

EC3 JP Antonucci Rezende

Agenda item: 3. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

I'm JP (any pronouns), a Belgian environmental activist with a special passion for intersectionality and for our (not-so-little) little community.

I like Gramsci, Hans Jonas, and Foucault and I'm not afraid to use their quotes in debates, I have plenty of (useful) knowledge on ecodesign and even more (useless) knowledge on British cult television.

When I'm not busy smashing the patriarchy, you can find me in a pub telling jokes about the environment.

Supporters

Liina Reimann (Noored Rohelised); Ignasi Digón (Joves Ecosocialistes); Teun Boswinkel (Jong Groen)



Member Organisation:
Jong Groen (Belgium)

Dear Member Organisations,

I find it particularly hard to write a “motivation letter” when motivation lacks in the first place. Don’t get me wrong, I’m eager to write these words and be part yet again of a page of this fantastic organisation that is FYEG, however as the world falls apart around us it is very hard to stay motivated.

I share these feelings here, because I’m sure this is a common feeling that many of you relate to this feeling of despair and wonders what even are we motivated for.

And yet, this despair is paradoxically somehow my muse (yes, this motivation letter has gotten philosophical and there is nothing you can do about it) and it pushes me to run once again for FYEG’s executive committee.

I could talk about how I’ve been community organising for almost 10 years of my life, how I have been a member of an FYEG organisation for 6 and how I’ve been working with environmental activist for over two years, but to be honest, is that really a motivation to run or even to you to vote for me?

Let me answer shortly: no (and even if your answer would have been yes, let’s just pretend just for the sake of dialogue) (yes, philosophical AND meta). So the only, hyperbolic, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious reason behind this letter, it’s my personal necessity to continue fighting the despair that we daily live in and destroy the far-right shitters in rouds of sickles and hammers together with you.

Green regards

JP

MY VISION

My vision of FYEG is simple and yet clear: a radical left-wing organisation willing to lead the change.

If we want to thrive, FYEG must embrace its left-wing roots. This means getting once again in touch with the people and understanding the problem of the people. This means opening up and becoming a movement from and for the people. This means supporting local realities and grassroot movements.

Politics has in the recent years distanced themselves from the people, and normal values have shifted sides. We see the left parties, the parties “of the poor”, becoming the parties of the fancy cultured upper-middle class people, while the right reinvents itself as the parties of the people.

Too busy with our complex rethoric and bedazzled by our own pretenious philosophy, we lost touch with reality and we lost the interest of the folks that we fight for and with in the first place.

My vision of FYEG is that of a left-wing youth movement that reappropriates itself of the masses. It's time to wreck the whole system down, stay proletarian, and catch the interest of the youth again through some radical shit (and less radical-chic).

Ecologists of Europe, unite!

Green regards

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João Antonucci Rezende

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Work experience



Policy and Comms Assistant | RREUSE

October 2024 - February 2025

- Support in the execution and creation of digital campaigns;
- Support in a series of comms outputs, including but not limited to: posts, policy papers, and policy assessments;
- Support during the organisation of RREUSE's annual conference with over 150 participants and 20 guest-speakers in The Hague;
- Writing of the annual comms and events report for the European Union grants;

Right to Repair Policy Trainee | ECOS

May 2023 - May 2024

- Management and creation of innovative content for all the communication channels of Right to Repair (X, Instagram, LinkedIn, Wordpress, etc.);
- Advocacy for the Right to Repair Directive and other eco-design policies;
- Community management at the Right to Repair Europe coalition;
- 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 press releases;
- Coordination of digital petitions, actions and mail-bombing;
- Planning and management of different webinars;
- Contact with a series of very diversified stakeholders;

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

- Planning, preparation, 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

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Activist experience



Executive Committee | Belgian Young Greens

July 2023 - June 2024

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

Volunteer | FYEG

March 2023 - Present

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

Volunteer | Fridays For Future and Youth for Climate

April 2019 - Present

- Planning of campaigns, actions and demonstrations for the climate in Brussels;
- Delegate of YfC at CAN Europe meetings and in the international Fridays for Future movement;
- Social media manager of YfC accounts;

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

- Social media knowledge (TikTok, Instagram, X, Facebook, LinkedIn);
- Informatic skills (Office, Google Workspace, Action Network, Monday, Wordpress, etc.);
- High mediation and negotiational skills;
- Conflict solving;
- Basic photo and video editing skills (Lightroom, Photoshop, Canva, etc.);
- Public speaking;
- Teamwork & collaboration;
- Translations (4+ idioms);
- Grant and report writing;
- Fundraising skills;

Linguistic skills

- French: C1
- English: C1
- Italian: C2
- Portuguese: C1
- Spanish: B1
- Dutch: A2

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Brussels, 21st March 2025

Reference Letter João Antonucci Rezende

Dear fellow FYEG members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Jong Groen to recommend João Antonucci Rezende for a position on the FYEG Executive Committee for the coming year 2025-2026. I can wholeheartedly say that I support João's candidacy, having had the privilege to get to know them over the last year(s), even running against them for my current position at Jong Groen, through the FYEG European election campaign and other Brussels green spaces.

João is a dedicated activist in Belgium who carries out the values that I associate with FYEG in everything they do. From the top of my head, I have seen them campaign for environmental causes, anti-imperialism, youth empowerment and disability rights, to name a few. They are kind-hearted, open-minded, environmentally conscious and with a serious drive to change things. Amongst others, João is an active participant in the International Working Group, well connected at both Ecolo J and Jong Groen and I think they would make a valuable contribution to our organization with a mandate in the Executive Committee.

I also know that João is an active Green Base member, and works tirelessly to engage other activists or people interested in our movement. If elected as EC member, I believe that João, with their experience and engagement, would be a welcome addition to the organization.

I hope that you will consider their candidacy.

Should you need any further information, feel free to reach out.

Yours sincerely,

Teun Boswinkel