

CS5 Marta Bogustova

Agenda item: 1. Candidates for Co-Spokesperson

Introduction

I am a young and loud activist from Latvia. I've had the honour to hold many leadership positions both in Latvia's civil society and also our federation. I have a special kind of energy that strives to lift up everyone around, creating growth. I don't hold back my tongue and stand up for justice wherever I go- being true to the values I admire and staying grateful for the inspiration I see in the people and movements around me. My name is Marta Bogustova and I am running for the co-spokesperson of FYEG.



Supporters

Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Egle Olesk (Noored Rohelised); Tilde Isaksson (Grön Ungdom); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Vilma Jaatinen (Vihreät Nuoret); Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Filip Janković (Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Louise Jeanne (écolo j (Belgium); Nora Axberg (Grön Ungdom); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine); Mika Lolic (Grüne Jugend Germany); Soesha Sandker (DWARS)

Member Organisation:
Protests - Latvia

MY MOTIVATION

Being an activist is a vital part of my identity. Truly. There is this one quote I like about how next time someone asks you: when did you become an activist ask them- when did you stop? We all have the innate wish to live in a better world and have something that makes our eyes light up. For me it's being part of the change I wish to see, being able to stand and speak UP and not feel so hopeless.

One of my biggest lucks in this life has been to be able to experience the community activism brings, and especially the community FYEG brings. It is truly magical. Somehow this one organisation continuously attracts such educated, inspiring and brave people from far and wide. You have taught me to be brave.

I have received so much from FYEG, and my only aim is to give back even half of it.

My motivation for being a co-spokesperson is because I know that this is exactly where I excel- being the representative of green youth perspectives in politics. This is quite literally my strongest suit. I am a loud and young feminist with a burning passion to stand up for social and environmental justice. It keeps me up at night and sparks my fight. It is my biggest motivation to keep fighting and look for new ways how to make us heard.

My candidacy is a thoughtful decision. I see myself in the requirements of a co-spokesperson. I see the value I bring to the table. And I am sure as hell that we need more young women, especially from Eastern Europe, to hold leadership positions.

When politics continue to make me feel helpless and angry I tune in with the movement. I take a second to realise that I am not alone. We are not alone. We must turn this anger into passion. Let their hate motivate us to be even stronger and fight harder. Because I'll be damned if I let their hate politics to take away the fire in my heart!

I am motivated to work on increasing our scope, strengthening our movement and bringing green values to the front of the people's agenda. We are the future. And I have the audacity to be the co-spokesperson of it!

MY VISION

I have been a part of the federation since 2021. I have been a delegate, a campaign team member, a spokesperson of an MO- you name it. FYEG to me has been a source of empowerment and hope- giving a voice to the voiceless. I'm running for co-spokesperson because I am passionate about our politics and see that I can offer valuable input on growing our sunflower even brighter and kinder!

I have three top priorities: firstly, focusing on **achieving powerful momentum in the media**. Secondly, **strengthening our inner unity and consensus** and thirdly, **true empowerment of Balkan and Eastern European MO voices**.

During this campaign we significantly expanded our media communication. This is the best way forward how to reach outside our bubble. The focus should be put on enlarging our use of media because it will offer the momentum we need. I have the necessary skills and experience to lead this expansion and we will take it to the next level. I'm talking viral, funny, angry and inspiring- all of it!

Unfortunately our movement too has experienced dividing forces, making us turn against one another. This poses as a big risk that makes us more vulnerable to the rising far-right politics. A focus on fostering our inner unity is a must. The strengthening of MO collaboration is a priority to me.

I have been twice a delegate to a FYEG GA, both during the full scale invasion in Ukraine. And a very harsh realization I had was how unpowerful and underrepresented Balkan and Eastern European voices still are in the federation. As a person coming from Eastern Europe I will work hard on emphasising a representation that empowers true regional balance. Benefiting FYEG's diversity and presentation.

I envision the future of FYEG being led by a young and passionate woman that comes from Latvia, a team full of inspiring and driven executive committee members representing our diverse yet bold MOs! And I need your help to make this come to life!

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Work experience

Assistant to Latvian Parliament MP Jana Simanovska
2023

Digital content editor for “Progressives” election campaign
2022

NGO experience

Campaign team member of Young European Green's (FYEG) campaign for the 2024 EP elections
2023- 2024

Organiser of the Green European Foundation's (GEF) Project “European Green Activist training” in Latvia
2023- 2024

Chairwoman of the youth organisation “Protests”
2023-2024

Co-organizer of the traditional Latvian folklore summer camp (3x3) in Ludza, Latvia
2021-2023

Co-organiser of the Young European Green's (FYEG) project “LAB: All Politics is Mental Health Politics” in Brussels
2022

Secretary-general of the youth organisation “Protests”
2022-2023

Languages

Latvian C2
English C2
German A2
French A2

Education

High school
Riga State Gymnasium Nr. 2
International Baccalaureate (IB) and national education programme

University
KU Leuven
Bachelor in European studies (ongoing)

Public experience

<https://fb.watch/dYhZW4tEpw/>
<https://fb.watch/dYizw17zm-/>
<https://festivalslampa.lv/lv/programma/pasakumi/1828>
<https://ltv.lsm.lv/lv/raksts/16.01.2023-aiizliegtais-panemiens-operacija-dzimstibas-krize-latvija-2serija.id283012>
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3OUlo08ReGltGTRetdSKbE?si=0097a18c25674c70>
<https://www.tv3.lv/pedas-pec-tevis/nerupeties-par-apkartejo-ir-iedomigi-saruna-sociali-aktivo-jaunieti-martu-bogustovu/>

Educational experience

Youth Parliament (Latvian)

Organised by Saeima (the Parliament of Latvia)

2023

Masterclass for young European political leaders

Organised by Latvian Transatlantic organisation

2023

FYEG's working group "Democracy and Inclusion"

Organised by FYEG (Federation of Young European Greens)

2022

"Mental Health is Political" seminar

Organised by FYEG (Federation of Young European Greens)

2022

Project "Why to Participate?"

Organised by CDN (Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe)

2022

Environmental project "Alter COP26"

Organised by FYEG (Federation of Young European Greens)

2021

Project "Game on Climate Change"

Organised by the Latvian Nature Fund

2020

EU leadership courses "Prakse Kalves"

Organised by The European Union House in Riga

2020

EYE (European Youth Festival)

2018

Nationality

Latvian

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Dear Young European Greens,

On behalf of Protests, I am thrilled to nominate Marta Bogustova for the position of Co-Spokesperson of the Young European Greens.

Marta brings a wealth of experience from her extensive involvement in activism. Over the years, she has participated in FYEG's activities in various capacities, including as a delegate, participant, prep team member, and campaign team member. Her dedication to FYEG has been unwavering, and she has consistently contributed to the organization's growth and success.

Marta's leadership skills are exceptional. During her mandate as Protests' spokesperson, her natural ability to inspire and motivate those around her always brought out the best in others and encouraged them to excel. Marta's team spirit is one of her most admirable traits; she fosters a collaborative and supportive environment, ensuring that every team member feels valued and heard.

Throughout her involvement with FYEG and Protests, Marta has worked on a wide array of important topics. She has been a passionate advocate for solidarity with Palestine, intersectional feminism, and numerous other social justice issues. Her diverse experience has equipped her with a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within our movement, and she is well-prepared to address them as Co-Spokesperson.

Marta's commitment to FYEG and her impressive track record make her an ideal candidate for this role. Her strong-willed, cooperative, and motivated nature drives positive change and fosters a collaborative environment. We are confident that her continued participation will greatly enhance the strength and capacities of the Executive Committee.

We fully support Marta's candidacy for Co-Spokesperson and believe she will continue to be a valuable asset to FYEG.

Yours sincerely,
Beāte Anna Klepere
Spokesperson of the board,
Protests