

CS3 Emil Schenkyr

Agenda item: 1. Candidates for Co-Spokesperson

Introduction

I am Emil, political activist and candidate for co-spokesperson of our wonderful federation.

After more than ten years enabling international youth exchanges all over the world, I started my party-political activism five years ago. In this time I have served in almost any voluntary position FYEG has to offer, in addition to being active on the local and national level.

This last year I steered FYEG through the EP election period as treasurer and as part of the campaign team.

Asides from politics, I spend as much time outdoors and in the mountains as possible. I enjoy traveling and have lived in Malaysia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belgium, France, and Germany.

I am convinced that we have the power to change European politics for the better and I am dedicated to take this step with you. Let's build the Europe we deserve!



Member Organisation:
Grüne Jugend - Germany

Supporters

Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Vilma Jaatinen (Vihreät Nuoret); Filip Janković (Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine)

Letter of Motivation

Emil Schenkyr

LETTER OF MOTIVATION

My dear friends,

I am thrilled to put myself forward as your next co-spokesperson of FYEG.

In these two pages I want to take the time and share with you who I am and why I am running as your co-spokes.

My origin story – why am I in politics?

In the process of writing this letter to you, I took the time to read the letter I sent to you over a year ago, when I was running for the position of treasurer on the FYEG executive committee. I relived the emotions I felt when participating in my first FYEG event, when bringing my first activity as a prep-team member to an end and I feel once more how my motivation to be in politics aligns with the space our federation opens up, how they reinforce each other and create something much bigger.

My motivation to be in politics is to relieve this world of injustice, creating a future worth living in, with human rights and protection from any kind of discrimination or marginalization on an individual level and dependable, social, and empowering structures on a communal, societal level.

This motivation is what guides my political engagement and is what I value in the community our federation strives to create.

My path in FYEG

My path is that of many, always political but not always party-political. I spent a good 10 years being active in international student exchanges, responsible for over 5.000 of them a year. It was only about 5 years ago I decided to step into party-politics and albeit a challenging place to navigate I am ever glad I did. Shortly after I found out and discovered FYEG, a space and a community I find so valuable within a matter of weeks I started dedicating large shares of my capacity to it.

Having acted as prep-team member, written ecosprinter articles, engaged in strategy development, lead working groups, and been part of leading our successful EU electoral campaign team I have gained a thorough, in-depth understanding of our federation. And speaking of federation, one of my goals and core understandings is, that we need to meet and speak with one another if we want to truly be a federation. Therefore I made an effort to do exactly that visiting seven member organizations and speaking individually to many more alone in this mandate. This is a practice I want to mainstream within the EC, ensuring larger connectivity and participation all over Europe.

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Our joint future

Growing together as a federation through communication and connectivity is the first step to a future of FYEG I want to see us work towards. We are at a strategic point in time where we have the chance to shape the future of European politics. Having just gone through the great effort of an electoral campaign, it is time to refocus on the bigger picture. The European left is in a bad state, escalating conflicts between one another time and time again, fragmenting itself and therefore putting actual change and political impact on the lives of the people in Europe in the world in ever-further distance. This is painfully visible when it comes to questions of climate justice as well as international politics, most prominently the conflict of Palestine and Israel. This is as true for the European left as it is for us, FYEG. At the same time, I believe we as FYEG are the ones best equipped to overcome this tendency of infighting, this strategic disadvantage of focusing our resources on conflict with one another. I am convinced that we can tackle these divisive questions, address them and come to common understandings, and work forward from there. We are the ones that can change this culture, we are the ones that can take on the responsibility for uniting ourselves and leading by example for a united European left. We are the ones that can make actual change happen, if we dare to!

My dear friends, I have shared with you where I come from, how I grew through FYEG, and where I want us to go together. I want to hold the community and strengths of FYEG high and develop them further. I want to take brave steps into our future together, overcoming disputes and enable actual political change. This is what motivates me to run as your co-spokesperson.

**The future is in our hands, I want to shape it for the better.
Will you shape it with me?**

Yours

Emil

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emil Schenkyr', written in a cursive style.

Vision Statement

Emil Schenkyr

VISION STATEMENT

My dear friends,

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.

I envision us to grow our political impact, to develop proper policy discussions, and to strengthen our capacity and structures.

Growing our political impact

In FYEG, we are in the powerful position to have political impact through activism, lobbying, and politics. After having dedicated almost two years to strengthening our position in politics through the EU elections, it is time for us to take advantage of all three avenues to achieve actual political change. This concerns activism as a form of political impact which I want to grow as an essential part of our political work, as it has been in the future. With the last action in the European Parliament we have seen what is possible and it is time to further grow our connection with the movements on the streets again. In lobbying, we have the opportunity to strategically use the youth organizations we are a part of, such as the European Youth Forum, as well as the political party-family we are connected to, to influence political decision-making. This includes a stronger connectivity with EGP decision-makers, also through the FYEG nominee on the EGP committee, as well as a strategic use of our membership in the European Youth Forum.

When it comes to traditional politics, we have just elected three FYEG candidates into the European Parliament. It is now time to ensure our work of getting them there translates into actual progressive policies. I therefore want to strengthen our position with the Green Group in the European Parliament.

Engage in policy discussions

We as FYEG have the opportunity to lead political discussions in Europe. Keeping this responsibility in mind, we must ensure we stand on firm grounds in our political positions. I envision us as a federation to actively engage in political discussions in those topics where we do not share a common position. This will not only enable us to unite between joint positions and lead the way in political discourse, but it will also sharpen our arguments.

Further, over the next year I envision us to undergo a process of refocusing our efforts on specific policy fields for our external political work. This is included in our activity plan and will help us focus our efforts of having actual political impact.

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Strengthening FYEG from the inside

As a political actor on the European stage, we must ensure a resilient federation on the inside. In order to keep our strength, I want to continue our current level of capacity building and focus on an intersectional and inclusive FYEG.

Due to the EP elections, we did suffer a cut to our finances, directly affecting our capacity building programs. It is of high importance to me that we keep our current quality and quantity of capacity building, such as the Young Greens Decentralized Training, as they play a crucial role in further growing our member organizations. Through careful adjustments to our program and budget distribution we are now on a good path to ensure this despite the budget cuts and I plan to continue this.

In FYEG we strive for an inclusive federation and understand this from an intersectional perspective. In this, I believe it is of utter importance to continuously improve our feminist structures, to mainstream racial justice, and to broaden our understanding to social justice including people with disabilities and people from low-income backgrounds. Towards our feminist structures, we are suggesting changes to our IRPs this term and propose to institutionalize a Feminist Council. The work on racial justice, pioneered by our Racial Justice Task Force, is one we need to take on as a federation as a whole. Inclusion towards class or disability still needs to be proactively addressed.

We as a federation are strong when every person that wants to is empowered to be active in it and when our structures are resilient. It is my hope to ensure this.

It is my vision to enable our federation to achieve actual political change in Europe, change that our neighbors can see and feel. We are in a good starting position but are not quite at this point. Let us take these next crucial steps to take our future in our hands.

Let us build the world we deserve!

Yours

Emil

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

09.2020 - 02.2023

Master of Arts Political Science

Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg

Final grade: 1.3

08.2021 - 12.2021

MA Political Science (Semester Abroad)

Paris School of International Affairs, SciencesPo, Paris

08.2021 - 12.2021

CIVICA Capstone Project “The Future of Europe”

CIVICA The European University of Social Sciences

04.2021 - 12.2021

ThinkTank “EngageEU”

Institut für Europäische Politik

04.2021

4EU+ Spring School “European School of Environmental Economics and Policy”

4EU+ European University Alliance

09.2016 - 08.2020

Bachelor of Arts European Studies Extended

Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg

Final grade: 1.4

07.2019

Trilateral Summer School “The EU and its Neighbours: Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies”

Genshagen Foundation

08.2018 - 06.2019

BA European Studies Extended (Semester Abroad)

Linguistic University Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia

08.2017 - 03.2018

Magdeburg Model United Nations

Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg Model United Nations team 2017

08.2017

International Summer School “Russia-Europe: International Communication in a Multicultural World”

Federal University Kazan, Russia

WORK EXPERIENCE

09.2024 – current

Dr. Marilena Geugjes, Member of Parliament Baden-Württemberg

Head of Office

07.2022 - 08.2024

Dr. Franziska Brantner, Member of Parliament and Parliamentary State Secretary for the Minister for the Economy and Climate Action

Head of Heidelberg Office

02.2022 - 06.2022

msg systems ag

Berlin Office

Coordinator for Digital Policy

04.2021 - 06.2022

Norbert Knopf, Member of Parliament Baden-Württemberg

Personal Assistant

02.2021 - 01.2022

Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg

Erasmus+ Assistant to the Erasmus Coordinator (Dr. phil. Siegfried Schieder) at the Institute of Political Science

12.2019 - 02.2020

Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU

Brussels, Belgium

Intern

08.2019 - 11.2019

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Kazakhstan

Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Intern

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English C2

Russian B2

Spanish B1

French B1

Dear fellow Member Organizations,
Dear friends in FYEG,

it is with my greatest pleasure that I write this letter to you, recommending Emil Schenkylr for the role of co-spokesperson of FYEG.

Emil has served the federation with passion and great determination. As treasurer he steered the federation through a difficult time of increased financial pressure due to the EU election results. We are especially thankful for his engagement throughout campaign times. His work with the Green Base was crucial for the campaign and builds the foundation for a true digital community for FYEG. In order to engage this community of FYEG and rebuild it, Emil has made sure to visit an impressive number of member organizations in person during his term as treasurer. This close relation between EC members and the member organizations is especially important when it comes to challenging and pressing policy issues that are hard to navigate. His work stands as an example on how we as a federation and the EC can foster an atmosphere where we successfully tackle pressing policy questions.

It is Emil's vision to strengthen our federation through strengthening our member organizations. In addition, he has a clear plan for mainstreaming inclusivity in our federation. We are convinced of the plan he describes in his vision.

Most importantly Emil has a clear vision for changing Europe for the better. His analysis of FYEG's role within the European political landscape is sharp and precise. With rising challenges within Europe and the political landscape of each MO, we are convinced, Emil is the right person to take the right decisions within FYEG to make positive change happen.

Dear friends, due to the age-limit within Grüne Jugend, we are not able to provide Emil with an official nomination letter. Nonetheless we are convinced, that with his 28 years he is just at the right age to lead FYEG and falls well within the age limit of 35 years.
We will vote to admit his application for co-spokesperson of FYEG and advice you to do the same.

We recommend you Emil as co-spokesperson of FYEG with the highest regards.



Julia Bernard, International Secretary of Grüne Jugend Germany