

EC3 Emil Schenkyr: Candidate for Treasurer

Agenda item: 2. Executive Committee Candidates

Introduction

Hi everyone, I am Emil (he/him)! Born and raised in small-town, rural Bavaria in the south of Germany, I always felt the urge to go about and explore the world. After a yearlong student exchange to Malaysia at age 15, the seal was broken and I have since lived, worked, and studied in France, Belgium, and Kazakhstan. Coming from a household with four younger siblings, I learned to take on responsibility for me and others at a young age. This is reflected in my broad work experience (including everything from kitchen aid to parliamentary assistant), which I used to finance my studies. After being active in European policy and international diplomacy, I was longing for more and became politically active in Grüne Jugend. This is where I found my political home, FYEG, which combines everything I ever looked for – radical Green ideas, intercultural communication, and European politics. I cannot wait to put my skills to good use and embark on this journey of growth of FYEG together!



Member Organisation:
Grüne Jugend

Supporters

Marta Bogustova (Protests); Theo Lecarpentier (écolo j); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Mireia Roncero (Juventud Verde)



Emil Schenkyr

/ Candidacy for Treasurer

My dear Young European Greens,

I am very excited to be running for the position of treasurer on FYEG's Executive Committee. My relationship with FYEG has been intense and all-encompassing from the beginning, which is why I will share with you my motivation in these next paragraphs.

FYEG is the best space I have operated in throughout my political and activist life. I experienced this first hand and most intensely during the Mental Health Campaign throughout 2022. The way the prep-team, but also the participants, looked out for one another was something very new and extremely meaningful to me. But this does not mean we are perfect. There is room for improvement. While we try to be inclusive, we are a very white and geographically imbalanced (sometimes even Brussels-centered) organization. This needs to be addressed in a strategic and structural way.

I have been very active in FYEG from the beginning and now hope to put my energy into the organization in the role of treasurer. My engagement and experiences motivates me to make use of my skills in FYEG. Over the last years, I led the Working Group Democracy & Inclusion, contributed to the Ecosprinter (interview on Community Supported Agriculture), and acted as a prep-team member for the whole Mental Health Work Plan 2022. In all these different activities, I strive to include a strategic, long-term perspective.

Before my time in FYEG, I was active in and built up a youth exchange organization, developing national and international structures from the ground up. Main responsibilities of mine were the introduction of capacity building for smaller MOs, as well as finances. Not surprisingly, I acted as treasurer for multiple years, thus bringing experience to the table. In this time, the organization both grew in size and depth, enabling 5.000 yearlong exchanges a year.



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I have been a political person all my life. Through my studies and a focus on European policy, it became clear to me, that there is high need for change. And where best to pursue this change, if not in a political organization? As a European political youth organization, I see us as a political actor that must put all its power behind the fights worth fighting – for a just, feminist, diverse, democratic, sustainable Europe. As a youth organization based in political activism, we are in the unique position to act as a force within established politics, while pushing for revolutionary change on the streets at the same time. This makes our input more credible and valuable, and it strengthens our movements. At the same time, we are a federation. As such, we are responsible for our MOs and our members. Strengthening our movements, growing MOs, learning from and supporting each other are crucial for a federation capable of achieving change. In my understanding, FYEG must act both outwards and inwards, in order to be able to achieve the change we all long for.

We as FYEG are getting ready for a kick-ass campaign in the European Elections in 2024. As such, we need to be ready with an experienced Executive Committee ready to start working from day one. As an active member of FYEG with experience in executing work plans, developing our position on The Conference on the Future of Europe, and as head of a Working Group, I hope to contribute to this Executive Committee. Given my relevant experience as treasurer in international youth organizations, I feel both competent and capable to take on this responsibility.

I am incredibly excited to shape the upcoming years of FYEG with you together and look forward to working in this federation with you in a new role!

Lots of Green love,

Emil



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My dear Young European Greens,

our federation is an amazing space to operate in and can be proud of a growing number of successes. However, this does not mean, that we are not in the need to evolve, grow, and shape an even better organization. Thus, it is my pleasure to share with you my vision for FYEG.

The FYEG I envision needs to focus both on European and EU politics, as well as on itself and its internal structures.

On the European policy level, my focus has always been the areas of European integration, Enlargement policy, and Foreign policy. With the Conference on the Future of Europe having come to an end, there is a window of opportunity to push for changes long overdue in all of those areas. Right now, the European Parliament and the general public are allies, but it is not guaranteed that it will stay this way. We can see this at the example of unanimity in decisions taken by the European Council, a practice long overdue to be changed. Throughout the last four years, I have worked on abolishing the principle of unanimity within the European Council from many different angles. This includes academia, as part of a think tank on European policy, and just a few months ago, as part of the FYEG Working Group Democracy & Inclusion. We are now at a point where the European Parliament, and partially even the European Commission, are officially supporting this policy change. As a political youth organization, I believe we can have a significant impact on such fundamental, and strategically important policy changes. But we need to act now.

This all leads to the need for a strong campaign and good electoral results in the European Parliament elections in 2024. Preparing and executing the electoral campaign is the main responsibility that this EC has. In order to build the Europe we want, we need to support our candidates to become part of the European Parliament.

Because IT'S OUR FUCKING FUTURE!



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Within FYEG, capacity building of our MOs is where I see the biggest need for action. A federation, with a huge imbalance of power, structural development, and membership numbers between its MOs is bound to run into problems. The space within the organization is often dominated by those MOs that have the capability to focus on the European level, in addition to their national level, leading to growth of the imbalance, rather than reducing it. At this point, we need to intervene. There are already a lot of great ideas that have been developed within FYEG, with and by the structurally disadvantaged MOs. The example of stronger regional cooperation, is something that has proven successful in other organizations as well. We need to build on already existing structures! CDN is one of our biggest allies in this struggle. Strengthening and expanding these long-term processes must be continued throughout campaign years as well.

Shifting back to the European level, this is not a struggle that only we within FYEG or Green youth organizations face. In many of the countries that our MOs operate in, they face a hostile political environment. Part of the European integration and EU enlargement process is strengthening (political) civil society. This is an objective that is not met by the reality of European politics and needs to be strengthened.

So while we address struggles within our federation in the short-term, we must not forget the underlying structures that need to be fundamentally changed. Only a combination of short-term symptom relieve and long-term treatment of the root causes will lead us to our goal, a just, feminist, diverse, democratic, sustainable Europe.

Dear friends, I invite you to set out on this journey towards a more radical, confident, and caring FYEG with me. Let's grow together and change both, the Europe we live in, and the federation we operate in!

Lots of Green love,

Emil

Vision Statement



CV

/ Emil Schenk



Work

since 07/2022

Personal Assistant to MP
and Parl. State Secretary
Dr. Franziska Brantner

02/2022 – 06/2022

Public Affairs Intern
msg, IT-firm & Consultancy

02/2020 – 05/2020

Political Intern

Representation of the Free
State of Bavaria to the EU

11/2019 – 02/2020

Communications Intern
Embassy of the Federal
Republic of Germany,
Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan)

Education

2020 – 2023

MA Political Science
University of Heidelberg

2016 – 2020

BA European Studies
University of Magdeburg

FYEG Volunteering

2021 – 2022 | Working Group Coordinator

Democracy & Inclusion Working Group

2021 – 2022 | Prep-Team Member

Mental Health is Political seminar (Podgorica,
Montenegro)

The Mental Health summer camp (Rouen, France)

Mental Health LAB (Brussels, Belgium)

2021 – 2022 | Ecosprinter Author

Community Supported Agriculture interview

Other Volunteering

since 2022 | Campaigner and Board Member

Bündnis 90/Die Grünen Heidelberg

Electoral Campaign for First Mayor in Heidelberg

2020 – 2022 | Spokesperson

#EngageEurConference campaign for policy
change through the Conference on the Future of
Europe (Institute for European Politics, Berlin)

2020 – 2021 | Spokesperson

Green Student Association Heidelberg

2012 – 2021 | Co-President

Rotex International (International Youth Exchange
Program)

Dear General Assembly,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Emil Schenkyr's application as treasurer for the FYEG EC for 2023/2024.

Emil researched in international research groups, with a focus on the climate crisis (paper: Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism) and European foreign and security policy (paper: European Foreign Policy; thesis: The Russo-Georgian War of 2008). He was also spokesperson for the project #EngageEUConference by the Institute for European Politics (Berlin), campaigning for policy change through the Conference on the Future of Europe, where he successfully lobbied for strategic sovereignty of the EU and the abandonment of unanimity in the European Council, both are included in the conference resolutions

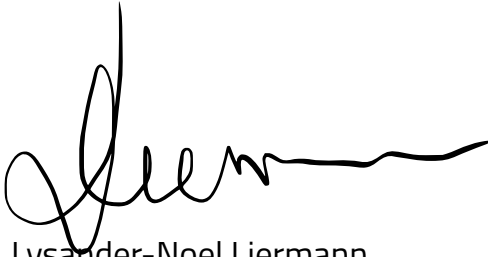
Additionally, Emil's political experience proves to us his capabilities to help steer FYEG's political agenda! He's been very active in the local structures of GJ Heidelberg.

Within FYEG, he was prep-team member of the Mental Health is Political seminar in Podgorica (Montenegro), the The Mental Health of the Activist and the Oppressed summer camp in Rouen (France), and the Mental Health LAB (Belgium). He additionally was Co-Coordinator of the Democracy & Inclusion Working Group, as well as Ecosprinter author (interview: Community Supported Agriculture).

With the European elections in 2024 being a main focus of the upcoming EC, campaign experience is especially important. Emil was active in the 2021 federal elections in Germany, organizing events in Heidelberg. In 2022 he played a central role in the elections for mayor in Heidelberg, where he was responsible for the campaign targeted at young voters and holding financial responsibility for it, thus also proving essential skills for the position of treasurer.

With his skills and personal qualities, his knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, and his past engagement and experiences with FYEG, we wholeheartedly support Emil's application.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lysander-Noel Liermann', with a long, wavy horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lysander-Noel Liermann

International Secretary and member of the federal board

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