

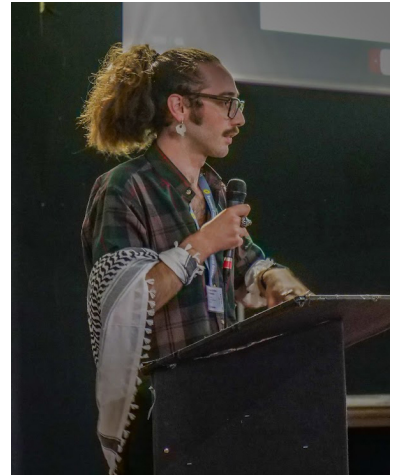
EC8 Ángel (Léo) Villabona

Proposers:

Agenda item: 4. Candidates for Executive Committee

Introduction

Hi! I'm Ángel, or Léo, (He/They) from Madrid, Spain, but I've been working since late last year as an APA for MEP Jaime Asens. I'm passionate about communication, what isn't communicated doesn't exist. I'm 28 years old, a former FYEG communications intern, former FYEG's Green Vision member, former Ecosprinter Editorial Board and I spent quite a few years working as a bartender. I love reading, or to be honest buying books and letting them in a pile. My favorite flower are the daisies, and my favorite cocktail are margaritas (which is "daisy" in Spanish). I'm also vegan and deeply anti-bullfighting.



Member Organisation:
Juventud Verde

Ángel (Léo) Villabona

Candidate to the Executive Committee



Motivation

Dear fyegers,

My name is Ángel, or Léo, and I am running for the Executive Committee because I believe I can contribute something useful at this moment for the federation.

We are living through an important international moment. The world as we knew it is changing fast, and many of the certainties we took for granted are no longer there. This pushes us to position ourselves better, organise better and act with more determination.

My path within the green movement has been quite transversal. I have been involved in the Spanish Young Greens for years, first as an activist and later as co-spokesperson, learning what it means to organise, take decisions and sustain a political project day to day. I have also worked in political communication in Sumar, within the coalition government in Spain with Pedro Sánchez and Yolanda Díaz, and now in the European Parliament. This has given me a clear perspective on how messages are built and what makes them connect.

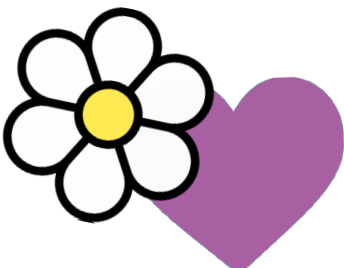
I have also been involved in FYEG through the Green Vision Campaign Team and as a trainee in the office, where I understood both the federation's dynamics and its potential. When there is direction and coordination, we are capable of delivering at a very high level, the kind of level that many parties and organisations would aim to reach.

Now working in the European Parliament, I believe having someone inside that space can be useful. Many decisions that affect us happen there, and understanding how it works and activating contacts at the right moment can make a difference.

That is why I am running: because I believe this experience can help FYEG better connect what our MOs do, what happens in campaigns and what takes place in broader political spaces.

I also believe I can bring a slightly different perspective, combining experience inside the federation with insights from other political spaces.

I am running because I want to help FYEG make better use of what we already have, be more connected and act with more clarity.



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The European elections are approaching and we need to get ready, but between now and 2029 many of our MOs will face challenges and elections in increasingly difficult contexts. The far right already governs in many places, and where it does not, it is growing. Moreover, it is setting the playing field and dominating the narratives.

And that forces us to be honest: We have energy, we have people and we have ideas, but sometimes direction is missing.

Hope is important because it moves us, because it keeps us here. But to generate hope in people, something more is needed: having a clear sense of where we are going.

I know we can do better, I am convinced because I know well our federation.

That is why I believe FYEG should focus on four priorities:

1. Direction: deciding what is strategic

We often do many things, but it is not always clear what we want to achieve with them. We need to stop more often and ask ourselves: what is working, what is not working and where are we having real impact.

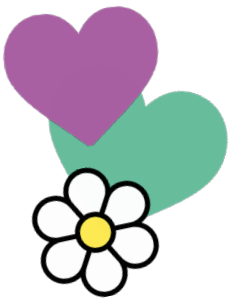
But above all, we need to be strategic. And being strategic means that what we do makes sense as a whole.

Our campaigns, our political priorities and our organisational work should reinforce each other. When they move in different directions, the impact gets diluted. When they are aligned, it becomes much more visible.

That is the level we can and must aspire to.

2. Coordination: turning network into power

We have a huge network, but we do not always use it as such. The federation is going through a complicated economic moment and even so, there is something we have in abundance: people and knowledge, but we are not always making the most of it.





Our MOs face very concrete challenges, electoral campaigns, membership, mobilisation, while within the federation itself there are very valuable experiences, experts, that could help much more.

That knowledge exists, but sometimes it stays where it is and we can do much more to share it better, not everything has to go through one-off trainings. Perhaps we need more continuous spaces, more useful in day-to-day life, where we can talk about what is happening and truly support each other between organisations.

If we achieve that, we will build a very useful collective intelligence. I think it is much easier to do than it seems.

3. Position: making better use of the tools we already have

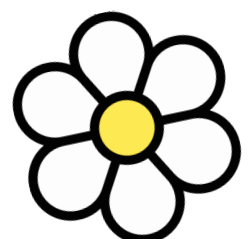
We are part of a broader political ecosystem, with connections at local, national and European level that open many possibilities.

We have access to networks, to institutional spaces and to information that can strengthen our work if we know how to use them well. There is room to better connect what we do with what is happening in the European Parliament, where many of our priorities are also being decided. From the inside, it is quite clear that when those connections are activated at the right moment, the impact changes. Sometimes it comes down to knowing who to reach out to, when to act, or how to open a door, but also to understanding how those spaces actually work and how to move within them. One of the things working in the European Parliament has taught me is precisely how to do that in practice.

I think we can do more on that as a federation, especially when it comes to advocacy, negotiation and using the spaces we already have access to.

4. Narrative: building our own political direction

If we want to contest the political space, we need more than reacting. We need our own direction: clear, recognisable, understandable.





And we know it is possible. Projects like those of Mamdani have managed to connect with people through clear proposals. And processes like those represented by Polaski show that, when there is coherence and direction, it is possible to reorganise political forces and change dynamics.



You can tell when there is a clear idea behind it.

It has to do with how the message is built, how it is sustained over time and whether it truly connects with people.

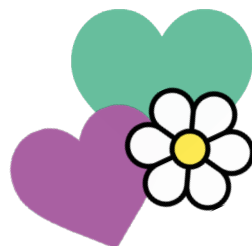
The way we tell what we do matters more than it sometimes seems, we can generate hope, but it has to be accompanied by a clear direction that does not leave hope empty.

That is why I believe this is a moment to focus, to make better use of what we already have, to organise ourselves with more direction and to act with more clarity.

The context is difficult but it is not decided, and if we know where we are going, we can change it.

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EDUCATION

Degree in Translation and Interpreting.
Universidad Autónoma. Madrid, 2019

TOOLS

- Adobe Package
- Notion
- Canva
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- CapCut
- WordPress

EXPERIENCE

- APA to Green MEP
Accredited Parliamentary Assistant to Greens/EFA MEP Jaume Asens | NOV - 2024
PRESENT
- Multimedia Officer
Sumar, Madrid | NOV - 2023
OCT - 2024
Social media management for the party and parliamentary group, including content creation and digital strategy development.
- GREEN VISION
Campaign Team, Young European Greens. | NOV - 2023
JUL - 2024
- Communications Intern
Greens/EFA & FYEG, Brussels | FEB - 2023
JUL - 2023
Video editing and graphic design.
- Electoral Multimedia Officer
Sumar, Madrid | MAY - 2024
JUN - 2024
Social media management for Estrella Galán, candidate for the European Parliament.
- Co-spokesperson
Juventud Verde | DIC - 2021
JUL - 2025
- Ecosprinter Editorial Board
EEB Member | AUG - 2024
MAY - 2025

LANGUAGES

- Español
- English
- Français
- Catalá

JUVENTUD VERDE EXPRESSES TOTAL SUPPORT FOR LEO'S CANDIDACY

On behalf of Juventud Verde, we are writing to express our support for the candidacy of our ex-cospokesperson, **Ángel "Léo" Esteban Villabona**, seeking a position on the EC of FYEG.

Léo has gathered huge experience in the organization, serving **two terms as co-spokesperson** and playing a vital role in strengthening our political project through his **strategic eye** and commitment to green and social politics; not only in Spain, but also at the european level. He has consistently embodied the **"politics of care"** as a daily practice.

Léo brings an exceptional level of **institutional expertise** to this mandate, as he currently works within the **European Parliament**, providing him with a direct perspective on the spaces where our most critical decisions are made. His professional background includes working in **political communication** for Sumar within the Spanish coalition government, alongside Yolanda Díaz, which has given him a clear understanding of how to build effective messages that connect with the youth. Having also served as a **FYEG trainee** and a member of the **Green Vision Campaign Team**, Léo uniquely understands the federation's internal dynamics and its potential to act as a powerful international force.

His vision is focused on establishing a **clear strategic direction** and a **recognizable political narrative**. Léo believes that having someone "inside" institutional spaces like the European Parliament is a vital tool for the federation, allowing us to **activate the right contacts and open doors at critical moments**. We are entirely confident that his ability to **bridge the gap between MOs and broader political ecosystems** will make him an invaluable addition to the EC team. We strongly urge your support for Léo to help FYEG lead in these critical times.

On behalf of Juventud Verde's EC,
Saúl Lara, International Secretary.

