

EC2 João Antonucci Rezende

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

## Introduction

I was born in Brazil, raised in south Italy and I now live in Belgium. Strangely enough, I consider myself an European as much as I consider myself a citizen of the world.

I've spent most of my life in the streets fighting for climate and social justice, and I have spent the past few years doing it together with FYEG and its MOs: firstly in Italy with the Italian Young Greens, when we were still a very small MO, and lately with the two Belgian Young Greens, one of them - écolo j - in which I invested myself during the last year as international secretary.

And it's exactly this feeling of total immersion in this green world that gives me the forces to run for the executive committee of FYEG.

As a human being, as an activist, and as an FYEGer, I'm looking forward for the Green Revolution.



Member Organisation:  
écolo j - Belgium

## Supporters

Vilma Jaatinen (Vihreät Nuoret); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Ellen De Wit (Jong Groen); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Louise Jeanne (écolo j (Belgium)

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Dear Member Organisations,

It is with utmost excitement that I'm hereby announcing my intention of running to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of the Young European Greens.

After four years of activism in many green youth organisations across Europe, and after two years since my first FYEG event, I decided to make the big leap and run to bring what I have to offer to FYEG.

FYEG has held a fundamental part in my life for the last few years: here I found my political roots, my friends, my faith in youth. Here I met so many incredible and inspirational people. Here I learnt and grew, together with many other people, and we all together helped FYEG to grow in what we are today.

And as FYEG gave me so much in these years, here I am willing to give back all the love and the experience that I gained, running and putting at everybody's disposal my aptitude to help this movement to grow. I feel that my experience in the Executive Committee of the French-speaking Belgian Young Greens, my previous co-leading role in local chapters, my knowledge of FYEG's structures and MOs, are all things from my past that led me to this exact moment.

I am extremely excited to see the next steps for FYEG, and I'm looking forward to taking part of this evolution, and maybe with your help to guide it towards the kind of movement that we want FYEG to be.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me, otherwise I hope to see you soon and have your vote!

Green regards

**João**

# MY VISION

I see FYEG primarily as a community, and my Vision is based on how I would like to see our community to evolve during this mandate. This FYEG that I dream of has three main pillar:

## **An FYEG of diversity**

FYEG members and MOs tend to be relatively diverse, but it's not enough. We must acknowledge that many categories of people (like immigrants, People of Colour and people with physical disabilities) tend to be underrepresented still today at FYEG, especially in FYEG bodies.

We need to continue creating safer spaces that make these people feel safer and therefore push for participation of these underrepresented categories.

## **An FYEG of peace**

Peace-building is a hard process. De-escalation of internal conflicts is complicated, and we needed it many times in the last two years (I remember them, I was there trying to help de-escalating the tension during the Russian invasion of Ukraine and more recently with the escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict).

We need an organisation that can build a peaceful environment to any discussion, de-escalating internal conflicts where necessary and preventing them as much as possible.

I believe many of these conflicts come from the fact that some MOs feel unheard, therefore creating more links among the MOs, especially smaller MOs, is essential to build peace.

## **An FYEG of (skill) sharing**

The most important thing of FYEG's community is our ability of learning from each other. The European elections showed it clearly: we have many people with many different skillsets, which means that together we can do and learn a lot.

It's important to create spaces where we can share our skills and grow together, as activists but first of all as human beings. We have the tools to create these spaces virtually, let's actually build them now.

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### Work experience

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#### **Right to Repair Trainee | ECOS**

May 2023 - May 2024

- Community management at the Right to Repair Europe coalition, that counts over 150 members in all Europe;
- Management and creation of content for all the communication channels of Right to Repair Europe (Twitter/X, Instagram, LinkedIn, Wordpress, etc.);
- Advocacy for regulations on ecodesign,;
- Planning and coordination of R2R's biggest stunt action in front of the European Parliament with diversified actors such as MEPs and activists;
- Support in the writing of application for different grants (from Umweltbundesamt and European Climate Foundation);
- Support in the writing of press releases;
- Coordination of digital petitions, actions and mail-bombing;
- Planning and management of different webinars related to energy efficiency;
- Speaker at events and conferences for Right to Repair Europe.

#### **Outreach Intern | Greens/EFA**

September 2022 - February 2023

- Support to the outreach team of the European Greens in the European Parliament;
- Support with the logistics for Greens/EFA's main annual event, the European Ideas Lab;
- Update and optimisation of database;
- Support to MEPs;
- Translation and mediation;

#### **Project Intern | FYEG**

September 2022 - February 2023

- Preparation, organisation and logistics of one of FYEG's main events, the FYEG's LAB: All Politics is Mental Health Politics;
- Support for the program, narrative and financial reports of FYEG's annual workplan;
- Support in grant applications for various entities (GEF, Erasmus+, EYF);
- Provided trainings on fundraising.

### Academic background

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#### **Environmental management MA | ULB**

2023 - 2025

#### **Political science BA | ULB**

2020 - 2023

### Fun fact!

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In my free time I write stand up comedy content related to social and environmental justice!

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## Activist experience

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### Executive Committee | Belgian Young Greens

July 2023 - June 2024

- International relations;
- Communication management;
- Support to the electoral campaign, including communication, door-to-doors and other actions;
- Writing of many political open letters, position papers and white papers;

### Volunteer | FYEG

March 2023 - Present

- Logistical support for the Get Out to Vote campaign, to convince young people to go voting for their future;

### Volunteer | Youth for Climate

September 2022 - Present

- Planning of actions and demonstrations for the climate in Brussels;
- Delegate of YfC in the Coalition Climat and in the international Fridays for Future movement;
- Point of contact for different partners such as Extinction Rebellion Belgium, CAN Europe and Rise for Climate Belgium;

### Co-founder | Zarabusta

September 2019 - September 2020

- Creation of local environmental youth grassroots movement;
- Management of all the social media channels;
- Management of local actions;

## Skills

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- Photo and video editing (Lightroom, Photoshop, Canva, etc.);
- Video editing (Adobe Premiere, iMovie, etc.);
- Informatic skills (Office, Google Workspace, Action Network, Monday, Wordpress, etc.);
- Programming skills (Python, Pandas, HTML);
- Social media knowledge (TikTok, Instagram, X, Facebook, LinkedIn);
- Public speaking;
- Teamwork & collaboration;
- Translations (4+ idioms);
- Grant and report writing;
- Fundraising skill;
- Conflict solving;
- High mediation and negociational skills;

## Linguistic skills

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- English: C1
- French: C1
- Italian: C2
- Portuguese: C2
- Spanish: B2

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Federation of Youth European Greens

Brussels, 22nd July 2024

Subject: Reference letter

Dear FYEG's members,

Having worked with Joao Antonucci Rezende – who was the international delegate within écolo j's executive committee in 2023-2024 and who's been a dedicated activist in our youth organization for years – I am writing this letter to recommend that you to elect this person to join the FYEG's executive committee.

From an international and European perspective, the year 2023-2024 was clearly marked by the European elections and by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict :

During this year Joao was the liaison between écolo j and the FYEG during the European election campaign, helping to organize several successful events for écolo j linked to the European elections, such as our very first texting party, among other things. Besides, during FYEG's internal conflicts over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, they carried écolo j's vision within FYEG by trying to find compromises with our twin organisations.

Finally, they tried hard to establish a Benelux community of young greens, by building relationships between the four national organisations in the Benelux countries : for instance, by inviting members of DWARS and Jonk Gréng to the WinterWeekend.

As the coordinator of écolo j, I never encountered any difficulties when in contact with Joao Antonucci Rezende or working with them on projects. On the contrary, they carried out their mandate successfully. They is a reliable person and they showed a great deal of enthusiasm as to their commitment for social and environmental causes – which they will show again at this year FYEG's General Assembly by advocating the resolutions of écolo j.

Thanks to this shared activist experience, I am entirely convinced that Joao Antonucci Rezende will prove to be a reliable and serious candidate for the FYEG's executive committee. They will no doubt be a true added value to the organisation, as they was to ours.

I am of course at your full disposal should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Océane Badiou