

CS1 Amy Winandy

Agenda item: 1. Candidates for Co-Spokesperson

Introduction

Dear green friends,

I am Amy (she/her) and I am very excited to be running for Co-Spokes of FYEG!

I have gained an immensely good understanding of coordinating and working as a Co-Spokes in my Luxembourgish young greens for 2 years and now I want to take responsibility on an European level within and with FYEG.

Whilst I love yapping and speaking up, I also love listening and this is what we need to do more. We need to listen to our MO's priorities and communicate on the topics that are close to our hearts (Palestine & Ukraine). This is why we need all of our MO's involved, from all regions so that we gain back our sense of community.

I am ready to bring all my energy into FYEG and to keep pushing boundaries, fight for what WE believe in and keep our voices loud. I do not shy away from uncomfortable discussions and this is what we need FYEG to keep doing. I have so many more aspirations, visions and causes I want us to fight for but let's take them step by step.

With lots of love,

Amy Winandy

Supporters

Saúl Lara (Juventud Verde); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Maxime Pantaleoni (JonkGrenG); Karl Reimer (Grüne Jugend Austria); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Cameron Garrett (Scottish Young Greens); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine); Mika Lolic (Grüne Jugend Germany); Albert Barseghyan (Jeunes Vert·e·x·s Suisse/Junge Grüne Schweiz/Giovani Verdi Svizzera/Giuvens Verds Swizra); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Žgħažagħ EkoXellugin)



Member Organisation:
déi jonk gréng - Luxembourg

Amy Winandy

Fight for jobs

Candidate for Co-Spokesperson

Dear green fairies,

I am excited to run for one of the Co-Spokes positions in FYEG's Executive Committee. Over the past year I already shared some of my experiences, visions and ideas with you, but I don't want it to stop here! It is with great enthusiasm and a deep commitment to the values and goals of the organisation that I present my application.

Being the Co-Spokes of our Luxembourgish young greens, showed me the world of politics and I was confronted with a lot of new information, technicalities and to be honest often thrown in at the deep end. My motivation to have a fair and equal society was always driving me, whatever the circumstances. Being re-elected Co-Spokesperson until this February, showed me that the motivation and energy I bring is seen and valued.

My last year with FYEG was exciting. I attended the youth assembly in Brussels, the GA in Barcelona, the amazing FYEG summer camp, the young candidates platform in December and our beloved Green Rave in Rome. My love for FYEG has grown and now it is time for me to step up.

Love conquers all

This is not just a cheesy quote but a reality. My involvement in politics began with anger. Anger towards the inequalities in our society, anger that fascism is gaining popularity, anger that there is too little climate action taken. Through the beginning of my political involvement, anger has been the main force for my motivation, which might be a good start but as you can imagine is not very sustainable in the long run.

From my first FYEG event on and throughout each more event, I noticed the **love and community** that FYEG was offering. Having this shift in my driving force from anger to love is something that brings me even more motivation and energy. Energy that I am already sharing with the world and that I am ready to share actively by being the Co-Spokes of FYEG. Bringing emotions into politics can be challenging as politics have been heavily influenced by patriarchal structures but we are here to challenge and to break old cycles. Feeling emotions and being professional can go hand in hand.

Step by Step

Living in a world where so many crises are happening all at once and where we are confronted with them at all times can be draining. As youth green parties I don't need to tell you the urgency of which we need to combat the climate crisis, wars and inequalities but **we together need to tell the world!** As greens we are constantly battling against conspiracy theorists, fascists and in general green hating people. Another battle to fight. But we chose this party because we believe that change is possible, because only together we can be the change. The knowledge, love and support FYEG offers can be the first step towards this change. It is normal to be overwhelmed at times where one crisis haunts the other, but if we tackle them step by step together, we will see change.

Amy Winandy

Candidate for Co-Spokesperson

Size doesn't matter

Coming from Luxembourg I have grown up in a Europe where borders barely exist. Driving to one country from another has been almost a daily activity due to our small size. But we are all part of the bigger web. Having run in local and national elections last year for Luxembourg, I gained so much knowledge and experience from our campaigning and politicians that I am very excited to share in FYEG. I have had the privilege of representing the Luxembourgish Young Greens and Greens at various international events and meetings, connecting with many European Greens and sharing ideas. These experiences have broadened my understanding of global environmental and social issues and have shown me a sense of global citizenship. Whilst it is good to see the progress of your country, it is important to acknowledge how much we can learn from others. My vision for FYEG is **including all MO's from all regions as much as possible** and creating even more of a community feeling.

For an intersectional feminist future

As a queer feminist, to me equal rights should not be a discussion. When I speak of equal rights and inclusivity I am meaning this for people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, sexualities, social classes, genders and everyone in between. After my bachelors in Communication where my focus points were the climate crisis and feminism, I started my Masters in Gender Studies. Having this intersectional feminist lens can be challenging in a patriarchal capitalistic world, but it also improves situations where more inclusivity is needed.

Being aware of privileges is also a step towards equality. I am aware of the privileges I have and am here to use them for more equal rights. This can look like using a platform or privilege to amplify the voices of those who are often unheard or overlooked. Advocating for policies and legislation that promote equality and address systemic disparities. Crises are emotional, genocides are. That's why we need to talk about them.

We shouldn't shy away from uncomfortable discussions about privilege, discrimination, and inequality. Engaging in dialogue can help raise awareness and change mindsets.

Pushing boundaries can be hard, stepping out of your comfort zone, asking difficult questions. But this is what we need if we want change. This is what I bring.

Amy Winandy

Candidate for Co-Spokesperson

Balance over burnout

My vision on the role of a European political youth organisation is what FYEG already is trying. It is supporting each other through differences. It is acknowledging the progress that has been made and being grateful for all the work that has been done. Creating a community of people who have the same aspirations and goals for a better future. What we want as political youth organisations is **systematic change**, and this change IS possible if we work together. All MO's have such a diverse range of experiences and knowledge that it is time to connect and share this with other MO's. Accessibility and communication are key and I will bridge this connections.

Last but not least, what we need is fun. Politics is a very serious field where difficult topics need to be discussed, but what we can't forget is to have a balance, to have fun and to enjoy being the YOUTH political organisation. Having this great mixture and balance of progressive work and fun with amazing people, is something that I want FYEG to continue to be. It is only with balance that we can keep up our mental health and continue our fight for a greener future.

I have a million more aspirations, visions and causes I want us to fight for but for now, this shall be my resume. I am excited about the opportunity to become the next FYEG Co-Spokesperson and also to collaboratively meet with even more like-minded individuals across Europe to further our shared vision of a sustainable, inclusive, and green future.

Let's choose love, let's fight for joy.

Sincerely,
Amy Winandy


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My visions for FYEG in 5 points for people who don't have the time to read my motivation


- Involving more MO's and create even more of a community feeling
- Talk together with MO's what topics FYEG should communicate more on (E.g. Palestine, Ukraine, climate justice)
- Stay visible, loud and keep volunteers engaged
- MO's share experiences and offer help to others (E.g. Events, elections)
- Acknowledge the progress that has been made and vocalise gratefulness 

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RESUME

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SKILLS

Adaptability

Creative thinking

Solution oriented

Communicative

Open minded

Positive attitude

Leadership


Time management



EXPERIENCE

03 / 2024 – TODAY


International officer of déi jonk gréng
Political Youth Party Luxembourg

03 / 2022 – 02/2024 

Co - Spokesperson of déi jonk gréng
Political Youth Party Luxembourg

2021 – 2022

General Secretary of déi jonk gréng
Political Youth Party Luxembourg

08/ 2023 – 10/2023 

Green Party Communication Team
Political Party Luxembourg

08 / 2022 – 01 / 2023

Kitchen Leader and Chef
Red Cross Luxembourg

06 / 23 & 10 / 23 

Candidate in local and national elections
Luxembourg
Green Party Luxembourg

EDUCATION

03 / 2022 - 08 / 2024

Master of Arts in Gender Studies
University of Vienna

04 / 2024 - 06 / 2024

ANDI editorial office apprenticeship
Radio Orange

10 / 2018 - 02 / 2022

Bachelor of Arts in Publicity and Communication
University of Vienna

LANGUAGES

Luxembourgish - Native

German - C2

English - C2

French - C1

Spanish - A1

AMY WINANDY

Dear Federation of Young European Green,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Amy Winandys application as Co-Spokesperson for FYEG 2024/2025.

Amy has been the co-speaker of the Luxembourg Young Greens for two years. In this significant role, she has been responsible for representing the youth's environmental concerns, coordinating with other members, and spearheading various green initiatives that aim to foster a sustainable future for Luxembourg. Her dedication and leadership skills have played a crucial role in amplifying the voice of the younger generation in environmental matters.

Amy has pursued a comprehensive academic background in gender studies, equipping her with in-depth knowledge and a profound understanding of gender dynamics, issues, and their implications in various socio-cultural contexts. This rigorous academic foundation has not only fostered her analytical skills but also fueled her passion for promoting gender equality. Amy has been actively involved in discussions, policymaking, and initiatives aimed at fostering gender equity. Her experience and dedication make her a valuable asset, and her insights would greatly contribute to any endeavor that seeks to address and champion gender-related issues.

Amy is deeply dedicated to Green values and has shown significant support for FYEG initiatives. She has consistently displayed exceptional organizational skills and has the capability to manage multiple responsibilities effectively. Her proactive approach, optimistic mindset, and meticulous work ethic will undeniably enhance future FYEG projects. We are confident that she possesses the drive, passion, and zeal to further the mission of FYEG in the upcoming year, positively impacting the organization's future endeavors.

With her skills and personal qualities, her knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, and her past engagement and experiences with FYEG, we wholeheartedly support Amy's application as Co-Spokes for FYEG.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to maxime.pantaleoni@gmail.com



Maxime Pantaleoni

FYEG Responsable for déi jonk gréng

CS2 Anja Presnukhina

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Introduction

Hello dear FYEG!

My name is Anja, I'm a 22-year-old local politician and student activist from Finnish Young Greens. I am running for the Co-Spokesperson to make the best pan-European political organisation even broader, braver and stronger!

Europe is in flames of hatred, turning away from climate goals and closing its borders, allowing pushbacks and giving money to authoritarian regimes. Let's choose differently. Let's continue fighting for joy!

I prepared the documents below with a lot of love. I hope you will feel it while reading them!

See you at the GA!

Supporters

Tilde Isaksson (Grön Ungdom); Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Vilma Jaatinen (Vihreät Nuoret); Filip Janković (Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πρόσινοι); Ana Apakidze (Young greens of Georgia); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine); Nora Axberg (Grön Ungdom); Josefina Kubinova (Mladi zeleni); Myriana Christou (Young Cyprus Greens)



Member Organisation:
Vihreät nuoret - Finland

MOTIVATION LETTER

ANJA PRESNUKHINA

Dear colleagues!

My name is Anja Presnukhina, I'm a 22-year-old international political organiser and activist from Kirkkonummi, Finland. I am proudly putting my candidacy to become the next Co-Spokesperson of FYEG.

My story with FYEG started at a Finnish Young Greens local event in Hämeenlinna. It was 2019, the European election campaign time. There were a lot of great speakers, but the two who struck me the most were FYEG's then-chairpersons, Katri Ylinen and Zuzana Pavelková. I remember hearing them speaking about the EU's racist and deadly fortress policies, the importance of combating the climate crisis, and above all, the significance of European integration in addressing these challenges. I was 17 then, full of enthusiasm and questions about politics.

Since then, I have interned with the Green Group and FYEG volunteered hundreds of hours in various event and project working groups and served on the executive committee this past year, where my responsibilities included overseeing our Southern European member organizations, starting the process of developing up our strategy for 2025-2030 and assisting the Project Manager with the working on plan for the upcoming year.

Now, with my enthusiasm solidified into a burning passion and an ever-growing list of ideas on how to make our federation stronger, I am willing to give all my resources to the task of being in the steering position of FYEG.

The role of the Co-Spokesperson is a tight mix of interpersonal skills with a clear political vision and the ability to work under big pressure. Co-Spokespeople of FYEG are at the forefront of the organisational and need to be ready to hold themselves accountable. After working in the situations listed below and in my CV, I am certain that this is a role I am ready to take.

As the former Chairperson of the University of Helsinki Greens, I had the privilege of being part of leading the longest university sit-in in Finland's history. This student-led movement sparked a wave of sit-ins across the country, rallying against education cuts and bringing attention to marginalized voices, including the precariat, immigrants, and racialized communities. It was a powerful testament to the impact of collective action, and I do want to bring that to my work in FYEG too.

Professionally, I have worked with both FYEG and the Finnish Young Greens offices, giving me a comprehensive understanding of these organizations. At the moment I work part-time for the educational centre of the Finnish Green Party and sell vintage Moroccan carpets every Saturday. I know the value of a working hour and I am ready to put many of them to the demanding work of the Co-spokes.

As the upcoming mandate of the EC will be short, it will be extremely important to start the work right away. One of the first things that I envision doing as a facilitator of the work of the EC is to build a group work environment based on trust and common goals. We really don't have any time to miss.

A MOVEMENT THAT KEEPS FIGHTING FOR JOY

MY VISION FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR IN FYEG

Our federation has grown and developed immensely in the past couple of years, the best examples being the large and diverse volunteer base, our strong presence in the media and the good relationships with the parliamentary group and EGP. In the upcoming 9 months, we must take quick and strategic actions to ensure our success does not fall flat right after the European elections.

To sustain a movement that keeps the fight for joy and against regression, I developed the next three pillars that will guide my work as a co-spokesperson of FYEG.

Advocating for Young Greens - from the streets to the cabinets

Although we, Young Greens have a strong presence within the group and relatively good youth representation in the parliamentary group, we still have to fight for our voices to be heard and taken into account. We are not to be taken for granted or as some souvenirs on the shelf. FYEG needs to take a stronger hold on youth advocacy within the mother parties and all rooms we have access to. The European elections showed that the support that the candidates have from FYEG matters in the national contexts of the parties, and we must not underestimate that.

The shared internships are a good practice that we need to continue with an emphasis on the interns being the rapid messengers of us and the European Parliament.

While advocating for Young Greens, we must not forget our Eastern sister organisation CDN, with which we need to develop a clear strategy on how can we amplify the voices and political messages from Eastern Europe. This work has to be both internally and externally.

Fostering effective collaboration with activist movements

Green parties, as we have them now were born from the grassroots activist movements, and our big asset has always been the connection to the groundwork. Connecting our Green Base with local and international activist movements is a way to create synergy and trust between the organisations.

FYEG consists not only of youth wings of the political parties, but we also have a beautiful amount of civil movements in the Federation. Using our resources to help and emphasize the non-partisan side of our organisation is extremely important if we want to keep being a truly pan-European movement.

Strengthening international solidarity through horizontal cooperation and lively ideological debate

What is a political organisation without real political conversations? Our moderate success in overcoming the struggles of discussing topics like energy transition and Palestine shows us that we really can have brave learning spaces where people and MOs can express their stands and concerns even about the most scared topics.

The Green Base provides us with a great chance to establish more horizontal topical conversations. During the next mandate I am also committed to proactively organise MO to MO trainings on topics that the Federation lacks consensus or knowledge.

ANJA PRESNUKHINA

WORK EXPERIENCE

COURSE SECRETARY

2/2023- *STUDY CENTRE VISIO*

- Assisting in developing courses for the next year
- Coordination of the Green Advocacy Academy course with REV Poland

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT OFFICER

2/2022- *GREEN YOUTH OF FINLAND*

7/2023

- Managing an international YSD project, which is financed by a grant given by European Youth Together in 2021
- Preparing and organising a transnational conference event for over 40 participants from 6 different countries
- Leading a project group of 4+ people
- Preparing communications plans for ongoing projects and participants' calls
- Coordinating study visits to Brussels, Milan and Lublin
- Administration and financial reporting

WAITRESS

2021- *NOLLA HELSINKI*

2024

SUMMER THEOLOGIST

VALAMO MONASTERY

2021

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

KIRKKONUMMI ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

6/2021-

9/2021

- Assisting in developing courses for the next year
- Administrative work and assisting in Kirkkonummi art school

PROJECT INTERN

FEDERATION OF YOUNG EUROPEAN GREENS (FYEG)

9/2020-

2/2021

- Assisting with Just Transition Granting Programme, communicating with granters
- External communication with international Member Organizations, such as Ukrainian Young Greens and Polish Young Greens
- Producing a podcast

CAMPAIGN AND OUTREACH INTERN

THE GREENS/EFA IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, CAMPAIGNS AND OUTREACH UNIT

9/2020-

2/2021

- Supporting the Network Officer with preparing the European Ideas Lab
- Assisting the campaigners teams focusing on Arms Export, Mercosur and Gender-based violence

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

CITY OF ESPOO, CITY OF HELSINKI

8/2020-

ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

JOYLLA

5/2019-

10/2019

- Creating content for social media (Facebook, Instagram)
- Event organizing
- Creating media contact and organizing interviews
- Graphic design (postcards and advertisements)

ART TEACHER

KIRKKONUMMI ART SCHOOL

2016

VOLUNTEERING & AFFILIATIONS

2023 - 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
FEDERATION OF YOUNG EUROPEAN GREENS

2023 - 2025

BOARD MEMBER, HEAD EDITOR OF THE RAASTIN MAGAZINE
FINNISH GREENS

2023 - 2025

PARTY COUNCIL MEMBER, SPOKESPERSON OF THE YOUTH GROUP
FINNISH GREENS

2021 - 2025

VICE COUNCILMEMBER
MUNICIPALITY OF KIRKKONUMMI

2022-

VOLUNTEER, TRANSLATOR
PAKOLAISET TURVAAN RY

2022-

CURATOR AND EXHIBITOR
DARKROOM PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTIVE

PAST MANDATES

2022-2023

CHAIRPERSON
HELSINKI UNIVERSITY GREENS

2019 - 2020

POLITICAL PRINCIPLE PLATFORM DEVELOPER
FINNISH GREENS

2019

YOUTH COUNCILLOR
YOUTH COUNCIL OF KIRKKONUMMI

2017 - 2024

BOARD MEMBER
GREENS OF KIRKKONUMMI

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish, Native speaker

Russian, Native speaker

English, C2

Ukrainian, B2

Swedish, A2

French, A2

Arabic, A1

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ISLAMIC THEOLOGY

2020 - 2024

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

STUDY OF ARTS, BACHELOR LEVEL

2023 - 2025

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Letter of support

The Young Greens of Finland warmly support

Anja Presnukhina

as the co- spokesperson for the Federation of Young European Greens

As a party council group leader, an international project manager in the Young Greens' office and a spokesperson of the Helsinki University Greens, Anja has shown excellent leadership and organisational skills. Her strong foundation and interest in activism guides her relentless strive for a just and green future. Anja's contacts in the pan-European Green movement, her knowledge about international relations and her deep dedication to FYEG earns our enthusiastic support.

In Helsinki on the 23rd of July 2024,



Selinä Nera

Co- spokesperson

CS3 Emil Schenkyr

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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.

Letter of Motivation

Emil Schenkyr

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



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.

Vision Statement

Emil Schenkyr

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

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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

CS4 Luca Guidi

Agenda item: 1. Candidates for Co-Spokesperson

Introduction

I'm Luca Guidi, I'm graduated in Science of Politics and International Relations and in the last two years I've been co-spokesperson of the Young Greens of the Italian Lazio Region. Within FYEG I participated to multiple events and I covered multiple active roles. I've been a local prep team coordinator for the Green Rave. I've been a member of the Beyond Growth Platform. I've been a team leader on the Green Base during our EU elections campaign. I'm currently a member of the prep team for our FYEG event in Baku, Azerbaijan during COP29. I'm based in Rome and I'm running to become the next co-spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Greens.



Supporters

Saúl Lara (Juventud Verde); Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Filip Janković (Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Louise Jeanne (écolo j (Belgium); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine); Sanna Violeta (Grön Ungdom); Vincent Baures (Jeunes Écologistes); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Żgħażaġh EkoXellugin); Myriana Christou (Young Cyprus Greens); Camilla Cristofolletti (Young Greens South Tyrol); Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Amy Winandy (déi jonk gréng)

Member Organisation:
Giovani Europeisti Verdi -
Italy

I'm Luca Guidi, I'm graduated in Science of politics and International Relations and in almost the last two years I've been co-spokesperson of the Young Greens of the Italian Lazio region.

I started doing politics because I always felt I needed to act in front of the big challenges we're facing today in what is called the multi-crises era we're living in. That's why I also started to study Science of Politics. I felt like I needed more knowledge to really have an impact. We need theory as much as we need action.

I joined the Greens because I always felt like political ecology is the avant-garde and the only way to solve the huge problems we find in front of us today that the old ideologies of the past failed to address and to solve.

And I've put all my effort in strengthening and expanding the Young Greens because I always felt a particular sense of responsibility towards my generation. A generation exploited, mistreated and underrepresented. I always felt like it will never be enough to just protest and being on the street. Asking for change to somebody that has never listened to us. Our generation deserves more. Our generation needs to be inside of institutions. Because we need to be the change we want to see.

That's what also led me to be more active within FYEG. The Federation of Young European Greens is a unique and precious community and tool for every one of its member organization to grow and expand in ways that without it would be impossible.

I saw it firsthand. I come from the Italian Young Greens. An organization that 5 years ago didn't exist. After 5 years we managed to elect around 30 Young Greens as city councillors, 1 mayor and 2 MEPs. This is clearly thanks to our hard work. But it wouldn't have been possible this fast without FYEG help and support.

This is happening when FYEG is really paying attention to regional balance and to support smaller member organizations of disadvantaged and underrepresented parts of Europe. This is exactly what I want to make sure in case I will be elected as co-spokesperson. Every member organization needs to be listened to, supported and needs investment from FYEG. If the smaller Member Organizations grow. FYEG will grow. And from this, also the bigger Member Organizations will benefit.

All of this said, I would like to represent every Member Organization. From the North to the West to the South to the East to the Centre. We need unity and armony between us. We can't allow ourselves anything different. There's a social and ecological urgency out there. And there is no time.

That's another very important point I would like to bring with my candidacy. Not only indeed my Southern European perspective, but I want it to be a wide-ranging candidacy.

We're living in an uncertain and dark time. But together we can do the impossible. Because we have no choice. Because if we don't do it, nobody else will.

Before talking about my vision for FYEG, that I clearly have, I want to stress how, if elected as co-spokesperson my role will be being the voice of every Member Organization. So even if I will be clearly driven by my vision, I will be constantly in touch with member organizations to make sure that what I'm doing is really what the whole federation really wants me to do.

After having clarified this, the FYEG I dream of and that I would like to implement is an open and broad organization. Always ready to communicate, to talk and to find a balance and an agreement with all its members. Never fueling conflict but always facilitating dialogue.

The FYEG I dream of is an organization that is constantly paying attention to regional balance and that is investing politically in all of its members. Especially the smallest and the most disadvantaged ones.

And it is an organization that will do everything it can to bring our generation inside of Institutions. Because every table in which our future is decided needs to be a table in which there will be always a seat for us.

And I dream of an FYEG always fighting for a transfeminist, fair, inclusive, sustainable Europe. For a European Union that really shows with its action what solidarity means. An EU always in defense of the rule of law and democracy. An EU always fighting against the dark clouds of Authoritarianism that some would like to impose on us.

I dream of an FYEG putting our generation at the centre of the political dialogue. Our generation with all its internal differences, diversities and intersectionality. Because our future belong to us and, if elected, I will do everything I can to ensure that the Young European Greens are here to stay and the voice of the over 60 thousand Young Greens in all of Europe will be loud and clear.



Luca Guidi

Nationality: Italian **Date of birth:** 28/1/2000 **Email address:** guidiluca.lg@gmail.com

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Bachelor degree in Science of Politics and International Relations

Sapienza Università di Roma [19/10/2022]

Address: piazzale Aldo Moro, 5, 00185 Roma (Italy) | **Final grade:** Full marks with honors

Erasmus+

Université de Bordeaux [8/2021 – 1/2022]

City: Bordeaux | **Country:** France

Linguistic High school Diploma

Liceo statale Maria Montessori [11/7/2018]

Address: Via Livenza, 8, 00198 Roma (Italy) | **Final grade:** Full marks

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Italian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1
SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

Spanish

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1
SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

French

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1
SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

German

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING A1
SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

[12/10/2022 – Current] Rome

Regional co-spokesperson of Italian Young Greens In nearly the last two years I've been regional co-spokesperson of the Italian Young Greens. I've also been a candidate during regional elections in the Italian Lazio region.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Journalism traineeship with online magazine

INpressMAGAZINE [27/6/2022 – 12/8/2022]

City: Roma | **Country:** Italy

VOLUNTEERING

[2/8/2019 – 23/8/2019] Albertville, France

International volunteering camp

[1/8/2021 – 14/8/2021] Großlohra, Germania

International volunteering camp



Giovani Europeisti Verdi
Via Augusto Valenziani, 5
00187, Rome, Italy

Rome, 24th July 2024

Federation of Young European Green
34 Rue du Taciturne,
Brussels B-1000, Belgium

Subject: Nomination letter

The national executive committee of Giovani Europeisti Verdi (GEV), full member organization of FYEG, with the following letter, unanimously nominates Luca Guidi to run as a candidate for co-spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Having proved his expertise and his commitment as regional co-spokesperson of the Young Greens of the Italian Lazio region and having fulfilled his responsibilities in the various roles he had within FYEG, Giovani Europeisti Verdi grants its full support to Luca's candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

The national executive committee of Giovani Europeisti Verdi

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!

Marta Bogustova

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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

Pronouns

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Social media

Instagram:

marta.bogustova

X/ Twitter:

BogustovaMarta



Riga, July 1st, 2024

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

CS6 Srishagon Abraham

Agenda item: 1. Candidates for Co-Spokesperson

Introduction

My beloved Member Organisations,

Srishagon here (he/him). After months of discussions and deliberations with many of you, I have decided to run for co-spokesperson.

This was not an easy decision to make, but I am motivated by your trust in me and in our shared mission for solidarity, justice, and inclusion. This coming period, I hope to co-lead an Executive Committee that puts racial justice, inclusion, and international solidarity at the heart of this Federation. A Federation where we never forget that the personal is political, where 'our personal visions help lay the groundwork for political action.'

In all my efforts, I do this for and with you. Together we can create spaces for racialised and ethnicised young greens and for all marginalised youth. A green, just, and solidary Europe and world is one we fight for, together. Not me, us.

For you, for us, for FYEG,

Srishagon Abraham

Supporters

Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Ellen De Wit (Jong Groen); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Louise Jeanne (écologie) (Belgium); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Žgħażagħ EkoXellugin)



Member Organisation:
DWARS, GroenLinkse
Jongeren - Netherlands

The personal is political

My beloved Member Organisations,

It's official. I have decided to run for co-spokesperson of FYEG.

This was not an easy decision to make. I recognise that the past period has not been easy, and my position within FYEG has been complicated. After several months of deliberation and over 40 calls and discussions with many of those dear to me within FYEG and beyond – Member Organisations, active FYEGers, former co-spokespersons, fellow candidates, and friends of FYEG – it is clear to me that my vision is not of one, but of many. It has reinforced my belief that FYEG needs change, and it is this change I want to push for, together.

A politics of difference as a politics of inclusion

When I first became involved in politics in Europe in 2019 upon moving here, I was often harshly reminded that people like me, racialised and ethnicised communities, do not belong, and that European politics was and continues to be a space of exclusion. Even within progressive spaces, claims of inclusion and intersectionality were not backed by practice. We witness this exclusion across marginalised identities and power imbalances, from the voices of the LGBTQIA+ community, to voices of Southern and Eastern Europe and Balkan communities, to voices of the disabled community.

In finding my role in politics, I was often confronted with Audre Lorde's critique that the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house. Is my being here complicity in systems of oppression?

I deepened my knowledge of decoloniality, of justice, of inclusion, and confronted my own positionality, where the personal as the political could illuminate all my choices. DWARS and later FYEG quickly became a home, as I saw and believed in its potential to change and to become a community for marginalised peoples. Where these spaces and practices were absent, I sought to disrupt and to confront us with our exclusionary realities – our Whiteness, our Westernness, our Eurocentrism – in order to create them.

For 'community must not mean a shedding of our differences, nor the pathetic pretense that these differences do not exist.' For there is no equality, no inclusion, no true community, without the deepest of commitments to embracing difference. This is only possible if we challenge our spaces, confront our realities, and dismantle and recreate our thinkings and practices into one that centralises the differences of marginalised identities as strengths. Only then can we be inclusive and create a community for all.

A period of reflection: real change?

This process is not easy, and I am not in this alone. However, I had to confront it at its harshest this past year, as the genocide of Palestinians unfolded, facing a reality where racialised and ethnicised peoples are *tolerated* so long as it's within European terms.

I no longer saw European politics as a space where a community including racialised and ethnicised peoples was possible, and was forced to confront an entire shift in my own reality and long-term direction in life.

However, I have also spent a lot of this past period reflecting, learning, and growing, and in that time reflecting on what my involvement in FYEG means and what it should be. There were two stories shared with me that moved me deeply: one on how my criticism of exclusion in Europe and the need for racial justice at the Young Greens Decentralised Trainings inspired someone to write a book on antiracism that sold out; another on how my work on solidarity, justice, and inclusion inspired an MO to believe in change again.

They made me realise the value of my work in bringing forth necessary change, FYEG's potential to still be a home for all, that I get shit done, and that my fight is not over.

They also made me realise our urgent need for creating spaces and dialogues to recognise and understand these different identities, positionalities, and lived experiences in order to embrace them and truly foster community.


The personal is political

I am fighting for a Europe where 'our personal visions help lay the groundwork for political action.' An FYEG where we deeply realise that the personal is political.

I am running for my community and people like me across Europe. I am running for racialised and ethnicised communities everywhere; for young people from the Global South; for Palestinians, Ukrainians, Armenians, Belarusians, Sudanese, Congolese, the Uyghurs, Rohingya, Kurdish and the Roma, and those fighting and disrupting across the globe.

For we cannot build communities where we don't meaningfully include the many. We have more work to be done and I'm not done yet. Let's fight this fight together and work for a politics for all. Let's get shit done. Not me, us.

For you, for us, for FYEG,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Srishagon Abraham

Ours is not the struggle of one day

My dear Member Organisations,

I run for co-spokesperson on **five key priorities** that reflect the many calls and discussions I had over the past months to listen to and understand your concerns and our mission for **solidarity, justice, and inclusion** you elected me upon two years ago:

- 1. The Inclusion Plan: racial justice from words into action.**
- 2. Politics of care: nothing about us without us as an ethos, not a slogan.**
- 3. Politics of solidarity: building an international movement.**
- 4. A truly pan-European Federation: expanding capacity-sharing.**
- 5. Avenues for dialogue: revisiting internal structures.**

I am proud of the work we've done and I've pushed for since 2022. Even despite my difficult position this past period, I am proud to have organised our MO trainings and an amazingly successful Study Session with CDN. In coordinating the Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF) and Beyond Growth Platform (BGP), we have achieved much this past year, but most importantly, I have seen the importance of creating spaces for dialogue and community.

There's so much more to be done as we strive to become a Federation for all, one that centralises the voices and embraces the differences of youth from marginalised communities. An FYEG where we deeply realise that the personal is political.

The words of John Lewis remind us, racialised and ethnicised youth, LGBTQIA+ youth, disabled youth, youth of the Global South and of Southern and Eastern Europe and the Balkans, youth across marginalised identities and intersections – fellow disruptors, fighters, and changemakers, that change takes time.

'Ours is not the struggle of one day, one week, or one year... Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe even many lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part. And if we believe in the change we seek, then it is easy to commit to doing all we can, because the responsibility is ours alone to build a better society and a more peaceful world.'

These priorities may be ambitious, but we must dream to change, because we care, because we love, because we give a damn. They will not all be achieved in these nine short months, many are an ever ongoing process, so we need an Executive Committee that puts solidarity, justice, and inclusion at the heart of the Federation and ensures their continuance. And I hope you put your trust in me to (co-)lead that push.

The vision summarised

1. The Inclusion Plan: racial justice from words into action

- Effectively implementing the Inclusion Plan.
- Prioritising a racialised perspective.
- Expanding spaces for racialised and ethnicised youth.
- Centralising decoloniality.

2. Politics of care: nothing about us without us as an ethos, not a slogan

- Consulting, as much as possible within our capacities, the most affected communities in issues concerning them.
- Strengthening partnerships with civil society partners and networks.
- Centralising intersectionality.

3. Politics of solidarity: building an international movement

- Furthering political communications and education on global crises.
- Learning from and working closely with CDN.
- Expanding collaborations with non-European partners.

4. A truly pan-European Federation: expanding capacity-sharing

- Centralising Central and Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, and the Balkans in our politics.
- Facilitating the involvement of underrepresented Member Organisations in our capacity-sharing initiatives.
- Expanding (informal) knowledge-sharing and resource-compiling initiatives.

5. Avenues for dialogue: revisiting internal structures

- Exploring avenues of dialogue, input-sharing, and collaboration with MOs.
- Co-leading spaces for dialogue within the EC.
- Identifying areas of improvement in internal communications between FYEG bodies.

Until the General Assembly, I am readily available for a call or a chat if you have any questions or concerns! Send me a message via [Telegram](#), [Instagram](#), or [email](#) whenever necessary. I look forward to meeting all of you in person soon, and to continuing this mission for **solidarity, justice, and inclusion**. Where we never forget that the personal is political.

For you, for us, for FYEG,



Srishagon Abraham

1. The Inclusion Plan

Racial justice from words into action

- Effectively implementing the Inclusion Plan.**
- Prioritising a racialised perspective.**
- Expanding spaces for racialised and ethnicised youth.**
- Centralising decoloniality.**

As potentially the first non-European racialised and migrantised co-spokesperson, I continue to experience firsthand how exclusionary Europe and European politics are. It has been my highest priority since first being elected to disrupt and confront ourselves with our exclusionary realities – our Whiteness, our Westernness, our Eurocentrism – in order to create spaces and practices for racialised and ethnicised youth. Youth like us deserve to have our voices heard, building our own seat at the table if we have to.

Racialised and ethnicised youth must be able to look at this Federation and find a home. A space where we all actively do our part for inclusion.

Over the past year the RJTF did not just create a strong community and brave space for racialised and ethnicised youth to find support given the challenging times, but we worked hard on an Inclusion Plan to comprehensively address the steps necessary towards a Federation with racial justice at its heart.

As coordinator of the RJTF and someone deeply involved in the drafting process this past year, I am strongly familiar with the plan. Drawing from this familiarity and my own lived experiences, I will prioritise the effective implementation of the Plan this coming period.

Politically, drawing from my academic and personal expertise, I want to further develop our political education and action on decoloniality, continuing where we left off in our first decoloniality resolution.

2. Politics of care

Nothing about us without us as an ethos, not a slogan.

- ❑ **Consulting, as much as possible within our capacities, the most affected communities in issues concerning them.**
- ❑ **Strengthening partnerships with civil society partners and networks.**
- ❑ **Centralising intersectionality.**

As we move towards a post-EU elections landscape with redefined capacities, we must, within the best of our capacities, centralise a politics of care. One that isn't just reactive, but proactive and inclusive of the communities most affected by the issues we work on.

This means, for example, including migrants when working on migration, racialised communities when working on racial justice issues, and Eastern Europe when working on Eastern European concerns. This starts from within our broad FYEG family: through the Member Organisations, CDN, the RJTF and BGP, and the Green Base.

We must further actively work towards discussions, planning, and decision-making with intersectionality at its core.

FYEG can further greatly benefit from the expertise of our civil society partners and their already-established networks. The RJTF discussed with the European Network Against Racism possible strategic areas of (long-term) collaboration, and the BGP proposes our involvement in and membership of the International Degrowth Network this coming term. Such partnerships must be explored and pursued further to connect us directly with affected communities in the politics we're doing.

3. Politics of solidarity

Building an international movement.

- Furthering political communications and education on global crises.**
- Learning from and working closely with CDN.**
- Expanding collaborations with non-European partners.**

With the adoption of the resolutions on Palestine, Ukraine, European imperialism, and degrowth, FYEG will have a strong, (re)invigorated mandate to tackle the global crises we face and European complicity in them.

We must therefore keep being vocal and proactive on Palestine and Ukraine, strengthening these efforts as much as we can in light of the ongoing genocides that wages on. We must stand steadfast with the people of Palestine and Ukraine and be loud defenders of international law.

Alongside this, we must realise that European politics impacts the world. FYEG can play a crucial role in educating a young demographic on the crises occurring across the world, and Europe's complicity in them. We need a strong and proactive approach towards political education on, for example, the genocide in Nagorno-Karabakh, the civil war in Sudan, the conflict in Congo and Western Sahara, and Europe's role in them.

We also must strengthen our international cooperation, learning from CDN as a key example. Drawing from the seminars CDN has organised with international partners like the Global Young Greens and Taiwanese Young Greens, and the guests they had of young greens from Africa and Latin America, we too must follow in these footsteps. Through collaborations with such partners, we can learn from and share learnings with them, bring their lived experiences and expertise into our Federation, and build a truly solidary international movement.

4. A truly pan-European Federation

Expanding capacity-sharing

- ❑ **Centralising Central and Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, and the Balkans in our politics.**
- ❑ **Facilitating the involvement of underrepresented Member Organisations in our capacity-sharing initiatives.**
- ❑ **Expanding (informal) knowledge-sharing and resource-compiling initiatives.**

As co-spokesperson, it is crucial to me that *all* Member Organisations are equitably represented and their concerns heard, not just the most-established ones. Many of our Member Organisations, particularly those in Central and Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, and the Balkans, have expressed a sense of being neglected or unheard. We must double our efforts to change this.

This includes our political focus, as outlined above, increasing efforts to raise awareness within this Federation and beyond of the issues faced by Member Organisations in underrepresented regions like Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cyprus, Georgia, and Ukraine.

This also includes capacity- and knowledge-sharing initiatives. Our underrepresented Member Organisations are faced with limited capacities, and can benefit most from such support and sharing initiatives from FYEG. I had the opportunity of helping coordinate our first two MO Trainings, and I am familiar with the issues these trainings faced and my own failures to implement long-term support and follow-up. The Inclusion Plan further includes FYEG-MO and MO-MO knowledge-sharing and support facilitation. Such initiatives and improvements to our trainings must be pursued, with the aim of including underrepresented Member Organisations as much as possible.

Where possible, we should also direct capacities towards organising or setting up for future organisation of (informal) knowledge-sharing and resource-compiling initiatives, such as the online seminars CDN organises and the events of the Green Base, with a focus on organisational support as well.

5. Avenues of dialogue

Revisiting internal structures

- Exploring avenues of dialogue, input-sharing, and collaboration with MOs.**
- Co-leading spaces for dialogue within the EC.**
- Identifying areas of improvement in internal communications between FYEG bodies.**

In the many calls and discussions I have had with Member Organisations, it is clear that many, particularly those in Central and Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, and the Balkans, have expressed a sense of being neglected or unheard. Currently, our only major point of input for Member Organisations is once a year at the General Assembly. Consequently, past General Assemblies have been highly tense and mentally-draining. At the same time, we must be aware of the limited capacities of Member Organisations throughout the year for various reasons, and the constantly evolving and changing political priorities of our Member Organisations.

As such, we need to explore ways to effectively communicate to and engage with Member Organisations on political and organisational issues that may be of concern to them. We should explore avenues of dialogue, input-sharing, and collaboration within our capacities – whether one-on-one or in facilitated spaces, and where necessary revisiting the regional calls. Connected to this, Member Organisations need to be able to provide input, have a say, and even criticise the Executive Committee where necessary to facilitate reflection of our work, and to do so they need to be effectively informed of our work.

Within the Executive Committee, the co-spokespersons play a crucial role in working together to foster a space for dialogue. If faced with a similar conflict situation over the coming term, based on the reflections and learnings from the past period individually and as an organisation, I hope to work closely with my fellow co-spokespersons to facilitate a space where we first establish and acknowledge our different positionalities and lived experiences before engaging in sensitive discussions.

The Executive Committee should also (continue to) ensure smooth communication structures between itself and the other bodies of the Federation. As co-spokesperson, I want to devote effort towards identifying areas of improvement in internal communications, not just with Member Organisations, but with the Office, Working Groups, and other FYEG bodies.



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ABOUT ME

A driven law student, I have dedicated my time and passion into various political and social causes from representing Malaysia in UNICEF for child rights, to leading diverse efforts striving for the rights of marginalised groups and their inclusion in every association I am involved in. I now spend my time developing the (Young) Green movement in the Netherlands and Europe.

WORK EXPERIENCE

29 MAY 2022 – CURRENT Brussels, Belgium

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FEDERATION OF YOUNG EUROPEAN GREENS (FYEG)

Founder and coordinator of the Racial Justice Task Force and Beyond Growth Platform.

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11 DEC 2021 – 25 NOV 2023 Haarlem, Netherlands

VICE-CHAIR AND GENERAL BOARD MEMBER, GROENLINKS NORTH HOLLAND CHAPTER GROENLINKS

As a board, responsible for the coordination of the local chapters and overall provincial chapter, including the organisational side of our fraction in the States-Provincial. Our board also oversaw the coordination of the campaign, programme and candidates (and the responsible committees) for the 2023 Provincial Elections.

Website <https://noordholland.groenlinks.nl>

30 JUN 2021 – 31 JUL 2022 Utrecht, Netherlands

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY DWARS, GROENLINKSE JONGEREN

Responsible for all international affairs and politics of the organisation, and led the representation of DWARS in the Federation of the Young European Greens and Global Young Greens.

Website <https://dwars.org>

MAY 2018 – AUG 2018 WP Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

LEGAL FIRM INTERN PATHI & ASSOCIATES

Trained in legal research, secretarial work, and translation of legal documents between Malay and English.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

25 SEP 2023 – 31 AUG 2024 Portugal

LL.M. LAW IN A EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL CONTEXT Católica Global School of Law

Minored in: EU Law and Integration, Comparative Law, Global Governance and Sustainable Development, Human Rights

31 AUG 2019 – 31 AUG 2024 Netherlands

LL.B. RECHTSGELEERDHEID (LAW) Universiteit van Amsterdam

Minored in: Global Migration, Law and Justice in the European Union, International Development Studies, International Conflict Studies

Erasmus: Università degli Studi Di Firenze, Florence, Italy in International Human Rights Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Social Citizenship

Thesis Colonialism in International Law and the Need for Resistance and Pluriversal Legal Imaginaries: The colonial and imperial roots embedded in the structures of contemporary international law, and the seeds for change in TWAIL

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ENGLISH** | **MALAY**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
DUTCH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office

Microsoft Word | Microsoft Powerpoint | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Publisher | Outlook | Microsoft Teams

Google Suite and others

Google Docs | Google Drive | Gmail | WordPress

● NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

AUG 2019 – CURRENT

Amsterdamse Studentenvereniging Gay (A.S.V.Gay), the LGBTIQ+ Student Association of Amsterdam

1. **Diversity Working Group founder and chair**, 08/2020 - 09/2021; **member**, 12/2022 - 12/2023.
2. **Statutes Working Group member**, 10/2022 - 12/2023.
3. **Current Affairs Committee secretary**, 10/2019 - 09/2020; **member**, 10/2020 - 09/2021

AUG 2019 – CURRENT

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren

1. **Programme Committee member**, 11/2022 - 02/2024.
2. **DWARS International Representatives Team founder and chair**, 06/2022 - 12/2022, **member**, 12/2022 - ongoing.

AUG 2016 – DEC 2018

AFS Intercultural Programmes

Intercultural Learning facilitator of AFS orientations for exchange students arriving and leaving Malaysia.

● HONOURS AND AWARDS

14 MAY 2021

Amsterdam Policy Prize 2021, Second – European Horizons

25 APR 2017

Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award as a High Achiever in Development Studies – Cambridge International Education

8 NOV 2016

UNICEF Third Asia Pacific High Level Meeting On Child Rights (HLM3) Youth Innovation Challenge, Finalist – UNICEF

● RECOMMENDATIONS

References available on request.

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Utrecht, 22 July 2024

Letter of support for Srishagon Abraham, Candidate Co-spokesperson

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren fully endorses the candidacy of Srishagon Abraham as Co-Spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Greens.

In a short period Srishagon has climbed up from the board of DWARS Amsterdam, to the national board of DWARS, to becoming a member of the Executive Committee of FYEG. Srishagon knows what he wants and is willing to fight for his ideals. Within DWARS, Srishagon has always worked on the accessibility of DWARS for internationals during his national board year at DWARS. During that year he was responsible for international cooperation and accessibility of the organization. Through the DWARS International Representatives' Team, he ensured that many people are involved with DWARS' international relations. Furthermore, with his work on the program committee (a committee that writes amendments for the political program of DWARS) he ensured that DWARS has more detailed standpoints on decolonisation, inclusion, anti-racism and climate justice.

Srishagon is solution-oriented, characterised by his ability to spot a gap and dedicate himself to fill this. Examples include the formation of the DWARS International Representatives' Team, the Racial Justice Task Force and Beyond Growth Platform within FYEG and his work on mental health.

Srishagon is running for co-spokesperson as he believes he is not finished with his work for FYEG. Last year was a complicated year, where he made the difficult decision to take a step back from the EC, while still fulfilling his role as EC member. He made this difficult decision since he believes the Federation should take a more active stance regarding Palestine. As DWARS we supported and continue to support his stance regarding Palestine.

In his upcoming term Srishagon wants to continue his belief in Politics of Care, where it is not politics from us to them, but with them for them. Srishagon sees the importance of having solidarity, always. All of this solidifies for us why Srishagon would be a great candidate as Co-spokesperson. As we need a co-spokesperson that promotes and prioritizes inclusion on all fronts.

Therefore, DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren sees in Srishagon a passionate co-spokesperson and we are glad to support his candidacy.

In green solidarity,

Soesha Sandker

International Secretary of DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren

EC1 Ben Ryan

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Supporters

Saúl Lara (Juventud Verde); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Vilma Jaatinen (Vihreät Nuoret); Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Cameron Garrett (Scottish Young Greens); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Żgħażaġh EkoXellugin); Adam Ó Ceallaigh (Óige Ghlas); Noah Shively-Blinn (Óige Ghlas)



Member Organisation:
Óige Ghlas, Young Greens -
Ireland



MOTIVATION LETTER

BEN RYAN

Dear Young European Greens,

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the FYEG Executive Committee 2024/2025 and to outline my ideas for the future of our organisation. My name is Ben Ryan (he/him) and I am a 27 year old Green activist from Ireland, and glad to host you for the 2024 FYEG General Assembly.

I work as a parliamentary assistant to Deputy Patrick Costello, Green Party MP and Spokesperson on Justice, in the Irish Parliament. I have held different roles within the Young Greens Executive Committee over the last 3 years and am currently serving as the Campaigns and Events officer. Additionally I have served almost two years as the Irish Young Greens representative on the National Party Board.

My political journey started with my frustration at the poverty, inequality, and imperialism found throughout the world. I studied a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Development and Food Policy in University College Cork. As part of this degree, I spent 6 months on work placement and lived in a small rural town in Malawi called Nkhata Bay.

I have had the privilege to travel quite widely which has informed a lot of my worldview. I believe that to make serious strides against climate change, we need to tackle poverty, inequality, and imperialism. If people's everyday thoughts are occupied with keeping a roof over their head and food on the table, they won't have the energy to think of the longer-term system changes required to tackle climate change.

After working remotely in Ireland for a year during Covid lockdowns, I felt the need for change and new experiences abroad. I secured an internship with the Green European Journal in Brussels and moved in September 2021.

During the year I worked with the Journal, I quickly became involved with the wider Green family, particularly FYEG, whose offices were only three blocks from mine. Less than two months later I attended my first FYEG event, AlterCOP26 in Glasgow, where I met some of you for the first time. Inspired by all the Young Greens that I met at this event – particularly fellow Irishman Rob O'Donnell – I joined the Irish Young Greens.

The Irish Young Greens at this time were a shadow of what they were in 2019-2020. Divisive debates about the decision of our mother party to go into government, alongside the almost complete shutting down of society due to Covid lockdowns left the organisation on its knees. I was elected the International Officer in November 2021 and used my time in Brussels to develop relationships with Young Greens across Europe. Myself and a handful of others started to re-organise and restarted our membership system, starting again with just a handful of members.



MOTIVATION LETTER

BEN RYAN

Shortly after moving back to Ireland in September 2022, I was elected Co-Chair and the Irish Young Greens representative on the National Party Board. I continued working with a growing number of committed individuals to rebuild the organisation to the one you see today. I am proud that within two years we have gone from a skeleton organisation to hosting an international young green summer camp, fielding 26 candidates in the recent local elections and now hosting the FYEG General Assembly. Our Young Greens membership has grown to over 420 members.

Over the past three years I may have met you at the several FYEG events such as AlterCOP26 in Glasgow, Young Greens Forum in Brussels, 2022 GA in Karlsruhe, Summer Camp in Podgorica, Mental Health Lab in Brussels, Summer Camp in Rouen or 2023 GA in Barcelona to name a few. I like to think that over time I have contributed a lot to FYEG but also have taken a lot from my involvement. The travels, experiences and people that I have met through FYEG have shaped who I am today. Particularly I would like to note former Sec-Gen Ozgecan Kara who is no longer involved but greatly encouraged me over the last few years.

My professional and personal experiences have equipped me with the political knowledge and capacity to succeed in the role of EC member . I believe that we are in a re-building and re-organising phase after the recent European Elections. Whilst I'm delighted that we went from two Young Green MEPs to the eight we have now, it's clear that Green Politics is on the backfoot in many places.

I want to bring my networks and experience of re-building to help ensure that our MOs are able to learn from each other and build stronger campaigns and electoral representation in the future. I have already helped planning and campaigning in the Irish Local and European elections earlier this and am currently building the campaign to re-elect Patrick at the national election. Additionally I want to help further develop the interoperability and knowledge sharing between MOs through regional organising but also other structures like skills sharing, cross border campaigning and digital communications.

It was my involvement in FYEG that really brought me into the Green family. Through them I joined the Irish Young Greens, then the Irish Green Party, and now work in the parliament and serve on the mother party's board. I want to use the experience, knowledge and networks that I have gained to give back to FYEG and hopefully develop other Young Greens as I once was.

With Green Gratitude-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Ryan', written over a horizontal line.



VISION FOR FYEG BEN RYAN

Dear Young Green comrades,

After a bruising European Parliament campaign, we are now in a much different Europe than we were in only a few months ago. Far-right and fascist forces are gaining much more ground in recent years.

In Ireland, we lost two stellar Green MEPs, Grace O'Sullivan and Ciaran Cuffe, but only by a very small amount. We also lost several MEPS in other established delegations like Germany, France, Finland, Austria and Belgium. However, we really need to celebrate the new MEPs elected from Eastern and Southern members like Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia and Croatia. Additionally whilst we lost MEPs overall we need to celebrate, and support, our new Young Greens MEPs and work to increase our representation in the coming years.

As a member of the FYEG EC, there are three key things that I want to focus on during my term:

Supporting Youth Candidates At All Levels

We have the highest representation of young MEPs in the European Parliament, and I want to replicate this success across national parties as well. The Irish Young Greens worked to ensure that 20% of our mother Party's candidates were under 35. We are proud to have achieved this goal and of the dedicated campaigns ran by our 26 youth candidates in the Irish local elections. I want to establish a forum for FYEG to examine and learn from the recent successes in national elections in countries like the Netherlands, England, and France, and use the insights of those MOs to build up our youth candidates and strategy for future elections.

The experiences learned from operating the FYEG Young Candidates Platform will further improve youth led electoral strategies. With five years until the next European Elections, we need to focus on growing Green representation at the local, regional, and national levels. My experience as the Youth Rep on my party's Electoral Task Force over the past year has taught me a lot about electoral planning and the importance of supporting candidates to help them achieve the best results. I will bring this experience to FYEG, to help our MOs in elections to come.



VISION FOR FYEG BEN RYAN

Enhancing Regional Diversity to Build a Stronger Green Movement

In this mandate, I aim to strengthen our cooperation with member organisations in the South and East regions, working more closely with CDN to develop their capacities and support networks. This is how we can amplify our impact and drive meaningful progress across Europe. Just as we celebrate the increased representation of new voices within our movement, we must also recognize the vital role of smaller EU states in contributing to a more inclusive and dynamic European Green movement. In 2023, the Young Greens of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and England & Wales came together to run a summer camp in the north west of Ireland. With 36 young greens from 8 different countries, it was a fantastic opportunity to foster collaboration across regions. I want to see more cross border events organised among MOs and will support them to ensure their success. Strong friendships are key to a more robust and united approach to tackling the climate crisis and promoting social justice.

Combating Hate and Division Across Europe

Far-right parties have strategically modernised their image over recent years while maintaining radical core policies, leveraging populism to gain legitimacy. Social media and algorithms rewarding outrage/hate has further amplified their reach, with mainstream parties legitimising far-right ideas by adopting their similar policies or even sharing government with them.

While condemning far-right parties for their illiberalism is essential, it is equally important to strengthen democratic awareness and resilience among citizens. We cannot wait for the next European election to start campaigning. I want FYEG to use the next 5 years to educate about the threat of the far-right, about the value of your vote, and the necessity for Kiev and tolerance. By focusing on building an organisation of tolerance, hope, and equality, we can better address and counteract these harmful ideologies. We all have a key role in representing and reinforcing these democratic principles.

If these priorities align with yours, I hope you will trust me with your No.1 Vote.

With Green Gratitude-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Ryan", written over a horizontal line.



BEN RYAN

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER



PROFILE

I am the Campaigns & Events Officer of the Irish Young Greens, and the Young Greens Representative on the Party Board. I am a former Co-Chair and International Officer of the Young Greens. I work as a Parliamentary Assistant to Green MP, Patrick Costello. With a background in international development and food policy, I am interested in social justice, climate action, and youth affairs. I am hardworking, a fast learner and an experienced team player.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Patrick Costello, Green Party MP** 2022 - PRESENT
Parliamentary Assistant
 - I manage correspondence (post, email, phone, social media), the office diary, and handle casework.
 - I liaise with internal parliamentary functions and offices of other parliamentarians.
 - I prepare press releases and social media content.
 - I prepare briefing documents for speeches, committee work, legislative amendments and debates.
 - I draft and submit parliamentary questions (particularly in relation to foreign affairs, defence, justice and immigration).
 - I engage external stakeholder and organisations, including NGOs, ambassadors, embassy staff and journalists.
- European Green Journal** 2021 - 2022
Editorial & Communications Intern
 - I handled internal administration, communicating with partners, and the latter stages of article publishing. I also assisted in the creation of new work processes and the optimisation of existing ones.
 - I tracked and updated internal targets, compiling internal reports.
 - I worked closely with the Communications Manager on product dissemination, the webshop and customer service.
 - I compiled weekly reports on the political events in Europe.
 - I provided additional supporting work across the team as required.
- Modern Water** 2020 - 2021
Customer & Sales Support
 - I handled and improved the company's customer relationship management system Zoho (similar to Salesforce), providing internal support, research, website testing and reporting.
 - I monitored email and chat systems daily and was the first point of contact for customers.
 - I provided information back to management and partook in weekly company management meetings.

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

2016 - 2020

- BSc International Development & Food Policy
 - Specialisation: Government and International Politics
 - Grade: First class Honours
 - Thesis: "Examining the US arms trade to the Middle East: A case study of Saudi Arabia."

SKILLS

- Project Management
- Communication & Facilitation
- Programme Planning & Management
- Development Management & Organisation
- Teamwork
- Public Relations
- Academic Writing

LANGUAGES

- English (C1)
- French (A2)



YOUNG GREENS

- Campains & Events Officer
 - Oct 2023 - Present
- YG Rep on Green Party Board
 - Oct 2022 - Present
- Co-Chair
 - Jan - Oct 2023
- International Officer
 - Nov 2021 - Jan 2023

INTERESTS

- Globalisation, Aid & Development
- Drug policy and policing reform
- International Security
- Democratic Participation
- Economic & Political Systems

HOBBIES

- Sailing
- Scuba Diving
- Travel
- Scouting
- PC Gaming

REFERENCES

- Available on request

BEN RYAN

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER

COMMUNICATIONS, COORDINATION & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Just Transition Greens (JTG)** 2020 - PRESENT
Press & Communications Officer
 - I handle the social media, press releases, co-ordinate responses and assist with communications internally and externally. We organise debates on topics such as drug use, sex work, Palestinian occupied territories, gender-based violence, EU Just transition Fund and others.
 - I also assist in other capacities such as developing policy documents, lobbying representatives, designing graphics, contacting members using Mailchimp, livestreaming, YouTube and associated content etc.
 - As part of this role, I use several tools such as Canva, Mailchimp, Medium, Zoom, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google suite, Microsoft office and am interested to gain an experience of other tools.
- **Malawi Schools Permaculture Clubs** APRIL - AUG 2019
Interim Programme Manager
 - During my Degree, I joined a programme in Nkhata Bay, Malawi. After 4 weeks, I took over as interim programme manager. I managed two local staff and an evolving team of international volunteers. I handled programme communications between Malawi and the UK.
 - I oversaw budgetary plans, logistics, documentation, communications and other aspects of the programme.
 - I managed the organisation of two separate 5-day training sessions in which 40 local primary school teachers were trained to deliver MSPC programme in their respective schools. In the months I was there we managed to extend the MSPC programme from 15 to 22 schools.
- **All Ireland Student Activist Network (AISAN)** 2016 - 2020
Logistical and Financial Planner
 - I was a member of AISAN and a key logistical and financial planner for the 2018 RISE event held in Cork.
 - RISE was our most successful event, with over 100 activists from a variety of backgrounds (from across the island of Ireland) attending, learning and collaborating on several different intersectional issues.
 - I was elected as a board member for the interim board while we attempted to register as a charity.

With Green Gratitude-



NOMINATION LETTER

BEN RYAN

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Óige Ghlas, the Young Greens of Ireland, we are proud to nominate Ben Ryan as a candidate to the Executive Committee of FYEG.

Ben was instrumental not only to keeping the Irish Young Greens alive during difficult times, but has been an active and dedicated officer that has helped to grow our organisation.

We know that Ben will do everything in his power to share his knowledge and expertise with our organisation and our mother party with FYEG. We hope that you will give him your #1 Vote, and look forward to discussing further how he can contribute to the great work of FYEG.

Le buíochas,
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Mulhall

Sean
Gordon Dalton

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))

João Antonucci Rezende

any pronouns



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.

João Antonucci Rezende

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Work experience



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

Environmental management MA | ULB

2023 - 2025

Political science BA | ULB

2020 - 2023

Fun fact!

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

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Activist experience



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

- 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

- 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

EC3 Klāvs Veseļuns

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

I am Klāvs (he/him) and I am a 22-year-old climate and human rights activist, ecosocialist, and queer from Latvia. Since May 2023, I have been an FYEG EC member. During this mandate, I have been responsible for the Balkan and East regions. I am highly motivated to continue my work on expanding the FYEG and to continue working on supporting our member organizations throughout Europe. In short, if elected my priorities for the upcoming mandate:

- Expanding the influence from FYEG and all regions in the Greens
- The expansion of FYEG
- FYEG, which works with member organizations and partners

However, I strongly recommend reading my motivation letter and vision statement to get the full picture of my goals for the mandate. In case you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at klavs.veseluns@fyeg.org/klavsveseluns@gmail.com or [@klavsves](https://www.telegram.com) on Telegram



Member Organisation:
Protests - Latvia

Supporters

Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Egle Olesk (Noored Rohelised); Alyona Sherekhora (Green Youth of Ukraine); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Vilma Jaatinen (Vihreät Nuoret); Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Filip Janković (Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia); Ana Apakidze (Young Greens of Georgia); Nora Axberg (Grön Ungdom); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Žgħażagħ EkoXellugin)

Motivation letter

Dear Young Greens,

I am Klāvs (he/him) and I am a 22-year-old climate and human rights activist, ecosocialist, and queer from Latvia. In my professional life, I work as a parliamentary assistant in the Parliament of Latvia on environmental and climate policy. For the past mandate as an Executive Committee (EC) member of FYEG, I have been responsible for the Balkan and East member organizations, the Green Rave, and the European Train Tour.

I have been extremely honored to represent FYEG and its member organizations for the past year. Therefore, I will use my motivation letter and vision statement to reflect on my work and outline what I believe should be achieved in the next mandate.

At the start of my mandate, I invited all member organizations I am responsible for to have a call with me to understand their needs and wishes for this mandate. This mandate was highly dominated by the European Parliament elections. However, as the member organizations that I am responsible for are from non-EU countries, I tried to balance their needs and political context with the biggest FYEG European Parliament campaign ever. I ensured that FYEG communicated about, for example, Sakartvelo, Belarus, Ukraine, and Serbia, often in busy communication periods.

My work during this mandate was not limited to our current member organizations. Even before being active in the FYEG as a board member of Protests, the Latvian Young Greens, I developed connections with Estonian Young Greens which materialized into them joining FYEG more than a year later.

Before my candidacy for the FYEG EC last year, I also started developing connections between Protests and the Lithuanian Democrats Youth Wing. Their mother party recently joined the European Green Party (EGP) and just elected their first MEP to the European Parliament. After being elected to the FYEG EC my work with them did not stop. Although I am not responsible for the North region and did not live in Latvia for most of my mandate, I met with them in person twice and kept a close connection with them to help them in their application process for membership in FYEG.

Motivation letter

In the regions I am responsible for, I also worked on getting two new member organizations for FYEG in Croatia and Bulgaria. I attended the EGP's fact-finding mission in Croatia to visit the green-left party Možemo before they applied for EGP membership. There I met with the Možemo Youth working group that has been fighting with their mother party to allow them to form an independent youth wing and to join FYEG. I made sure that the Možemo application report to the EGP clearly states that their attitude toward the Možemo Youth working group is unacceptable. Throughout my mandate, I have continued working with the Možemo Youth working group and I am in contact with the EGP to help FYEG gain a progressive and leftist member organization from Croatia.

Likewise, I have also helped the Bulgarian Green Party's youth wing to start setting up a formal organization. I met with them in person and discussed what paths they may take to achieve independence from their mother party. In addition, I kept close contact with them and gave advice when necessary to help them start in the challenging political context. This gave them the basis to work with and led to them establishing a youth wing.

Similarly, I am keeping a close look at the developments in Romania after their progressive, pro-LGBTQIA+ independent incumbent Greens/EFA Member of the European Parliament Nicu got reelected thanks to also massive youth engagement in his campaign and I am hoping that we can soon get a truly progressive Romanian member organization.

My experience and contacts in member organizations and the EGP will be helpful for another mandate. I believe this is important, as the upcoming mandate will be very short, less than a year long. I am ready to start working hard on my vision from day one and to help the new EC members quickly adapt to the very specific work environment in FYEG. Thus, I am kindly asking member organizations to consider supporting me and my vision for FYEG.

In solidarity for a Green future,

Klāvs (he/him)



Vision statement

The European Parliament campaign has ended and we are in a completely different Europe. In a Europe, where the radical and far-right can get in power. In a Europe that has punished Greens for overly pragmatic policies in governments and moving away from our fundamental values. In a Europe that is not doing enough to stop the genocide and Israeli war crimes in Gaza and the West Bank. In a Europe that is still not doing enough to stop the Russian genocide of Ukrainians. In a Europe that continues making fossil fuel deals with authoritarian regimes that violate human rights and commit ethnic cleansing.

As Young Greens, we must continue to be the voice of morality. We must hold our mother parties and the group accountable to ensure that they do not fuck us over in compromises. Now that the Greens will be in the leading coalition in the EU, we must tirelessly push for things that matter to us. But we can only do that successfully if FYEG remains strong, united, and deeply connected to our member organizations.

The expansion of influence from underrepresented regions and FYEG in the Greens

Even though we lost seats in the European Parliament, we must also be happy about the wins we gained. We won in Denmark. We expanded to the East and South and gained representation in Croatia, Slovenia, Lithuania, and Latvia. We kept a seat in Romania despite the difficult circumstances. We got three young candidates from the FYEG Young Candidates Platform elected, including the outgoing co-spokesperson of FYEG Benni. However, the existing power dynamics in the Greens still do not acknowledge this change in regional balance. For example, both leading candidates were from Western Europe, while Southern and Eastern European candidates also ran.

We will have a new role in the upcoming European Parliament mandate. That gives us better chances than ever to push for things that matter to us by working together with the Greens/EFA group. However, we have seen in several member organizations that their mother party being in power often means compromising on our core values. Thus, if elected for the following mandate, I would ensure that we continue to lobby for things that we want to change by constructively working with the EGP and Group. While being critical of political compromises that are unacceptable to us, e.g., on human rights, climate, biodiversity, youth, or migrants' rights.

Vision statement

The expansion of FYEG

FYEG still lacks member organizations from several countries. During my mandate, I have pushed forward the process to expand FYEG. However, this process requires much longer time than just one mandate. If I were elected for another mandate, I would continue my work on our potential member organizations in the North, South, and Balkan regions.

I see major prospects in Denmark, and Lithuania, where we already have established organizations that are connected to their mother parties. While in many other countries, we have Green parties and youth organizations that are slowly gaining ground. And then we have parties that are explicitly blocking any chances of their youth wings being established although they have a group of young people fighting for that. There is no simple solution to solve all of those issues that young greens face. But if elected, I would continue working with the region responsible to help our potential member organizations grow closer to FYEG.

FYEG, which works with member organizations and partners

Member organizations and our sister organization CDN are extremely important to FYEG. This mandate allowed me to understand our long-term systematic problems in our engagement with our Eastern member organizations and CDN. In the upcoming mandate, we must set up long-term plans for proactively working with these organizations, while respecting their often lower capacities and higher burnout risk. At the core of this plan must be the organizations themselves, as they are the most aware of their needs and capacities. During the EC task assignment, the responsibility over the Eastern MOs must be assigned as a higher capacity job than it was until now. We must change our working style with CDN, which is extremely important for raising their and our member organization capacities and publicity. I believe that our current collaboration has been quite distant from CDN, although we started working on bringing us closer in the later part of this mandate.

At the same time, we must ensure that our member organizations are truly progressive and green. FYEG member organizations have many different opinions on many issues, as political contexts are widely different from Lisbon to Baku. Yet we have a distinct ideology that puts people, climate, and equality first. I find it deeply upsetting that we have a candidate member organization that is self-proclaiming going against the woke ideology or puts in its statutes after joining FYEG that they support a marriage between only a man and a woman and Christian values. I believe such organizations have no place in the FYEG family.

Klāvs Veseluns (he/him)

Environmental and Climate Policy

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Work Experience



Executive Committee Member | Young European Greens

May 2023 to Present

- Coordinating East and Balkan regions
- Providing political input
- Work with relevant stakeholders

Parliamentary Assistant | Parliament of Latvia

January 2023 to Present

- Policy research on climate and environment
- Work with relevant stakeholders
- Administrative work

International Secretary | Youth Organization "Protests"

January 2023 to May 2023

- Managing the international relations of "Protests"

Climate and Environmental Advisor | UN Youth Delegate Program of Latvia

February 2022 to December 2022

- Advising the delegate on environment and climate

Board Member | Youth Organization "Protests"

January 2021 to January 2022

- Drafting the political platform
- Formalizing procedures

Education



BSc in Environmental Policy | Wageningen University and Research

Class of 2024

Specialization in environmental and climate policy and governance

Skills & Specialization

- Social media
- Video editing
- Policy analysis
- Data analysis

Volunteer Work and Affiliations

European Parliament Election Volunteer | The Progressives 2024

Climate Ambassador | WWF Latvia 2024

Co-Chair of the Youth Politics Working Group | The Progressives 2022 to 2023

Co-Chair of the Environmental Working Group | Youth Organization "Protests" 2022 to 2023

COP27 Delegate | Young European Greens 2022

Parliamentary Election Campaign Volunteer | The Progressives 2022

Languages

Latvian | C2

English | C1

German | A2



Riga, July 1st, 2024

Dear Young European Greens,

On behalf of Protests, I'm excited to announce our nomination of Klāvs Veselūns for a second term on the Executive Committee of the Young European Greens.

In his first term, Klāvs showed incredible dedication, hard work, and competence. He played a key role in expanding FYEG, organized the European train tour stop in Riga, and co-coordinated the Green Rave. His efforts have greatly contributed to the energy and reach of FYEG.

Klāvs has been deeply involved with Protests, having served on the board, led a working group, and played a central role in developing our mother party's program for the European elections. His diverse experience and unwavering commitment have made a big impact – both within Protests and FYEG.

Klāvs embodies the perfect mix of being strong-willed, cooperative, and motivated, driving positive change within FYEG. We're confident that his continued participation will further boost the committee's effectiveness and influence.

We fully support Klāvs's candidacy for a second term and believe he will continue to be a valuable asset to the Executive Committee.

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

EC4 Lena Zehne

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

Hello everyone! I'm Lena a 24-year-old politically active person, freshly graduated from an environmental politics master's degree, and currently working as a scientific advisor in the German Parliament. I've been active in green politics since 2015 with the German Young Greens, and I'm passionate about environmental justice – particularly post-growth.

My work, academics, and interests have taken me across Europe and beyond, from research in Lebanon to volunteering in Greece and being a delegate for several congresses – and I have enjoyed every bit of living abroad and fighting for what I think is essential for a greener future.

I'm running for the FYEG Executive Committee to amplify young voices and foster collaboration across Europe. I believe in the power of learning from each other and spreading awareness to engage our community on crucial topics like sustainability and social justice.

See you in Dublin! xoxo
Lena (she/her)

Supporters

Egle Olesk (Noored Rohelised); Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Mariia Patrul (Green Youth of Ukraine); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Żgħażaġħ EkoXellugin)



Member Organisation:
Grüne Jugend - Germany

My Motivation

Dear Member Organisations of the Federation of Young European Greens,

I am thrilled to put myself forward for the FYEG Executive Committee for the 2024 term. Basically, I'm driven by my passion for environmental justice, my commitment to FYEG's values, and my eagerness to share and amplify these principles. But let me elaborate on this.

FYEG is a source of inspiration and a big driver for change in Europe. Throughout my involvement in Green politics, I have seen the power in collective action in addressing environmental and social issues. My experiences working and studying abroad have provided me with a broad perspective on the diverse challenges and opportunities our communities face. This has reinforced my belief in the importance of unity and collaboration across borders.

One of the key perspectives I bring is my work with the Beyond Growth Platform (BGP), one of the working groups of FYEG. Post-growth policies, which focus on sustainability, equity, and quality of life rather than continuous economic expansion, are vital for our fucking future. However, this definition of post-growth and my statement of motivation are just umbrella terms to summarize what I want for our future, and our FYEG. I understand the complexities involved in redefining wealth, especially for regions with differing economic realities. This understanding helps me appreciate the diverse perspectives within FYEG and work collaboratively towards inclusive solutions that align with our values of sustainability, justice, and democracy.

Inclusivity and diversity are at the heart of everything I do. My experiences as a queer and female politically active person have shaped my understanding of the importance of creating safe, inclusive spaces where all voices can be heard and valued. Through my roles as, for example the mental health officer for the green youth organization of my hometown, I have focused on promoting mental health awareness and social justice, reinforcing my dedication to fostering an environment where everyone feels welcome and empowered to contribute.

FYEG is composed of several member organizations, each with its own unique passions and manifestos. This diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and I am dedicated to lending an open ear for everyone. By listening to and understanding the varied perspectives within our network, we can unite our efforts to achieve our shared goals. Ensuring that all voices are heard and valued will help us build a stronger, more cohesive movement that can drive significant change across Europe.

One of my most rewarding experiences was running as one of the lead candidates in my hometown city council election in 2024. This role honed my skills in campaign strategy, public engagement, and teamwork. It also deepened my motivation to continue working towards a greener, more equitable future. I want to contribute more! The support and collaboration I experienced during this campaign further convinced me of the importance of giving more people the opportunity to become active with us.

The green Base has demonstrated the power of engaging volunteers across Europe, providing a platform for young people to participate actively in our campaigns and initiatives. I believe every individual who wants to be active with and for FYEG is our most valuable resource. Together, we are strong, and I am committed to giving more people the opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

Looking ahead, FYEG has the opportunity to shape the future of our continent. I am driven by a desire to innovate and strategize for impactful campaigns that resonate with young people across Europe. My professional and academic experience in policy advising and strategizing equips me with the skills necessary to contribute to these efforts. I am excited about creating more spaces for eager activists to join our team, to engage and mobilize our base, ensuring that our message reaches and inspires as many people as possible (more on that in my vision statement).

My commitment to FYEG is strong and I am truly inspired by the everyone who I met in our green bubble. Over the years, I have seen the incredible work that FYEG and its member organizations have accomplished, and I am eager to be a part of this dynamic team. I believe that together, we can continue to push the boundaries of what is possible and achieve our shared vision of joy.

Let's go and thank you for your time,

Lena (she/her)

My Vision

Dear Member Organisations of the Federation of Young European Greens,

I am excited to share my vision for FYEG and my candidacy for the Executive Committee. I want to make sure we are raising awareness about the critical issues we face, getting even more people involved in our movement, and taking our green base to new heights of activism and impact. Let's make it happen!

Amplifying Our Community Strength through Workshops

FYEG is a beacon of progressive change, and I believe that our strength lies in our community. My vision is to amplify this strength by organizing practical workshops, improving our existing working groups and creating new working groups that address a broad range of topics relevant to our mission. By leveraging platforms like the green base, we can bring together members from all over Europe for workshops, fostering a culture of continuous learning and active participation.

Organizing more workshops offers numerous opportunities to deepen engagement and learning within FYEG. This practical approach equips our members with the skills needed to be effective activists and leaders. By bringing together members from different regions, we foster a sense of solidarity and community, allowing participants to exchange ideas, share experiences, and build lasting connections.

Workshops can also cover a wide range of topics, from the technical aspects of green policies to broader social issues, ensuring our members are well-informed and prepared to tackle multifaceted challenges. Regular workshops keep members actively involved in FYEG activities, helping to retain current members and attract new ones, thus maintaining a vibrant and dynamic movement. The interactive nature of workshops encourages creative problem-solving and innovation, allowing members to develop new initiatives and strategies that enhance FYEG's impact. Utilizing online platforms like the green base for workshops makes it easier for members from all over Europe to participate, breaking down geographical barriers and ensuring inclusive participation.

Expanding Our Horizons with New Working Groups

Having coordinated the Beyond Growth Platform (BGP), I have seen first-hand the positive impact that well-organized and targeted working groups can have. The BGP's focus on sustainability, equity, and quality of life over continuous economic growth has been instrumental in spreading awareness, to utilize our members diverse skill-sets, and to continuously learn from each other. Inspired by this success, I propose expanding our working groups to cover a wider array of topics that reflect our members' interests and passions.

A survey could be conducted to identify the most relevant and engaging topics for new working groups. Potential topics include Green Finance, Sustainable Food Chains, Intersectional Feminism, and Sustainable Energy Transitions. These areas not only align with FYEG's mission but also offer fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to the challenges we face. By establishing these new groups, we can provide more opportunities for members

to engage deeply with subjects they care about, fostering a more vibrant and active community. And again, more eager and motivated young people would have the chance to come on board!

Empowering and Engaging Our Community

To ensure the vitality of FYEG, it is crucial to reach out to new members and keep them engaged. Workshops and new working groups play a pivotal role in this effort. By leveraging social media and FYEG's communication channels, we can promote our initiatives and invite new members to join. Hosting online introductory sessions will make it easy for new members to understand the goals and activities of each working group, encouraging their participation. Establishing continuous feedback loops will allow us to gather input from members, ensuring that our activities remain relevant and engaging, and that we are always adapting to meet the needs and interests of our community.

To ensure the success of our workshops and working groups, it is essential to cultivate a supportive and collaborative environment. This means fostering a culture where every member feels valued and empowered to contribute. Encouraging feedback and open communication will help us understand the needs and ideas of our members, allowing us to continuously improve our initiatives. While we may not be able to provide all the resources needed for every project, we can focus on connecting our members with valuable networks and opportunities. By leveraging our partnerships and reaching out to external experts, we can enhance the impact of our working groups and provide members with access to the knowledge and tools they need to succeed. Additionally, we can facilitate resource-sharing among members, promoting a cooperative approach to overcoming challenges.

Strengthening Internal Solidarity and Learning from Each Other

I vision FYEG's MOs coming even closer together, therefore, I want us to learn from each other. Workshops, working groups, or whatever you want to call it – we need to sit together, listen to each other, and discuss why e.g. Sweden was more successful in the EU-elections than Germany and what regional difficulties there might be from strategy to strategy. I am convinced, that this will allow us to become an even bigger thorn in the flesh of this prevailing system!

Mobilization is at the heart of this vision. I believe that every individual who wants to be active with FYEG is our most valuable resource. To harness this potential, we need to create more spaces for eager activists to join our team. By doing so, we can ensure that our message reaches and inspires as many people as possible, driving forward our collective mission for a more environmentally just Europe.

FYEG has a bright future ahead, and I am eager to be a part of it. I am committed to using my experience, passion, and dedication to help steer our collective efforts towards meaningful and lasting change. By working together, we can create a more connected, informed, and active community that is ready to tackle the challenges ahead. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to this journey and help FYEG continue to be a driving force for positive change.


Without further ado – all the best,

Lena (she/her)

Lena Zehne

(she/her)

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Lena Zehne 

@lenazehne (TikTok & Instagram) 

Working Experience

Since 10.06.2024

Scientific Advisor / Member of German Parliament Leon Eckert, Berlin & Schrobenhausen (Germany)

03.07.2023 – 04.08.08.2023

Research Assistant / American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut & Beqaa (Lebanon)

10.04.2023 – 30.06.2023

Volunteer / Refugee African Dance (RAD) Music International, Lesbos (Greece)

16.05.2022 – 16.08.2022

Intern / Member of German Parliament Leon Eckert, Berlin (Germany)

10.01.2022 – 30.04.2022

Intern / Union Internationale des Cinémas (UNIC), Brussels (Belgium)

01.04.2021 – 15.06.2021

Intern / Minister of Environment of Saxony-Anhalt Prof. Dr. Claudia Dalbert, Halle & Magdeburg (Germany)

01.10.2020 – 19.12.2020

Intern / Member of European Parliament Anna Cavazzini, Brussels (Belgium)

Education

September 2022 – June 2024

Erasmus Mundus M.Sc. Environmental Science, Politics & Management / Central European University (Vienna, Austria), Lund University (Sweden), University of the Aegean (Lesbos, Greece)

- Thesis: „Prosperity in Transition: Unravelling the Synergies of the EU’s Post-growth Policies for Socio-Environmental Harmony”
- Boroli Award issued by London School of Economics, Hertie School, Sciences Po Paris, Bocconi University, and Central European University for addressing EU’s major policy challenges with the Policy Brief “The European Central Bank as a key for reaching European Green Deal targets”

August 2018 – January 2022

B.Sc. International Relations & Organizations / Leiden University (The Hague, the Netherlands)

- Graduated with an honours degree

- Founder of the 'Studentenvereniging van Duitse Studenten Den Haag' (Student Association for German Students in The Hague)
- Vice-Chair of the European Union Study Association (EUSA)
- Volunteer at World Life Fund The Hague
- Founder and Chair of the Greenpeace Student Association in The Hague
- Member of the Fundraising and PR Teams of the Amnesty International Student Association of The Hague

Further Activities

- Lead candidate for the German Greens in Halle (Saale) during the municipal elections in June 2024
- Coordinator of the Beyond Growth Platform (BGP) of FYEG
- Social-Media manager and mental health officer of the German Young Greens Halle (Saale)
- Member of the German Young Greens since 2015
- Member of the Young European Federalists (JEF) in Germany
- Member of the Green Base of FYEG
- Delegate for the German Young Greens to the EGP Congress and for the German Greens to the EGP extended Congress

Dear fellow Member Organizations,
Dear friends in FYEG,

hereby we would like to express our deepest support for Lena Zehne applying as a general executive board member for the FYEG EC for 2024/2025.

Her technical qualifications have been trained in various experiences. She is the coordinator of the Beyond Growth Platform (BGP) of FYEG, she actively participated in the EU campaign as a member of the Green Base, and being a scientific advisor to a Green parliament member

She also has extensive political experience having been an active member in Grüne Jugend. She was Grüne Jugend's delegate to the EGP Congress, an outreach officer of Grüne Jugend Halle Saale and has held many positions in the Green party in Germany. She also founded, led and actively participated in several student organizations such as the European Union Study Organization Leiden, WWF Student Organization Leiden and Amnesty International. Furthermore, she volunteered for a refugee organization in Greece and led the city council elections in her hometown in 2024.

Moreover, Lena's political experience proves to us her capabilities to help steer FYEG's political agenda. With her extensive political and technical knowledge we believe that she will be able to steer political processes within FYEG. With her dedication to connect and mobilize members with awareness-raising and education-sharing strategies, her vision is clear. We are convinced that lending an open ear to anyone in her role as EC-member will allow her to contribute to FYEG's journey to become an even stronger political force.

Her focus on educational work, inclusivity and with her valuable perspective as a woman from Eastern Germany we fully believe that she will work for pushing FYEG core values of equality, climate justice and diversity for the entire federation. With her perspective of pushing smaller MO's, we believe that Lena will bring a good and inclusive work dynamic to FYEG. Specifically, her insights into the Beyond Growth Movement will add a valuable perspective to the decision-making body of the Young European Greens.

With her truly international experience - having lived, studied abroad in the Netherlands, Austria, Greece, Sweden, Belgium, and Lebanon, she will represent all members of FYEG perfectly!

With her skills and personal qualities, her knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, and her past engagement and experiences with FYEG, we, as Grüne Jugend wholeheartedly support Lena's application as a general board member of the FYEG EC.

We recommend you Lena as a general board member of the FYEG EC with the highest regards.



Julia Bernard, International Secretary of Grüne Jugend Germany

EC5 Nefertiti Bikin-kita

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

I am passionate about racial justice, decoloniality and climate justice.

I have dedicated my time advocating for gender equality, refugee rights, racial justice and environmental justice for the "global south" in various capacities.

I have also been involved in various youth movements advocating for young people in decision-making positions.

I am fighting for a free, feminist and anti racist Europe.

Supporters

Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Filip Janković (Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Nora Axberg (Grön Ungdom); Axel Grima (Kollettiv Žgħażagħ EkoXellugin)



Member Organisation:

Junge Grüne Schweiz/Jeunes
Vert-e-s Suisses/Giovani
Verdi Svizzera - Switzerland



My Motivation

1. Encourage more racialised people within FYEG and the Green movement to run for Executive position in FYEG. To continue to push for a truly anti racist organisation.
2. To use the knowledge I gained working at the office of FYEG, to strengthen the relationship between MOs and the EC.
To encourage the involvement of the MOs.
3. To use this platform to push to radically transform Europe. To continue to push for change in a time where we are fighting the far right in all corners of Europe.



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DARE TO DREAM

DARE TO BE BOLD

**DARE TO USE OUR
STRENGTH**



Dear FYEG Family,

I am writing this with a little bit of trepidation. Last year when I was encouraged to run for EC, I felt a little bit unprepared. I had just started working in the Racial Justice Taskforce one of the working group of FYEG and was getting ready for my first ever GA in Barcelona.

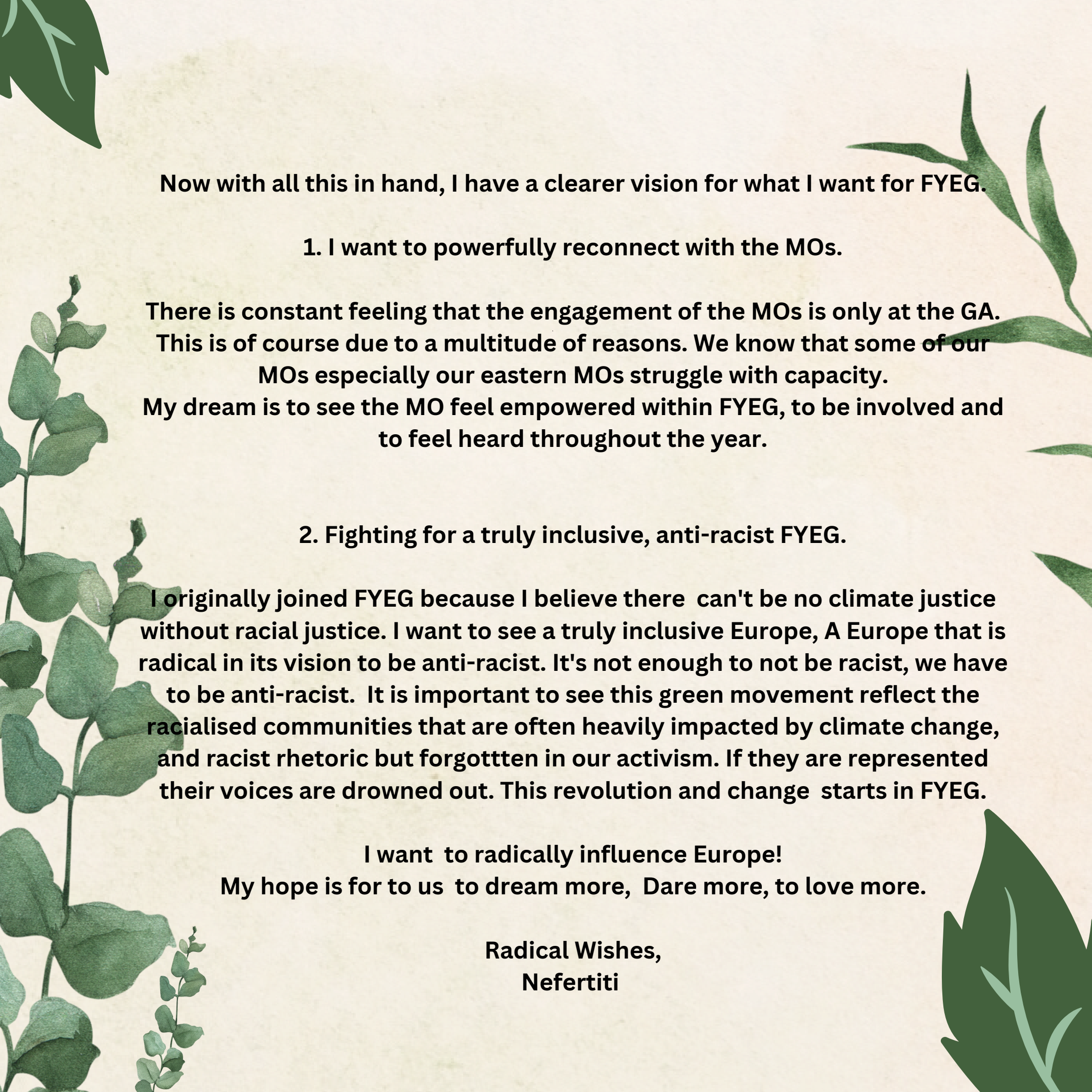
The GA in Barcelona made me fall in love with the community that is FYEG. It's diversity, it's wish to want to change the Europe for the better and in it's differences.

I knew from then on that I will want to actively be part of that change.

I continued to work with the Racial Justice Taskforce, working on various things such as the microaggression explainer which is now used in all our events.

For this year's GA, we worked on a new Inclusion Plan focus on racialised people.

I was able to work within the office of FYEG as a trainee where I was able to further my understanding of FYEG. I was able to better understand the concerns of the MOs. I was also able to understand how the FYEG office works with the EC.



Now with all this in hand, I have a clearer vision for what I want for FYEG.

1. I want to powerfully reconnect with the MOs.

There is constant feeling that the engagement of the MOs is only at the GA. This is of course due to a multitude of reasons. We know that some of our MOs especially our eastern MOs struggle with capacity. My dream is to see the MO feel empowered within FYEG, to be involved and to feel heard throughout the year.

2. Fighting for a truly inclusive, anti-racist FYEG.

I originally joined FYEG because I believe there can't be no climate justice without racial justice. I want to see a truly inclusive Europe, A Europe that is radical in its vision to be anti-racist. It's not enough to not be racist, we have to be anti-racist. It is important to see this green movement reflect the racialised communities that are often heavily impacted by climate change, and racist rhetoric but forgotten in our activism. If they are represented their voices are drowned out. This revolution and change starts in FYEG.

**I want to radically influence Europe!
My hope is for to us to dream more, Dare more, to love more.**

**Radical Wishes,
Nefertiti**

NEFERTITI BIKIN-KITA

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CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Organisational Skills e.g. conferences and seminars
- Facilitation Skills
- Conflict resolution Skills
- Conflict Mapping
- Mediation Skills
- Policy Paper
- Research Skills (Ethnographic research Skills)
- Critical analysis

LANGUAGES

English: C2

 Proficient

French: C2

 Proficient

Korean: A1

 Beginner

Norwegian: A1

 Beginner

About me: I am currently reading a Master in Law but I have a very diverse academic background. I have a Masters of Arts and a Masters of Science in Conflict resolution, Mediterranean Security and Conflict analysis. As well as a Masters of Arts in International Relations. I am interested in; EU politics, Swiss politics, Korean politics, conflict resolution and peacekeeping in Africa, South East Asia and the Pacific. I am also interested in international law, migration, refugees rights, women rights, advocacy, racial justice, and environmental justice. My research has mainly focused on decolonial movements, regional hegemony and regional mechanism for conflict resolution and peacekeeping.

EXPERIENCE

December 2022 - Current

LIAISON OFFICER/ MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE JEUNES VERT·E.S VAUDOIS·E.S (YOUNG SWISS GREEN VAUD),
Lausanne, Switzerland

- Liaising between political parties and organisations in Switzerland/Vaud/Europe. E.g. FYEG Young Swiss Greens, EaG.
- Collaborative work on initiative/referendums in Switzerland and the Vaud. E.g. initiative on installing a minimum wage in Vaud canton or working on a single tax rate for localities of the Vaud canton.
- Work on resolutions for green policies in Europe with FYEG and other member organisations of FYEG.
- Work with the rest of the committee to ensure that the party functions well.
- Promoting green policies in the Vaud canton.
- Preparing for the Federal Elections 2023 in Switzerland with the rest of the committee.
- Collaborated with other departments, identifying and addressing areas needing improvement.
- Liaised between internal departments and external partners to promote efficient communication and collaboration.

October 2022 - Current

CO COORDINATOR OF THE RACIAL JUSTICE TASKFORCE
FYEG, Brussels, Belgium

- Creating a creative, inclusive, safe, and open space for green youth of colour to come together, ideate, brainstorm, and ultimately work on the diversity, inclusivity and intersectionality of FYEG
- Organising spaces for POC youth to freely discuss internal and organisational issues within the movement.
- Working on new and improving current internal/organisational policies on diversity and inclusion, such as a renewal of the Inclusion Plan 2019-2021.
- Active participation in the Task Force, including regular online meetings, and active involvement
- Fostering and facilitating a safe, accessible, and inclusive space for youth of colour within the Task Force and within FYEG.
- Writing Resolution on Racial Justice for FYEG, EU24 Elections

- Demonstrated a high level of initiative and creativity while tackling difficult tasks.
- Managed time efficiently in order to complete all tasks within deadlines.
- Proved successful working within tight deadlines and a fast-paced environment.

December 2020 - December 2022

AUDIT SUPPORT TEAM *MEDAIR* , Ecublens, Switzerland

- Archiving important financial documents for the audit team.
- Archiving documents from the various programs opened by Medair for the audit team.

July 2017 - July 2021

ESSAYIST *MALTA DAILY NEWSPAPER / GHAJJET U XBJAT*

- Article on behalf of GHAJJET U XBJAT an intersectional feminist group for the newspaper Malta Daily
- Article: Racial Microaggressions and the role of guilt in our conversations

October 2016 - July 2017

SECRETARY GENERAL *SIERA MALTA STUDENT ORGANISATION*

- Part of the Administrative team of the Organisation.
- Represent SIERA in every transaction and legal action with the President and the Vice President.
- Liaise with other Executive members for the day to day management of the organisation.
- Draft the agenda and call meetings of the Executives.
- Prepare the Annual Administrative report.
- Compile SIERA's monthly Newsletter.

September 2015 - March 2016

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER *SIERA MALTA STUDENT ORGANISATION*

- Encouraging integrative research in the social sciences between International students and Maltese students
- To act as a bridge between SIERA and other international stakeholders
- Organise activities and events between International students and Maltese students
- Create new international opportunities for SIERA
- Address Msida

November 2015 - November 2015

LIAISON OFFICER *OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA*

- Worked for Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
- Worked as a bridge between the Commonwealth task force, The Maltese Task force and the Tuvalu delegation
- Provided support to the Prime Minister of Tuvalu and his Delegation prior to and during the Meeting

November 2015 - November 2015

LIAISON OFFICER *VALLETTA OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA*

- Worked for the Valletta Summit On Migration.
- Worked as a bridge between the Maltese Task Force , the Maltese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the protocol team of Niger.
- Provided Support to the President of Niger and his delegation prior to and during the summit
- Helped coordinate all the events pertaining to the Delegation of Niger during the summit (bilateral meetings with other countries, television interviews etc.)

EDUCATION

Masters Of Law Law
University of Law, London

03/2020

Masters Of Arts Conflict Resolution And Mediterranean Security
University of Malta, Valletta , Malta , United Kingdom, Belgium

03/2020

Masters Of Science Conflict Analysis And Conflict Resolution
George Mason University , Fairfax, Virginia

01/2017

Masters Of Arts International Relations
University of Malta, Msida, Malta

09/2013

**Bachelors Of Arts English Language,Literature, Culture And
Civilisation**
University of Savoie Mont Blanc, Chambery, France, France



Dear FYEG

We are pleased to announce that we, the Young Greens Switzerland, officially support the candidature of Nefertiti Bikin-kita for the Executive Committee of The Federation of Young European Greens.

Nefertiti has been a loyal and committed member of the Young Greens Switzerland for many years. She is active with the Vaud section of the Swiss Young Greens as members of the executive committee. Her work is twofold, one is as Liaison officer for Swiss Young Greens Vaud, where she would make the connections between the Swiss Young Greens Vaud and various left parties, civil societies and unions in the canton. Through this position she was able to work on various initiatives and referendums. The other part of her work consisted of being part of international officers who made connections between various sections of the Swiss Young Greens and FYEG.

She represented the Swiss Young Greens as a delegate at last year's General Assembly in Barcelona in 2023.

Her engagement doesn't only stop at the work she has done with Swiss Young Greens but she has also shown dedication in working in one of FYEG' s working groups, the Racial Justice Task Force. In which she tabled a successful decolonial resolution that was passed in last year's General Assembly in 2023. She also worked on antiracism resolution for EGP through the Racial Justice Task Force which was passed in 2023.

We have come to know and appreciate Nefertiti as an extremely conscientious, committed and reliable member. She has always carried out all her duties with commitment, reliability and care. We value Nefertiti as a person who is always helpful, friendly and even-tempered.

For these reasons, we can only recommend Nefertiti for election to the EC.

Best regards,

Magdalena Erni
Co-President
Junge Grüne Schweiz

Margot Chaudernat
Co-President
Junge Grüne Schweiz

EC6 Renzo Gort

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

Hey all, my name is Renzo (he/they) and I am 21 years old. I live in the Netherlands and am a member of DWARS (Dutch Young Greens). I work as a software developer and next to that I love to read, walk in nature, and occasionally do some gaming (mostly Transport Fever, because you know, TRAINS).

I am standing as EC member because I like to help this organisation, which has been a pleasure to be part of in the last year. I hope we can bring each other forward next year by inspiring each other and by strengthening our community. For some more concrete thoughts on that, see my vision, or just walk to me at the GA :)

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Dublin, see you then <3



Member Organisation:
DWARS, GroenLinkse
Jongeren - Netherlands

Supporters

Saúl Lara (Juventud Verde)

Renzo Gort



Hello all lovely Young Greens,

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It's my honour to present myself as a candidate for the executive committee of FYEG. It has only been about a year ago that I had my first experience with this beautiful organisation, but it feels like forever already. I've met so many lovely people from all over Europe and I hope I can do my part in helping our movement.

A bit about me

For the people who don't me yet, I am Renzo, I am 21 years old and live in Hoorn, a small city in the north-west of the Netherlands. I love reading books, listening to music, taking walks in nature (I should do it more often) and most of all to paint my hair. During the day I work as a web-developer at a small company which develops software to inspect all kinds of items.

It has only been 3 years since I really came in contact with politics. That was at the general elections of 2021. It was the first time I was allowed to vote and also the first time I really looked in to what politics is and what it means. Before 2021 I never really thought of that. Back home we don't really talk about politics, and growing up in a town meant that the views that I was subjected to weren't exactly left-wing. Luckily it was still quite liberal, but because of were I grew up I know how easy it can be to believe in the things the right and far-right are saying. It was completely normal to like things like 'zwarte piet' (blackface), and politicians like Mark Rutte and Geert Wilders.

This is exactly what motivates me, making left and green values normal again. We can probably all see it, the values of the people who vote for right wing parties aren't necessarily the same as the far-right. I think that often they are even more aligned with ours than we sometimes think. I see it in my friends or family members, while they have often quite liberal values, they are often stuck in the narratives of the right. That's why I like that we did focus on migration last election, not to repeat their narrative, but to counter it with our own.





Young Greens

Most of the experience I have is within the Dutch young greens, DWARS. I became a member 2,5 years ago and have since done numerous things. I have been a board member of the local DWARS Amsterdam chapter and have been active in multiple committees. I have also done things within FYEG, but I will come to that a bit later.

My first 'real' experience was in the local board of DWARS Amsterdam. There, as board member politics, I helped with the organisation of multiple activities. Back then it was all still quite new, but I learned quite a lot in that year. While attending the meetings of the GroenLinks Amsterdam group, I saw the struggles between being idealistic and being in a coalition with other parties. While often the council members wanted more, it was sometimes just not possible. At the same time you only see the things that have been agreed on in the media and the reactions to it on social media. I think we can do more against this image, by communicating better what we think, even if that isn't what has been agreed upon. By explaining what we did and why we did it, I think we can take away a bit of the frustration of defending something you actually also wanted to see differently.

One example where this was also visible was with a new proposal on the regulation of rental rooms in the city. In that proposal, the requirement that each renter should get their own individual rental agreement was scrapped. Meaning that renters could get into problems when their roommates have problems, like not being able to pay the rent. With this proposal we, DWARS Amsterdam, worked together with the local student unions to keep the requirement, together with some other things. After we made a statement together and lobbied via different routes, the requirement was not scrapped.





After a year in Amsterdam, I was secretary of two national committees. The first one is the international activities committee where, as the name suggests, we organise international activities. I think this one is quite relevant for what we do with FYEG. You can see that the prices for things like food and places to sleep keep rising. Making organising a trip abroad sometimes more difficult than you would like. One other thing that I noticed is that communications with local young greens can sometimes be a bit hard. I see a role here for FYEG, not that we need to do those communications, but rather build such a network of young greens that it becomes easy to be in contact.

The second committee is the topic-based economics committee (see this more as like a working group, but we also have working groups which are different in nature making it hard to find the right word, ugh..). In this committee we discuss the current events, make articles, organise activities, and make amendments for political platforms or manifestos. Last year we were lucky by having two elections and a update of our own DWARS political platform, meaning we have made amendments to those platforms all year long. It's interesting to see how words have so much meaning, write the same point in different words and it has a different weight. It's something to keep in mind, while discussing current events or making amendments, but especially while making amendments or resolutions about controversial topics. It's hard to find a balance to using strong wording and respecting other viewpoints. It's something to keep in mind, for example while discussing topics like Palestine or Ukraine. I see it as a job for all of us, to keep reminding ourselves and each other of the fact that we are all human beings. Be kind to each other. <3

Young European Greens

I promised to talk a bit about the experiences within FYEG, and here it is. This experience is one of the key reasons I am writing this motivation at all. Working together with all of you during the last campaign was something I will not easily forget. I value the support given from the office and EC while working in our different teams. I definitely think it is something we should continue doing. I have viewed the Green Base as a place where we connect and work together, apart from our collective Discord struggles.





As a team leader of the digital organising team (or digital campaigning team, I aren't sure which one it is till this date) I helped with the digital actions that we did, together with our lovely volunteers. The first petition on the rights of women and LGBTQIA+ migrants, asylum seekers and refugees was a lot of figuring out what to do and how to do it. But I think we have learned a lot from it, which helped with the actions that we did after that. I thank the office and the EC, in special Vita and Sean, for the awesome working together. I think here especially about the email action to ban arms exports to Israel, in which we sent more than 1100 emails to Ursula von der Leyen, wishing her that the email finds her horribly. The discussions on what to include, within the framework set out by the EC, and which tone we would use in the texts was nice, civil, and constructive. I think this is 1 of the best examples on how we can work together on topics with a high emotional charge, even if we don't agree on everything.

What should we be?

This leads me to the final part of this motivation, what should we be? I think we fulfil multiple roles as a European political youth organisation. It's a place where we can all come together, online and psychically. We learn from each others experiences and have the greatest amounts of fun. Next to that we have the political part. We lobby within our mother party and try to work together, but we also try to lobby outside of our party. We work together with other organisations to form alliances, making statements and pressure the status quo from the inside and outside. We make our own statements based on the things that we find important and with our own narrative. At last we have our people. We provide education, internships and jobs. With those we can provide amazing opportunities and learning experiences. We try to get our own young candidates elected, and work together to make our voice heard.

But this is not enough. I think that seeing it as separate parts is not enough. The parts don't work without each other. By becoming a even bigger and more active community, it gets more inviting to do political stuff. By having young people in parliaments we create the representation that is needed for other people to put themselves forward as candidates. It's all dependent on each other, which is lovely and scary at the same time.





How do you end these things really? Anyway, I hope you have been able to get to know me a bit better, about what motivates me, about what my experience are, and how I connect those to our beautiful organisation. Feel free to contact me for any questions, even if they are just about my favourite books or who I think is the best artist.

With a lot of hope, energy and hugs,

Renzo

I have some space left over, so here are some book recommendations :))

- The long way to a small, angry planet, by Becky Chambers. It's a lovely sci-fi that brings together space travel, friendship, and found family.
- All that's left in the world, by Erik J. Brown. A sweet post-apocalyptic story about two boys who travel along the east coast of the USA.
- Regarding the pain of others, by Susan Sontag. I haven't had the chance to read this one myself yet, but from reading a few snippets in a book from a friend of mine, I can already say that it's going to be good. The book itself is about how images of war and violence affect us and our thinking.

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Vision



Renzo Gort

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Hello, and welcome to my vision for FYEG. It's not complete, and it shouldn't be as it is merely my own thoughts. I'm hoping to expand on it in the coming year, working together with everyone, so feel free to reach out :))

Solidarity on all levels

One of our most important values is solidarity. Solidarity with each other and those in other parts of the world. We learn from one another's viewpoints and arguments, and use those experiences to adapt and improve our own. This way we inspire each other to always stand for that what is right.

I think this viewpoint is the corner stone of our European organisation, we try to look further than our own national borders. Yet, it is also difficult. It is hard to determine what to focus on. Sometimes it is hard to learn from others before you need to make a statement. Despite this, I think that FYEG can be the organisation that always thinks of and with others to adapt our stances on all kinds of topics. Where it is the norm to reach out to Southern and Eastern MOs and enable our MOs to do the same. Yet we also should take into account the capacity of our underrepresented and smaller MOs. It would be good to setup a structure that incentivize communication between the EC and MOs on political topics, preferably on a frequent but low demanding way.

Communication, understanding and transparency

One of the things that is really important is communications. Without it we are useless, because if nobody knows what we do, we are standing alone. We are already doing a great job with Instagram where we post regularly about a diverse range of topics. One thing I would add is more cooperation with our MOs to get more reach and visibility to our members. But there is more than Instagram, we have started really using emails, with the building of lists through email actions and petitions. This is something I would continue as it is going quite well.





Something I would like to add to our communications is more internal communications. Communications about the lobby to EGP, what we are doing on certain topics, and what things are happening within FYEG. Certain things are confidential and can therefore not be communicated, however we can look into ways in which we can share what we are lobbying on and with which intends. Because if we don't communicate on our lobby, our members don't know that we are doing it. By communicating on it, members feel included and can even reach out if they have valuable knowledge on the topic, strengthening our arguments. With this we shouldn't be scared to publicly criticize our mother party, not by kicking them to the ground but by providing our view on current events or strategies.

Community

The last pillar in this vision is our community. They have shown up in the previous two pillars, and with good reason. Without our members we are nowhere. Like we have done in the EU24 campaign we can use our community to expand the things that we can do. We gather new ideas, energy and knowledge. That's why I liked that we have setup the Green Base, which we should continue and make an integral part of FYEG. In the Green Base we should look into ways we can spark more discussions on all topics, to a degree where it is weird if certain news or events aren't shared there.

The Green Base creates an opportunity for more members to be actively engaged with FYEG, even if they don't have a lot of time. One thing we should watch out for is the fact that bonding online can be hard, so we should put extra energy into including everyone in the conversations.

One last part of our community is getting people inside FYEG. Too often I notice within my own MO that people maybe know that FYEG exists, but not what we do or how they can become active. I think it would be good to promote our working groups more as they are now not really that visible. Next to that I would love to see some more working groups so we have more places where members can become active and do something that interests them. With that I would also like to see that it becomes more accessible to join the working groups, by for example not requiring a whole application phase, but just a few questions to see if you are a member and what your contact details are.





Nothing of this vision is set in stone, and I would love to discuss all the different parts of this vision. Together we can make so much more happen. So if you have any questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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Green greetings,
Renzo



Renzo Gort

(he/him, they/them)

Experience within the Young Greens

BOARD MEMBER - POLITICS 2022-2023

DWARS Amsterdam

Organized several formal and informal activities in and around Amsterdam.
Attended the meetings of the local GroenLinks group to lobby for DWARS.
Made a statement together with multiple youth organizations (political and student unions) about a new proposal on rental housing.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY 2023-2024

DWARS, Economics Committee

Helped with amending the two election programs of GroenLinks-PvdA and the new DWARS political platform on economic themes.
Helped with the internal discussions on current events.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY 2023-present

DWARS, International Activities Committee

Organized two trips, one to Brussels and one to Strasbourg.
Helped with the internal organization (permanent schedule, documenting lessons from past trips etc.).

TEAM LEADER 2023-2024

FYEG, Digital Organizing

Helped with the copy writing of the petitions, social media posts and email actions in EU24 campaign.

Working experience

SEVERAL TULIP COMPANIES 2014-2019

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER 2019-present

GreenMarks B.V.

Developing a online applications to make inspections.

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Federation of Young European Greens
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Belgium

Utrecht, 22 July 2024

Letter of support for Renzo Gort, Candidate-Executive Committee Member

Dear Federation of Young European Greens,

DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren, fully endorses the candidacy of Renzo Gort as candidate for the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens.

Renzo has been a very well-known member of DWARS for quite some time, even though their DWARS journey started not so long ago. He has been on the board of DWARS Amsterdam, the international activities committee and he was the secretary of the economics committee (a working group). The economics committee, under Renzo their leadership, has had a tremendous impact on the political line of DWARS. Their committee has made multiple positive amendments to the political program and manifestos.

Renzo is a very easy-going person who can be very laid back but also very knowledgeable about specific topics, such as privacy and politics. He has used this knowledge to improve DWARS by making amendments to the political program and their experience with operating on a local board and lobbying their position with the mother party.

Renzo is running for member of the executive committee as they see a need for the Federation to grow on an organizational level. Something that Renzo also had plans for within DWARS was improving the internal communications. For DWARS he had concrete plans on how to do that, and Renzo has shown that they have a similar vision that he would like to apply to FYEG. Renzo has a clear vision on what he calls one of the most important values, namely solidarity. For us, this is not a new topic from them. Renzo has always advocated for solidarity for all. This is reflected in all the work they have done within DWARS, but also for FYEG. He has worked as the digital campaign team leader on multiple petitions on the rights of women and LGBTQIA+ migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. All of this confirms to us why Renzo would be an excellent choice for EC member, as we need a board that actively promotes and prioritizes solidarity and internal growth for FYEG, and we see that in Renzo.

Therefore, DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren sees in Renzo a dedicated EC-member and we are therefore glad to support their candidacy.

In green solidarity,

Soesha Sandker

International Secretary of DWARS, GroenLinkse Jongeren

EC7 Serdar Şengezer

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

I am Serdar Şengezer, a candidate for EC membership. I am a lawyer, a teaching assistant at Eötvös Loránd University Institute of Political and International Studies, I am doing a master's degree in international relations on climate justice and climate migration law and climate diplomacy. I have been a member of Beyond Growth Working Group for more than two years and I am a candidate of Young Greens of Turkey.

Thanks to FYEG, I have made great friends, participated in amazing events and gained incredible experiences. I am a candidate because I want to make all this even better and make FYEG a youth organization that everyone wants to be a part of.



Member Organisation:
Genç Yeşiller - Turkey

Supporters

Saúl Lara (Juventud Verde); Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Ana Apakidze (Young Greens of Georgia); Mariia Patrul (Green Youth of Ukraine); Francesca Cucchiara (Giovani Europeisti Verdi)

Dear Fellow FYEGers,

My name is Serdar Şengezer, and I am a candidate from the Young Greens of Turkey for the FYEG Executive Committee. I am writing to briefly introduce myself and seek your support.

First of all, I would like to talk about my history with FYEG. We have been working together with the Beyond Growth working group for more than two years. I applied for membership during the formation of the working group and became one of its first members, and we have been working together ever since. I am part of the research subgroup of the working group, and last year we worked together on the Green Growth paper. Now we are writing an article for the Green European Journal.

Throughout my journey with FYEG and CDN, I have participated in numerous events, gaining invaluable experiences and friendships that motivate my candidacy. Notably, I will attend CDN's Refocus Summer Camp in Georgia in August, where I will speak about my "Securitization of Migration in Europe" article at the Tbilisi Security Conference. Additionally, I will be part of the FYEG delegation at COP29 in Baku this November.

To talk about my activities outside FYEG, I was born and raised in Adana, a city on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey. Thanks to my father's love of nature, I have always been around trees, plants, and animals. Even when I was a baby, we had a puppy, and I grew up drinking milk from the same bottle. I spent my childhood planting trees, mostly olive trees, and taking care of them. Every summer, I watched the endangered loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings reach the sea and spent my days cleaning the beach so that waste didn't prevent them from reaching the sea. I tell you all this because the climate crisis is affecting my city as hard as it is affecting many of you, and if we don't do something, all the beautiful things I have fought for all my life will disappear.

I ranked 1112th among 2 million students in the university exam and entered Maltepe University Faculty of Law with a full scholarship. I graduated with honors in 2020. Then I started my legal internship and became a lawyer in 2021. I am currently pursuing my master's thesis on Climate Justice and Climate Migration at Istanbul Medeniyet University. I am also doing a master's degree in International Relations at Eötvös Loránd University. I finished my first year as the top student of the university with 5 out of 5 in all classes and I also worked as a teaching assistant at the Eötvös Loránd University Institute of Political and International

Studies and next year I will write my master's thesis on Climate Diplomacy. Also, for the next semester, I have been accepted for an Erasmus at Heidelberg University, which will facilitate my participation in meetings in Brussels if elected.

My motivation to run for this position stems from my deep commitment to environmental justice and sustainable development. I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact FYEG has on individuals and communities, and I am inspired by the organization's dedication to progressive change. I believe in the power of collective action and am passionate about contributing to initiatives that address the climate crisis, migration, social inequality, and human rights.

Given my background and commitment, I believe I am well-suited to serve FYEG and its Member Organisations effectively. I would be grateful for your support at the General Assembly. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I would be more than happy to provide further information.

Best regards,
Serdar Şengezer

I have been a part of various organizations until today, but FYEG was the first organization where I felt at home. I have never seen a place where young people from so many different backgrounds and countries work so devotedly for a common cause, look out for each other and make great friendships. Thanks to FYEG, I also have made great friends, participated in amazing events and gained incredible experiences. I am a candidate because I want to make all this even better and make FYEG a youth organization that everyone wants to be a part of.

As we have seen in the recent European Parliament elections, the Green forces from Western Europe are being succeeded by Central and Eastern European ones. One of the biggest reasons for this is the voting preferences of young people. I want to maintain this trend and at the same time increase the declining support in Western Europe. For example, during my studies in Hungary, I talked to young people and tried to involve them in FYEG. If I am elected, one of my first goals will be to see that at the next General Assembly we vote for Hungarian youth to join us together with their organizations.

These are not my only objectives, but the main ones:

- 1) Strive to increase youth participation and grow FYEG and its member organizations in each country.
- 2) Finding a compromise with other progressive forces to prevent the far-right from coming to power, as in Spain and France, of course without sacrificing our core principles.
- 3) Protecting the Green Deal and pushing politicians to ensure we meet the 2030 and 2050 targets in the next five critical years.

Serdar Şengezer

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

11/09/2023 – CURRENT Budapest, Hungary
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MA Eötvös Loránd University

28/08/2021 – CURRENT Istanbul, Türkiye
INTERNATIONAL LAW MASTER'S (LL.M.) Istanbul Medeniyet University

16/08/2016 – 15/06/2020 Istanbul, Türkiye
LAW (LL.B.) (FULL SCHOLARSHIP) Maltepe University

WORK EXPERIENCE

11/03/2023 – CURRENT Budapest, Hungary
TEACHING ASSISTANT EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

As a Teaching Assistant, I am responsible for various duties, including the correction of tests and exams, assisting professors with tasks related to courses, organizing department events, and facilitating the Scientific Student Conference.

02/07/2020 – 12/07/2021 Istanbul, Türkiye
INTERN LAWYER ŞENEL LAW FIRM

To become a lawyer in Turkey, one must complete a one-year compulsory internship at a law firm after graduating from a law faculty. Internships can be viewed as an opportunity for a trainee to gain an overall understanding of the legal system. My responsibilities were researching and writing memoranda; managing case files; performing administrative duties; assisting with preparation for trials, attending hearings and writing articles for the firm's website

16/09/2018 – 02/07/2020 Istanbul
OMBUDSMAN MALTEPE UNIVERSITY

Upon the dean's recommendation, I was elected to this position by the university senate and continued until my graduation. In addition to administrative work, I was investigating and providing solutions to problems between students and university administration.

DIGITAL SKILLS

Windows 10 | Zoom | Skype | Microsoft Office (Word Excel Powerpoint) | Microsoft Teams | Google Forms | Microsoft Office 365 | Google Drive | Mail Applications | Social Media/Social Network | Outlook & Gmail | Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Outlook.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **TURKISH**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C1	C1	B2	C1	C1
GERMAN	B1	B2	B1	B2	B2
GREEK	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1
HUNGARIAN	A1	A2	A1	A1	A1

Genç Yeşiller

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Genç Yeşiller hereby pleased to support the candidacy of Serdar Şengezer for the Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens.

We are delighted to nominate Serdar Şengezer as a candidate, we believe his extensive experience, dedication, and passion make him an outstanding candidate for this position.

Serdar Şengezer is an excellent candidate with his academic achievements, more than two years of experience with FYEG, communication skills, knowledge of law and international relations. His experience in both Turkey and Hungary makes him one of the few people with enough knowledge and experience to stand up against rising authoritarian populism, which is one of the things we need most at the moment.

Serdar's motivation to run for this position stems from his deep commitment to environmental justice and sustainable development. He has witnessed firsthand the positive impact FYEG has on individuals and communities and is inspired by the organization's dedication to progressive change. He believes in the power of collective action and is passionate about contributing to initiatives that address the climate crisis, migration, social inequality, and human rights.

Given his background and commitment, we believe Serdar is well-suited to serve FYEG and its Member Organisations effectively. We wholeheartedly support his candidacy and kindly ask for your support at the General Assembly.

Please feel free to contact Serdar with any questions. He would be more than happy to provide further information.

Sincerely,

Salih Tuna

Salih Tuna

10/07/2024

Istanbul

EC8 Tom Tallieu

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

Hello ! My name is Tom (He/Him), I am 24 years old and from France. I was born and grew up in Brittany, before moving to the region of Lyon. Growing up in rural territories is a huge part of my political identity: I experienced the lack of transports, the collapse of biodiversity due to human intervention and the scarcity of opportunities when it comes to education and jobs. The difference between these rural areas and the French capital, where I moved then to pursue my education, is striking.

I have been active as an activist in the francophone anti-ableism's movement but also as a member of the Jeunes Écologistes. I have been the co-head of the disability group of the Jeunes Écologistes. I was lucky enough to be able to experience living abroad, as I took internships in Brussels and Vienna, and finished my bachelor degree in London. I became active in the FYEG by helping with translations, and helping with the mobilization of FYEGER's during the French snap elections.



Member Organisation:
Jeunes Écologistes - France

Supporters

Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Tommaso Gorini (Giovani Europeisti Verdi)

Motivation letter

Dear Young greens,

My name is Tom, I am a 24-years-old disabled green activist, from France. I've spent years fighting for environmental, social and inclusive justice with les Jeunes Écologistes and les Écologistes (ex-EELV), in popular education as one of pedagogy officers where I personally took part in more than 180 interventions in schools, universities, prisons or third places in the Young Europeans and also anti-ableism movements.

Now, I have decided to take it a step further by being a candidate for the Executive Committee of FYEG. Throughout the years and different experiences, I developed skills to help my political family. Getting involved in Green politics was natural for me, coming from the countryside, I saw the destruction of our ecosystem due to chemicals and human constructions. As I was born in Brittany I grew up with a cultural particularism, a language and history that really differ from France. It was easy to choose a political family who put cultural diversity at the heart of their project. As a trade union member, I can be proud to be in organisations that put social justice as a core value, defending the most precarious against injustice and the 1%. I'm proud to be part of a political family that listened to me and made sure I was heard as a disabled activist, and finally a family who does not step back an inch in our relentless fight against the far right, on a daily basis with the Jeunes Écologistes.

I have the will and the experience to help make the FYEG our common home, today many of the members either do not know about the FYEG or so little. We have a duty to educate them about what the FYEG can bring them, from tools to formation or even opportunities. For example, I stumbled and learnt about the FYEG after years in the Jeunes écologistes, we have to make sure that every single new member in a member organisation knows about the FYEG when they join and

can be an active part of our federation, it could be done with a digital booklet that is sent whenever someone joins a MO or with more frequent “welcoming” meetings.

We cannot claim to be 'welcoming' or 'benevolent' as long as disabled people struggle to get involved in our organisations or remain excluded. While 87 million Europeans are disabled, we have to create a working group on disability and anti-ableism which will be the spearhead to push forward policies with our MO and MEP. Today disabled people are still excluded from politics, more than 800 000 disabled people were barred from participating in elections, and there are legal restrictions in 7 countries that put a stop to their participation. We need to address the lack of disabled activists in the different spheres of powers and by addressing the lack of representation we will then be able to lead campaigns against the discriminative policies across Europe: the stérilisation of disabled womxn, the lack of work safety and many others.

We are all facing common struggles, and each of our experiences can be of help to other people across Europe, from fundings to mobilisation and coordinating european-wide campaigns. My mandate would also be a mandate of preparation, preparation as an organisation against the continuous and ongoing assault of the far right and right against our rights, our values and sometimes even our identities or lives. We have to strengthen our federation against the fascist threat, and create a common narrative of progressive and clear values. We need to develop our network with partners: NGOs, Unions, the civil society as a whole to keep our feet on the ground, we cannot afford to stay in our bubble. Some of our member organisations already have experience with these topics, the FYEG is the right platform to have transnational training on actions, tools.

Europe is at a turning point: the far-right is still getting stronger and stronger, the right is radicalising, and the liberals are contributing to the climatic, social catastrophe we are all heading towards. As we saw in France with the New

Popular Front, the youth is politicised and eager to join organisations when they have a proper political project that contributes to a fairer society. Together we can defeat the far right, and push it back all across Europe.

I cannot stress enough that I will fight with all my energy to push for a more ambitious organisation that speaks for all and that works for all, the FYEG as the resources to be even more successful.

I think it's time for me to give back to the green family everything it gave me, from friends, to opportunities and for helping me grow.

Truly yours,

Tom

VISION letter

We are a movement of hope, a movement that is unstoppable, we have an obligation towards our generation and the future ones where failure is not an option as our enemies are getting stronger. We are a political family which is an ally of feminist, anti racist, lgbtqia+ movements, a movement which is fighting for a fair representation of everyone, that makes politics accessible for the Popular class, which stands in solidarity with oppressed People and that fights for a world freed from capitalist's predation.

The far right and their allies in elected assemblies and outside are fighting against our rights, our beliefs and our existence. We are fighting to have a livable planet, a society that is fair to everyone. In 2016, when I started my green journey, I joined a movement that is taking actions to change our society and our lives and 8 years later we need to make sure that it will happen in the next decade. This is why I'm running to be joining the EC of the FYEG so I can contribute on the European level.

An antifascist federation

All across our continent, the far right and reactionary movements are threatening us and our democracies. We need to make the fight against facism a core value of our organisations through training but also helping MOs to self organise to be able to sustain all the assaults. Some of our MOs know what it means to live in a reactionary society and we must learn from them. Self-organising means that we need to meet partners in civil society, who are the first to suffer, from NGOs to unions and activists. We will also need to remind everyone that the far right movements are at their core anti social and anti climate organisations. We need to denounce them every time not only online but also in the streets and in the media.

An anti-ableism organisation

It is undeniable that disabilities are forgotten in the political landscape. FYEG needs to be a pioneer when it comes to supporting policies that support an independent living in alignment with UN recommendation, an intersectional organisation shall be anti-ableist and defend a better political representation of disabled people. While making sure that all of our events, communications and policies are accessible. We will defend the self-organisation of anti-ableist movements while they fight for their emancipation. We need to address the european-wide discrimination that we are victims of from lack of political rights to sterilisation. The FYEG needs a working group on disabilities so that all of our decisions can be made while being sure they don't hurt our rights. We need to make our generation of Green activists the one that will not make Disability issues an afterthought but one of our priorities.

A welcoming federation

A federation for everyone is a federation that everyone knows about, we need to make sure that all the members of our MOs know about the FYEGg and that they can participate in our working groups, our discussions and in our events. A welcoming federation is also when MOs can easily work together, we need to push for further cooperation, participation in each other's summer universities and campaigns so we can create a feeling of common belonging in the federation.

Tom Tallieu

PRESS AND COMMUNICATION OFFICER
IN THE POLITICAL AND PUBLIC SECTOR



FORMATION

European Communication School

2019-2024

Master - Public and Political
communication

Bachelor - Luxury Marketing &
Creative communication HKX London

University Lyon 2 Lumière

2017-2019

Political sciences & sociology

WORK EXPERIENCE

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Directorate general for Labour - Paris - Since september 2022

- Rédaction d'articles, de notes et d'infolettres interne à destinations des agents
- Création de contenu pédagogique afin de faire connaître les sujets de la direction
- Thématiques principales : organisation du travail, santé et sécurité, dialogue social
- Communication : Création de contenu écrit et visuel

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER - GROUPE ÉCOLOGISTE

Paris' city council - Paris - intern - April to July 2022

- Rédaction d'articles et de communiqué de presse sur les actions du groupe politique
- Relation presse du groupe en soutien de la responsable communication.
- Thématiques principales : Ecologie, Handicap
- Communication : Création de contenu écrit, images et vidéos sur les différents réseaux sociaux

COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS OFFICER

MEU - Wien - intern - October to March 2020

- Rédaction d'articles et mise en contact avec les partenaires institutionnels
- Mise en place de la logistique
- Thématiques principales : Citoyenneté, Événementiels, Réseaux sociaux
- Communication : Création d'une identité visuelle et création de contenu

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

ECIT- Brussels - intern - March to august 2020

- Rédaction d'articles, de notes et de courriers
- Rencontres avec des acteurs institutionnels européen et mise en réseaux d'élus dans le cadre du plaidoyer
- Thématiques principales : Citoyenneté, interculturalité
- Communication : création de l'identité de la campagne, mise en place de l'identité sur les différents RS

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

PEDAGOGY OFFICER

JEUNES EUROPÉENS - 2020-2021

BOARD MEMBER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

JEUNES ÉCOLOGISTES IDF - 2023-2024

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Dear Member Organizations,

We are delighted to endorse **Tom Tallieu Stephan** as a candidate for the position of EC member. During our collaboration with him, we have witnessed his strong dedication to the Green cause, making him an excellent fit for this role.

His impressive resume and experiences speak for themselves. As a Board member for European affairs at Les Jeunes Écologistes Ile de France, he actively participated in the European elections, drawing on his valuable experience from his involvement on the board of Les Jeunes Européens. Tom has consistently demonstrated his determination and reliability as well as his capacity to work in a team.

In addition to his extensive knowledge of European processes, Tom is deeply committed to improving our organization for individuals with disabilities. We are confident that he will advocate for this cause within the FYEG as well.

Furthermore, as a policy officer in the previous elections, he demonstrated his ability to support clear and significant political positions, a crucial attribute for an EC member during such an important mandate.

Finally, Les Jeunes Écologistes have been absent from the FYEG EC for several years. We are eager to strengthen our connection and represent the voice of our region of Europe as we confront new challenges with the rise of far-right parties and the awakening of new left coalitions.

If you have any question do not hesitate to contact us by writing to **executif@jeunes-ecologistes.org**

Green Regards,

Annah Bikouloulou and Emma Chevalier
Co-spokperson for Les Jeunes Écologistes

T1 Andrej Zlatović

Agenda item: 2. Candidates for Treasurer

Introduction

Andrej Zlatović (any pronouns) is a 26-year-old Serbian and Croatian candidate for Treasurer nominated by the Green Youth of Serbia. They have a bachelor's degree in archaeology and are currently pursuing a master's degree in culture studies at the University of Belgrade. Currently they are serving as Co-spokesperson of the GYS, are a member of the main decision-making board in their mother party, the Green-Left Front and Andrej was a candidate for a city councillor position in Belgrade. Alongside this, they have coordinated multiple projects and assisted others, often with financial management. Within FYEG, their most famous contribution was being part of the campaign team for the 2024 European Parliament elections as part of the Green Base Coordinators, where they worked on organising the Discord server and member retention. Other than this, they were also part of the ten activists arrested in early May for protesting in the European Parliament against fossil fuel subsidies.



Member Organisation:
Zelena omladina Srbije -
Serbia

Supporters

Kristiana Bruce (Protests); Salih Tuna (Genç Yeşiller); Saúl Lara (Juventud Verde); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Vilma Jaatinen (Vihreät Nuoret); Renata Liliana Anetska (Ostra Zieleń); Karl Reimer (Grüne Jugend Österreich); Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou (Νέοι Πράσινοι); Ana Apakidze (Young Greens of Georgia); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine); Josefina Kubinova (Mladi zeleni); Francesca Cucchiara (Giovani Europeisti Verdi); Soesha Sandker (DWARS); Amy Winandy (déi jonk gréng)

Motivation Letter

Name: Andrej Zlatović

Subject: Candidacy for Treasurer

Growing up in the Western Balkans, in a country that was under sanctions and bombed, has permanently changed the way me and people from my region see the world. This has even affected my family, allowing me to grow up in a very antifascist and anti-authoritarian household, where I realised the necessity of political struggle against oppression very early on. During my life I have faced discrimination because of my mixed Serbian and Croatian heritage, because of questioning of gender norms through my appearance and expression, and due to my openly leftist political views. With my story being one of many such examples, amplifying the unique worldview of people coming from the Balkans and Eastern Europe will only aid us in disentangling the current geopolitical situations we are facing. We, as those who have had conflicts on our mind since childhood, need to make sure these mistakes are not repeated. Once our experiences are represented and critically discussed in a safe environment, conversations will naturally move in more fruitful and reconciliatory directions. This is especially important considering the pressing issues of the war in Ukraine and the invasion of Gaza, bellicose right-wing politicians and the neo-colonialism of the Global South.

It was not until I found the green movement, that I was able to feel comfortable within a community of people. In this regard, FYEG, which forms the backbone of our movement, has the power to foster that diverse community for so many people, like it did for me. This has materialized at many of the events I've participated in and helped facilitate, as well as during my role on the campaign team. All of this was only possible due to the privilege I had to be able to afford time off to attend events and volunteer, as well as find money for transport and participation fees. While promoting FYEG with other volunteers of the Green Youth of Serbia, I have often found that money was at the forefront of their worries when deciding whether to participate. This has culminated in this decision to run for EC, specifically to be Treasurer for the next mandate, to address the issues many of our members are facing.

Despite my social sciences background, economics and statistics are fields I have been involved with, whether it was conducting statistical analyses on the effect COVID-19 had on household income or doing budget analyses with NGOs for multi-year projects. Additional activist experiences, such as working in food banks, or with children of marginalized backgrounds in impoverished areas, have allowed me to address the issues of poverty and homelessness, and these are the topics I always try to come back to in my work. While FYEG works within a different kind of field than organisations I worked with before, economic privilege continually dictates who is, and who is not able to participate in activism and politics. We must address the financial differences of Eastern and Western MOs and find ways to make sure that all feel equal in the spaces we create and this I aim to do as your Treasurer. Additionally, despite these glaring economic inequalities, I know we can strive towards more representation and to create more accessible spaces for those with disabilities. If elected as Treasurer, the EC will be able to have a more balanced outlook with crucial context from a non-EU/EEA perspective. Since economic differences can manifest themselves in many forms, from the ability to commit to a timeline of long-term volunteering, to even coming to this very general assembly, we should have a perspective that more accurately represents the median European.

Relying on my experiences from the campaign team of FYEG which included both direct work with volunteers, as well as digital organizing, I am aware of my capabilities in both front facing roles as well as in capacity building, and this is experience I plan on using when budgeting. Additionally, in my role as co-spokesperson of Green Youth of Serbia, I always prioritised member growth and retention, managing to take an organisation of 9 members to now over 90 members, making it the largest opposition political party youth organisation in Serbia. In this role I have also created yearly budgets and reports, both for our organisation and for three successful projects done in the past year. Alongside this, I regularly had meetings and coordinated with the presidency and general secretary of our mother party, the Green-Left Front, submitting requests when necessary and ensuring that those requests are reported on afterwards.

As your Treasurer, cooperation with the FYEG office will come naturally and enable us to optimally allocate our budget, while also ensuring the necessary level of transparency that an organization such as FYEG should provide. Working on capacity building and forming a strong network of volunteers in multiple countries will assuredly benefit our fundraising efforts and establish easier access to grants and donations, which is a clear and efficient strategy to ensure that organizational funds will not be an issue.

I hope that in this letter I was able to convey my dedication and expertise in order to take on this daunting role. I aim to help FYEG develop in this new term, which has developed after the European Parliament elections and the best way for me to do so would be through work with our finance team. Within our green family we can reach our united goal of a solidary, inclusive Europe. It would be my honor if you gave me your trust to be your Treasurer and present your voices and ideas in this decisive year.

Vision for FYEG

Name: Andrej Zlatović

Subject: Candidacy for Treasurer

Let our network speak for itself: In order to best support our member organisations (MOs) we need to know their needs and problems. Only with direct communication with our MOs can we ensure that we are able to properly provide assistance, and that our efforts are properly focused. In this manner, FYEG often lags behind the Cooperation and Development Network (CDN) when it comes to the relationship between MOs and their umbrella organisations. With proper coordination, we can better learn from the practices of CDN. Only with proper communication can we accordingly address the monetary needs of our network and set proper goals and priorities. As treasurer, I will make sure that executive committee (EC) members have the funds for MO visits, and that, when possible, increased time commitment and initiative from MOs is stimulated with project and grant proposals. More oral communication with well-recorded minutes will ensure increased cohesion and representation within FYEG. These steps will also ensure that our MOs feel heard and that their members are able to express their opinions.

FYEG as a network and facilitator for our MOs: Many of our MOs face daily issues due to a lack of skills that are necessary for any modern organisation. We must find ways to address issues that MOs deal with, and there is a myriad of ways to do this while not overburdening event organisers too much. One clear method is for FYEG to facilitate cross-organisational trainings on topics such as regionalism and representation, social media, or budget management. Because within our network of MOs there is a bevy of experience, we can engage those that have successfully solved these issues to share their knowledge with representatives from other MOs which are currently struggling. Our future treasurer, aside from knowing how to spend funds, needs to keep in mind how to achieve our goals by sometimes avoiding unnecessary costs and burdening staff. In this way, FYEG will be more represented outside of the in-person events and annual General Assemblies to the whole network with minimal financial requirements and time commitment, while also strengthening inter MO relationships.

An accountable voice from an underrepresented MO and region:

With my past work as co-spokesperson of the Green Youth of Serbia and role in the campaign team, I have systematically been an accountable team player, making sure all tasks are done on time, while also striving whenever possible to speak about the issues of underrepresentation. The Balkans have slowly started fostering a home for the Green idea due to the emphasis it places on reconciliation, ecology, pacifism and feminism in a region that has too often lacked political options which champion these ideas. If we are able to systematically support and finance green movements in this region, I know there is significant potential to spread our network in **Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Kosovo**, while supporting our current MOs in Albania, Greece, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Türkiye. This will lead to breaking the stigma that the Balkans as a region usually face, and will help us foster a stronger atmosphere of cooperation and reconciliation within FYEG.

One euro is not worth the same everywhere: When discussing differences and privilege, we too rarely comment on the economic inequalities. While people in Germany are earning a median 3500 euros per month, the median salary in Serbia is a measly 630 euros. Additionally, as studies have repeatedly shown, financial struggles disproportionately affect people from underprivileged backgrounds, such as women, migrants, racial and ethnic minorities and people with disabilities. We will not be socially equal while we are economically unequal. We must observe the reality of economic inequalities, and account for them at our events, making sure they are maximally accessible for all. We have to strive toward a more decentralized approach to offering funding and grants. This also applies when we determine participation fees or which participants can have their travel costs covered in advance, while making sure that they do not feel shame due to requesting support. Having a non-EU/EEA perspective when allocating finances is necessary in order to achieve a more accurate picture of Europe within our network.

More activities to supplement statements - activism, to strengthen

politics: While we have the visibility of a political party youth organization, our status as an autonomous non-government organisation gives us much more power and potential when performing actions, as well as the ability to work with Civil Society Organisations. When spreading the Green idea, we have the freedom to do actions which a lot of our MOs cannot. Therefore, we should liberally take activism as part of our development strategy and keep this in mind also when budgeting and fundraising. We too often lean into the comfort of the statement, neglecting the value of direct action as a way of showcasing dissatisfaction through civil disobedience of the capitalist regime. We must have one leg in institutions and the other on the streets. Especially for organisations working within authoritarian systems (such as the one I come from), as well as those currently facing active invasions or occupations such as Georgia and Ukraine, typical political engagement will not bear fruit in the same manner as in Western democracies and this should be reflected in our financial plan. We need to strive for a way to enable those in underrepresented positions, to voice their struggles, and continue their fight against authoritarianism, war and all forms of oppression.



ANDREJ ZLATOVIĆ

Treasurer candidate
from Serbia

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EDUCATION

Regional Centre for Talented Youths Zemun - 1

English Language and Literature module
Received state diplomas due to good
tournament placement.

2012 - 2017

University of Belgrade Faculty of Philosophy

Bachelor of Archaeology - 9.05/10 GPA
Recipient of a state scholarship

2017 - 2022

University of Belgrade Faculty of Political Science

Masters of Culture Studies
Working on the correlation of
economic and culture change

2023 - ongoing

PRONOUNS

Any - no strong preference

WORK EXPERIENCE

Festival assistant and technical support Annually since 2019

International festival of Ethnographic film

- Worked with guests and directors. In later editions of the festival I was of the production team for the festival.
- Managed social media profiles, wrote speeches and organized volunteers. Did logistics and video and sound support.

Data collection, labeling and analysis

2021

Microsoft Development Centre Serbia

- Worked on collection of different data samples and marked them accordingly, afterwards sorted the data and kept track of progress.
- Mentored new hires and provided online onboardings.

Freelance statistical analyst

ocassionally since 2021

- Worked in SPSS to conduct statistical analyses and represent it as necessary.
- This was mostly done for students writing their masters thesis.

Curator and assistant museum guide

2022

October Salon - 59th edition

- Worked with guests and in technical support for art exhibitions in locations belonging to the Museum of Belgrade.
- Assisted in marketing the exhibitions, in person and on social media.

Assistant educator and teacher

2024

Group 484 - local action

- Worked with children, mostly from marginalized Roma backgrounds.
- Assisted in creating workshops and teaching them about the pillars of local action and civil disobedience.

CITIZENSHIP

Serbian & Croatian

LANGUAGES

Serbian - Native

English - B2 diploma, C2 in practice

German - B1 diploma (expired)

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

Video Games as a Common ground

Organized by the University of Zadar - held online - 2022

EKOnnect Young Greens Initiative

Organized by Youth Forum URA during the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN) Summer Camp held in Ulcinj - 2023

SELECTED EVENT EXPERIENCE

CDN - In person Let's Train

meeting - Prep Team

Skopje, North Macedonia - 2023

FYEG - Team Leader's

Retreat - Held Sessions

Brussels, Belgium - 2023

FYEG - Green Rave - Participant

Rome, Italy - 2024

FYEG - European Train Tour stop -

Local prep team

Belgrade, Serbia - 2024

Group 484 and truAktiv - Bridging

Cultures: Empower & Engage -

Participant

Prizren, Kosovo - 2024

ACTIVIST EXPERIENCE

EKO3 co-founder and organiser

2021-2022

- A Belgrade based ecological organization which is no longer active.
- Worked on guerilla gardening, social media marketing with the aim of talking about ecological issues in Serbia.

Solidarity Kitchen field assistant

2021-2023

- Informal food bank organization based in Belgrade.
- Helped with the preparation of meals and the handing out of meals and sanitary supplies to those who need it.

Member and Co-spokesperson of GYS

2022-ongoing

- The Green Youth of Serbia (GYS) is the youth wing of the Green-Left Front (ZLF) opposition political party. As co-spokesperson I am part of the large council, the main decision making body of ZLF.
- My duties are to represent the GYS in public, including various media and organize meetings, workshops and events. Includes regularly writing press releases for local media.

FYEG Campaign team member

2023-2024

- Worked on on-boarding and recruitment of volunteers, digital organizing of online platforms and managing volunteer tasks. Oversaw work of Researchers, Knowledge Guardians and Techies teams.

Campaigner and Candidate for ZLF

2023-2024

- Collected signatures, held on street actions, did interviews and managed certain campaign finances elections. I was also a city councilor candidate.

PROJECTS

A New Approach to Mental Health (FYEG)

2023

- Head coordinated the project and managed finances
- Worked and hosted panels with mental health experts.
- Drafted a mental health policy paper which has formed the basis of the Green-Left Fronts strategy for mental healthcare.

Let's Train - a Balkan railway project (CDN)

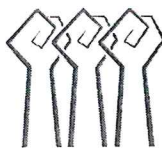
2023

- Completed the project with the CDN member organizations from North Macedonia, Greece, Croatia and Montenegro
- Calculated cost benefit analyses and strategies of development for rail travel and worked on its promotion.

GYS Summer Camp (Int. found. GroenLinks)

2024

- Aims to promote green values and ideas for young activists in the form of an educational summer camp on Goč in late July.
- Doing logistics, finances and will hold non-formal education sessions.



Zelena omladina Srbije - Green Youth of Serbia

Dear Delegates of Member Organisations,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for Andrej Zlatović's candidacy for the position of Treasurer in the FYEG executive committee on behalf of Green Youth of Serbia.

Andrej has been an integral part of our organization since 2022, consistently demonstrating outstanding organizational skills, collegiality, and a deep commitment to advancing Green values. His contributions were recognized when he served as a member of the Main Board and a co-spokesperson during the 23/24 term, along with his active involvement in the FYEG campaign for the EU24 elections, working in the core team in the capacity of a Green Base Coordinator. Andrej has also spent nearly a year working closely with our office, gaining a comprehensive understanding of our organization's operations. Additionally, as co-spokesperson, regularly had meetings with both the presidency and the general secretary of our mother party, the Green-Left Front, in order to secure funding for our events, actions and projects.

We strongly believe Andrej deserves the opportunity to further develop his contributions within FYEG, leveraging the skills and insights he has accumulated over the years. In addition to his valuable experience, we believe Andrej will bring crucial regional balance and enhanced representation from the Eastern region to the newly formed EC.

As a seasoned activist with a nuanced understanding of Eastern cultural contexts, Andrej is dedicated to fostering strong, constructive collaboration among Member Organisations, with a particular focus on enhancing support for Eastern Member Organisations.

We wholeheartedly encourage you to support Andrej Zlatović's candidacy with your vote.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anđela Marković". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anđela Marković

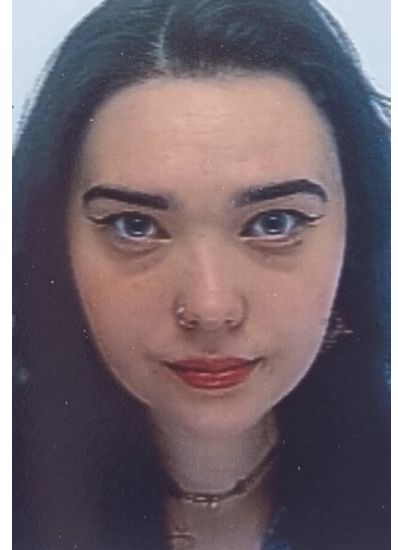
Co-Spokesperson and Member of the Main Board of the Green Youth of Serbia

T2 Lovisa Claesson

Agenda item: 2. Candidates for Treasurer

Introduction

Hi there! I am Lovisa (she/her) and I have been active in climate justice activism since I was 13 and went to my first meeting of the Swedish Young Greens. After leaving Scandinavia for continental Europe, I now call FYEG my political home. I have so much love for FYEG and want to contribute to strengthening the organization as much as possible. I believe that my best way to do that is in the form of treasurer. Although I see FYEG as a source of joy, creativity, and activism, I also see our problems with budget constraints and uneven financial opportunities for our member organizations. I want to create a dynamic federation that accounts for the different financial challenges of our member organizations. With my enthusiasm for organizational and strategic work, I believe that I am the right person for this job. This role sounds oh so fun and I would be honored for the chance to take it on (:



Member Organisation:
Grön Ungdom - Sweden

Supporters

Tilde Isaksson (Grön Ungdom); Anna Winkelmann Larios (Joves Ecosocialistes); Egle Olesk (Noored Rohelised); Nijat Guliyev (MIL Network); Nora Axberg (Grön Ungdom); Mariia Patrul (Green youth of Ukraine)

LOVISA CLAESSON

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Dear FYEG,

My name is Lovisa Claesson (she/her) and I am a Swedish climate justice and human rights activist from Sweden, currently based in the Netherlands. In this letter, I will explain why I am delighted at the prospect of becoming your next treasurer.

My experience in Green politics started in 2016, when I, as a nervous, but motivated, 13-year old, entered my first meeting of Grön Ungdom. Despite my age, I quickly felt at home in this movement, assuming numerous roles in the organization throughout the years. My fondest memories include being the spokesperson of Grön Ungdom in Stockholm and a member of our international committee.

In recent years, I've left Sweden for Germany and the Netherlands. There, I found new homes in both Grüne Jugend and DWARS. Moreover, it has given me the motivation to finally become active in an organization I have heard about ever since my first encounters with Grön Ungdom - FYEG. After attending my first FYEG event as a Swedish delegate at the General Assembly in 2022, I instantly fell in love with the organization. Since then, I have participated in numerous events and actions, both online and in person. For the past year, I have been a member of the Ecosprinter Editorial Board, a position that has given me valuable experience of pan-European organizing and a deep understanding of FYEG as an organization.

FYEG has given me so much. From being a rather distant organization whose stories I heard about at Grön Ungdom events, FYEG has now become my political home and helped me grow immensely, both as an activist and as a person. I would love to take the experience FYEG has given me and give back to the organization. I believe my best way to do this is in the form of treasurer.

During my years in FYEG, I have seen the strength and joy of this organization. I have also seen its problems. Coming from a comparatively financially privileged member organization, it has been sobering to see what can be accomplished with few resources,

both in FYEG and its member organizations. Moreover, I have seen the organization's problems when it comes to battling financial inequalities within the European young Green movement. This includes Southern and Eastern European activists needing to sacrifice much more to participate in the workings of FYEG, as well as Northern and Western European member organizations questioning the usefulness of their FYEG membership. Here, I want to oversee the financial guidelines and dynamics of the organization, as well as securing more overall funding for FYEG.

I believe that my background in a membership organization with a strong organizational tradition will help me in this role. After my years in Grön Ungdom, I have a long experience of overseeing administrative formalities, IRPs, and budgetary matters, interests I have also brought to previous FYEG General Assemblies. I have similar administrative experiences from other forms of NGO work, such as an association at my high school that organized a festival for about 200 students. As president of the association, I managed our finances and accounting, increased our fundings, and established formal bank contacts for the association. Moreover, my work in the Ecosprinter Editorial Board has given me valuable insights in FYEG and pan-European organizing.

One further motivation for my application for the role as treasurer is the fact that I think it sounds incredibly fun! I thoroughly enjoy organizational and strategic work. I see the role as treasurer as incredibly important to the organization, and it would truly be an honor to take on this role.

Thank you for taking the time to read this! I sincerely wish for your support.

In solidarity,

Lovisa Claesson

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LOVISA CLAESSON

Candidate for
Treasurer of FYEG



ABOUT ME

Hi! I'm Lovisa Claesson (she/her) and I am Swedish bachelor's student of European Studies, currently based in the Netherlands. I have been active in European climate justice activism since 2016 and FYEG since 2022.

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EDUCATION

Maastricht university, NL

BA European Studies
2022-2025

➡ Sciences Po Paris, FR

Erasmus Exchange
2024

Södra Latins gymnasium, SE

High school diploma
Program: Humanities and languages
2017-2021

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Swedish - Native
- English - C2
- German - C1
- French - B2
- Dutch - B1

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Ecosprinter Editorial Board member

FYEG
2023-Present

- Manage emails and contact writers
- Help brainstorm, write, and edit articles
- Organize and manage internal board work

Delegate at FYEG General Assembly

Grön Ungdom / Swedish Young Greens
2022, 2023

- Represent Grön Ungdom and strengthen contacts with other member organizations
- Debate, vote, and discuss the politics of FYEG
- Raise awareness of FYEG within Grön Ungdom

Events Committee member

United Nations Student Association Maastricht
2022-2023

Organize educational and social events for members and other students at Maastricht University interested in politics and international relations.

President

Södra Latin's Language Society
2020-2021

- Organize and execute an educational festival for 200 humanities students at my high school
- Organize internal work of the association's board
- Manage finances and establish bank contacts

Dear Young European Greens,



We are pleased to write this letter in support of Lovisa Claesson's candidacy for treasurer Young European Greens 2024/2025.

Lovisa has long proved herself an engaged political activist, both on a Swedish and European level. Joining the Swedish Young Greens in 2016, she was very active in organizing the Young Greens of Stockholm. She has also played an important role in bridging the gap between the Swedish Young Greens and FYEG. In her roles as International Committee member and GA delegate in 2022 and 2023, Lovisa has shown a great enthusiasm for FYEG. By organizing educational events and being proactive in GAs, Lovisa has helped increase the awareness of, and enthusiasm for, FYEG within the Swedish Young Greens.

Lovisa has proven herself an engaged and passionate member of FYEG through participation in events and actions, as well as digital organizing. This has mainly been shown in her role as member of the Ecosprinters Editorial Board. She has also shown strategic skills, both as an organizer within the Swedish Young Greens and through representing the organization towards FYEG. There, she has already shown an interest in engaging in the financial matters of FYEG.

After a long engagement in the Swedish and European Young Greens, Lovisa has shown a passion for Green politics, both in the form of activism and organizational work. She has demonstrated skills in organizational matters, as well as a genuine interest in engaging in these topics. As such, we have no doubt that Lovisa will do an excellent job as treasurer for FYEG.

For these reasons, Grön Ungdom believes that Lovisa could make a meaningful contribution to FYEG and we would like to express our support for her candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Grön Ungdom,

Tove Ljungberg Haasum
International Secretary, Grön Ungdom