjamin Wold Birmanis (Young Greens of England and Wales); Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Igor Skórzybót (Ostra Zieleń)

VISION AND MOTIVATION

BENEDETTA SCUDERI

CO-SPOKEPERSON CANDIDATE

Dear Member Organisations,

With great honour and excitement, I am sharing with you my vision and motivation for my candidacy as FYEG co-Spokeperson.

These two years in FYEG have been a roller-coaster of emotions, learnings, events, people and discoveries. I have understood what FYEG is, can be and what potential it has for young people in Europe. I also realised what I can give to the organisation, I've learnt so much and developed into a different person, one that can lead in hard times, take tough decision, speak up when is needed and understand when it's time for others to speak.

It is impossible to deny that we are living through very challenging years and as FYEG Co-Spokeperson you must come to terms with these challenges. The pandemic, the hostile Russian invasion of Ukraine, the democracy crisis and far right rising, the climate emergency that is not anymore a future concern but is a problem of the present, the energy crisis, the inflations and the increasing inequalities, these are issues we have to face and next year will be crucial to determine the part we will play into the European response to these challenges. The EU Parliament campaign will be a big part of our work next year. This will not only be related to the EU MOs, it will concern each and every one of us, because the future of Europe is a matter for everyone. These elections will be crucial for understanding if we will have a greener and fairer Europe, that will expand to many other countries, or if we will have a right-wing Europe, run by hate and mistrust towards the outside.

This is one of the main reasons why I want to stay ad FYEG Co-Spokeperson for another mandate. FYEG can play a crucial role, giving a hope and home to many young people that feel betrayed by the current political system. FYEG can mobilise thousands of young people around Europe, it has the human and technical resources to run a campaign that is big, motivational and strong. This could be our own personal green wave, this could make a difference into such a dark political scenario. FYEG has the potential to empower young greens in this race and create a structure for coordinated efforts towards the elections. Collaboration and knowledge-sharing will be key to campaign success, especially for less structured organizations in countries where green politics is still emerging. Moreover, our structure could help other MOs, that are not from EU countries, to develop expertise and to lobby for their own political campaigns.

I want to be part of it, I want to give all my experience and expertise into this project because I deeply believe in it.

On of the main responsibilities I had during my last mandate was to work on the EU campaign, I would like to carry on this work, with all the experience I gained by being in FYEG and running a Parliament campaign. I believe, there are four main areas we should focus on:

- Engaging young people as campaigners and candidates, especially the ones coming from more vulnerable groups is the main priority for me to diversify the political scenario made of middle-aged, rich, white cis-man. To do this we need to provide a

structure where people can feel safe and where they can find the tools and resources necessary to engage.

- Collaboration with partners, including EGP and the Greens/EFA Group, will enhance our coordination and visibility in different contexts. Engaging EGP campaign, lobbying for our ideas in their manifesto and joining efforts for the campaign, will amplify our results.
- Developing the Young Candidates Platform is crucial for the forthcoming European elections. This tool will enable young green candidates to exchange ideas, receive training and support, and allow FYEG to track their campaigns. The Platform has the potential to create a young European network in the green elections, empowering young people from underrepresented countries in our Group in the Parliament. Due to my experience as a candidate, I believe I can be a great asset in developing the tool.
- Working on a decentralised campaign will give us the opportunity to resonate our strengths, engaging people and being present where we are not present yet.

Although EU elections will see a great commitment of FYEG for the year to come, this cannot be our only focus. Empowering Member Organizations (MOs) must stay at the centre of our activities, since they are the lifeblood of FYEG. We can only build a sustainable, solidarist, and peaceful Europe if we have strong MOs who are fighting for it. By empowering people in every remote corner of Europe, we can spread our voice across the continent. The Federation is our power structure, allowing us to exchange expertise, strategize, and fight for a common cause in a coordinated way.

For this to happen, our capacity building activities are instrumental. The positive outcome of the Young Green Decentralised training is the perfect example, and its continuation for next year is absolutely crucial, especially for the MOs that are not from an EU country. Moreover, we should encourage regional and extra-regional collaboration among MOs with similar structures to share experiences, concerns, and potential solutions. Such collaboration should be promoted through common projects and campaigns, as well as new moments of exchange.

It is, also, important to bear in mind the diversity of our backgrounds and nationalities, and to value and appreciate these differences rather than allowing them to become barriers. To promote greater collaboration between the Eastern and Western regions, we should create more opportunities for dialogue, with the aim of better understanding each other's unique histories, political contexts, and needs. The diversity within our Federation is a source of strength, and it is only by embracing it that we can develop a sustainable and desirable political vision for all of Europe.

I believe that collaborating with new and old partners, lobbying, networking and making FYEG even more visible is essential for the development of the Federation.

Advocating our radical ideas remains our main goal, enhancing our politics and attracting committed young people to our cause. Through advocacy activities, such as resolutions to EGP, collaboration with the Youth Forum, campaigns and lobbying to the Parliament, we can make our instances stronger and reach important common goals on the European ground.

Working with other youth organizations will also allow us to carry out joint campaigns, gain political space, and foster a sense of unity among youth. Starting from our position as a reliable partner and well-known organisation, we should become even more connected to the youth sector and attend important events, structures, and conferences to expand our network and enlarge our audience. During the European elections, for example, we could collaborate with other youth organizations, both political and non-political, to advocate for greater representation of young candidates and to encourage increased youth voter participation.

Moreover, FYEG should try to be more present, more visible and more relevant in the EU political scenario. During my mandate, I had a strong commitment onto this. I would like to continue this work as I have now the right experience and knowledge. The political relevance of the members of the Executive Committee, and even more of the Co-Spokepersons, are extremely important for the credibility of youth politics and young politicians. Being present, visible and reliable in the political debate, will show that we are here to do politics and to be in the Institutions, that we are ready and we must part of the decision-making process as much as older people.

Finally, I am extremely happy for the work that has been done this year to make FYEG more inclusive and I want this to be carried on in the next mandate, making it more structured and embedded in the organisation.

Let's take our present to save our fucking future!

Green Regards,

Benedetta Scuderi

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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. Main activities include: materiality analysis and stakeholder engagement, data collection and analysis, document designing and drafting
- 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 for big infrastructures' projects
- Research and analysis of new trends, drafting sustainability reports according to International Standards, creation of targets and goals
- 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)

- Gained extensive working and academic knowledge on many aspects of political science theory relevant to understand how public policies are formulated
- 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
- Surveyed stakeholders, reached out to companies for potential partnerships, drafted a business plan

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

- Gained extensive knowledge on sustainability, energy and ethical business, concluding with a final project on stakeholder analysis and engagement

- Prepared presentations and strategic plans for sustainable businesses strategies, eventually pitching them in front of classmates and professors

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

- Developed extensive knowledge on Italian, European and International law
- 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

Co-Spokeperson (previously Executive Committee Member) (Jun 2021 - Now)

Federation of Young European Greens, Brussels (BE)

- Leader of a Federation representing more than 30 Member Organisations (MOs) all over Europe, responsible for the coordination and development of the MOs and for creating and implementing the Federation strategy

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

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

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| ➤ Research and analysis | ➤ Organisation |
| ➤ Team working | ➤ Communication |
| ➤ Customer relations | ➤ Analytical mind |
| ➤ Complex problem solving | ➤ Working under pressure and with tight deadlines |
| ➤ Attention to details | ➤ High profile presentations |

Languages

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| ➤ 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 Federation 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,

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National Co-Spokesperson

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