

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	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C1	C1	B2	C1	C1
<b>GERMAN</b>	B1	B2	B1	B2	B2
<b>GREEK</b>	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1
<b>HUNGARIAN</b>	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.

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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

10/07/2024

Istanbul