

## EC6 Kristiāna Bruce

Proposers:

Agenda item: 4. Candidates for Executive Committee

### Introduction

Hi, dear activist!

I am Kristiāna (she/her), and I am running to be a member of the next EC!

I am a 19-year-old fellow Green activist, with political roots in Protests, the Latvian Young Greens. I have been involved in the Green youth for exactly 4 years, and started my FYEG journey at the 2023 Barcelona General Assembly. It has been a wonderful adventure that has given me previously unimaginable opportunities: having a platform to fight against injustices, co-leading a national European election campaign, and learning from so many wonderful friends and local contexts!

I would love nothing more than to work within the EC to amplify FYEG's voice in the fight against hatred and austerity, and for a Europe of solidarity!

I wish you a lovely reading experience. I would love to hear your thoughts at [bruce.kristiana@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.kristiana@gmail.com) or @kristianabruce on Discord.

See you in Bolzano!



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## MOTIVATION LETTER

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Dear Fellow Young Green,

FYEG represents, as for many others, my political home where I have grown up. I was fifteen, passionate about defending women’s and animal rights, and I didn’t feel at home, not in Latvia, where I was born, nor in France, where I was growing up. FYEG gave me my community that cares about the same things I do, and it changed me fundamentally. I am running for the Executive Committee because I want to help build that home for others, and because I unquestionably believe I can contribute to the work of the next EC.

Over the past four years, I have devoted my capacities with care for FYEG and my member organization, Protests. As International Officer and Board Secretary of Protests, I represented our MO at the 2023 and 2024 FYEG General Assemblies, lobbied for the adoption of clauses and resolutions on the Eastern EU border humanitarian crisis, on Ukraine, and Israel-Palestine. I equally coordinated FYEG’s Get Out the Vote 2024 campaign in Latvia with a €3,000 grant, with which we mobilized 200 regionally underrepresented youth voters. In 2025, I was a preparatory team member for two FYEG events on social justice, the European Lab “Social Justice, Here and Now” in Croatia and the “Policies of Today and Tomorrow” summer camp in Poland. Within the two, I had the opportunity to co-develop the 3 and 6-day curricula for over 35 young Greens each, and facilitate various sessions, including two with the Racial Justice Task Force. Additionally, in January 2025, I was selected by FYEG to represent the organization at a Council of Europe training course on youth advocacy, human rights, and democracy in Strasbourg. What all of this means in practice is that I have never stopped showing up to give something back to FYEG and Protests.

Alongside this, I currently co-chair the Foreign and European Affairs Working Group of Progresīvie, the Green party in Latvia, where I have drafted the party’s 2026 general election manifesto chapter on EU geopolitics, as well as brought resolutions on Israel-Palestine, and the democratic crises in Sakartvelo (Georgia) and Serbia. I am also contributing to academic research on Serbian defense and geopolitics at the University of Bologna, where I study International Relations at an undergraduate level. This widespread experience has allowed me to grasp the political contexts our member organizations face, and to have the political knowledge I want to bring to the EC.

The next EC mandate will certainly not be easy: FYEG is among many facing budget cuts. But at the same time, Young Greens are winning! We see and admire the achievements of Nefertiti from the Swiss Young Greens, of Annah from Les Jeunes Ecologistes, and of Selma, the first Young Green MP in Latvia! FYEG is regaining momentum, and we must now turn electoral success into Paneuropean impact on people’s daily lives. I wholeheartedly want to contribute to the daily work of the EC, such as the current rewriting of the political platform and capacity-building activities, to allow FYEG to reinforce its work - both community-building and political influence.

The underlying nature of FYEG is to bring hope, as we promised in 2024 across Europe. Hope is what brought people to the polls in Hungary after 16 years of Orbán’s rule, it is what keeps us activists continuing to fight for justice despite the daily war crimes we witness on our social media feeds. FYEG exists not only to build a community of like-minded individuals, but to impact communities on a daily basis, thanks to the Green family and the actions of our national organizations. And, as the former link between Protests and FYEG, I recognize the vital role of smaller MOs. I know the sense of minor impact within the Greens, and the financial hardships. Protests’ financing, for instance, depends on party funding and FYEG grants only. I applaud the work of the EC throughout the years to bring MOs like mine closer to FYEG, and if elected, I will make low-capacity MOs heard.

I am running because FYEG gave me my community, a home that I want to help build for others. I am also running to be your next EC member to defend with pride the youth’s interests - by strengthening civic solidarity, and by lobbying within the Green family. I will do the work with immense gratitude for you, my friends.

Yours truly,  
Kristiāna

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## VISION FOR FYEG

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Dear Fellow Young Green,

We are living through a period of overlapping crises. My Latvian peers are among those at the forefront of them. The rise of the far-right, the shrinkage of the civic space, austerity measures, the militarization of borders, and the erosion of our basic democratic norms are all limiting our political impact, across Europe. For immigrants, especially racialized, people in poverty, and other vulnerable individuals, these crises are existential. My own experience as a migrant, and my work with asylum seekers in Latvia, have made me realize the daily impact neoliberals and the right-wing have on such social groups. We must aim at reversing this, and that is why I am running to defend an internally strong, and bolder FYEG.

## FOSTERING CONSENSUS CULTURE

FYEG is among the most structured progressive youth voices across Europe, yet it is not enough to defy the current challenges. We must be courageous politically and strong structurally. With my 3-year experience within FYEG, it has become so utterly clear that with our internal fragmentation, and shrinking resources, our movement cannot effectively defend migrants' rights, climate and environmental justice, and social justice as a whole. I saw at the 2023 Barcelona General Assembly that our disagreements are a sign that we care about our movement. But what is more important is that FYEG continues building the federalist structures that bring us toward mutual trust, and ultimately – consensus. I have increasingly noticed the work of the EC toward consensus on nuclear energy, and it is truly the culture I believe is best for our community and want to contribute to strengthening it.

## INITIATING CIVIC SOLIDARITY AGAINST FASCISM

At the same time, the so-called continent of free movement and democracy is raising its fortress, with blood on its hands. As the European Union is collaborating with repressive regimes, funding pushbacks, and criminalizing sovereignty, the consequences in Europe have left me heartbroken and full of rage. In Latvia specifically, left-wing activism is being surveilled, Muslims are being targeted by the right-wing and the media for celebrating Eid, and the Latvian Border Guard illegally completed 12,000 pushbacks in 2025 and continues to do so without accountability. FYEG must be clear about defending inclusivity and fighting hatred, when fascism and exclusion are being normalized. I am immensely proud that FYEG stands strong against this, by repeatedly criticizing the EPP's support for mass deportations, and by partnering up with FEMYSO. This is the direction we must strengthen. We must build alliances with likeminded youth organizations. Civic solidarity is what will make our voices louder and our impact tangible.

## FIGHTING FOR YOUTH INTERESTS IN THE GREEN FAMILY

Finally, it must be tackled that certain Young Greens' interests are increasingly unheard within the Green family, as many of our mother parties face a political landscape shifting toward the right. In Latvia, this means, for instance, allowing ECR to continue spreading hate speech and not openly criticizing it, meaning that Young Greens are losing impact. However, we see that it is possible to change this - for more radical youth voices to be heard. The example of the Young Greens of England and Wales has been a recent source of hope, as the now 50,000-member youth wing is visibly shaping party direction. Through the EGP and GEF, FYEG must ensure that Young Greens are represented and heard, as we are central to the survival of the Greens.

My vision of FYEG is that of an internally strong and united federation in our times of crisis. This is exactly the period to become more creative, strategic, and courageous in our activism. Because when we fight together, we are stronger.

Yours truly,  
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## PROFILE

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Young Green activist with four years of commitment within FYEG, its Latvia member organization *Protests*, and the country’s Green party *Progresīvie*. Co-developed and facilitated two FYEG work plan activities, coordinated a FYEG Get Out the Vote campaign mobilizing 200 young people, and lobbied for the adoption of FYEG clauses and resolutions on Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, and the Eastern EU border. Represented *Protests* at the 2023 and 2024 General Assemblies and FYEG at a Council of Europe training course. Currently co-leading the Foreign and European Affairs Working Group of *Progresīvie* and studying International Relations at the University of Bologna.

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Research Assistant to Professor Roberto Belloni – University of Bologna**

*February 2026 – present | Bologna, Italy*

- Contributing to a forthcoming academic article on rearmament and geopolitical strategy in the Western Balkans
- Coding sources and reviewing literature to identify arms industry and regional geopolitical trends

### **Co-Chair, Foreign and European Affairs Working Group – Political Party *Progresīvie***

*April 2025 – present | Latvia (remote)*

- Leading a collaborative policy process with 20 working group members on human rights-based foreign policy
- Drafting the party’s 2026 general election manifesto chapter on EU geopolitics in the tariff era
- Represented *Progresīvie* at European Green Party’s European Green Reflection Day (May 2025)

### **Intern – NGO *Gribu palīdzēt bēgļiem* (I Want to Help Refugees)**

*July – August 2025 | Riga, Latvia*

- Supported UNHCR-funded advocacy campaigns for asylum seekers and refugees in Latvia
- Provided support to individuals during solidarity initiatives in detention centers
- Monitored State Border Guard practices on the Latvian-Belarusian border and reported to the UNHCR

### **Preparatory Team Member, Summer Camp “Policies of Today and Tomorrow” – Young European Greens**

*April – August 2025 | Puck, Poland*

- Co-developed the full 6-day curriculum for 40 young Greens
- Facilitated, among others, a session on EU asylum and migration law with FYEG’s Racial Justice Task Force

### **Youth Expert Representing FYEG – Council of Europe**

*January 2025 | Strasbourg*

- Selected by FYEG to represent the organization at a Council of Europe course on youth advocacy, human rights, and democracy

### **Preparatory Team Member, European Lab “Social Justice, Here and Now” – Young European Greens**

*December 2024 – March 2025 | Zadar, Croatia*

- Co-developed the 3-day curriculum for 35 young Greens
- Facilitated sessions on social justice theory and comprehensive justice for victims of armed conflicts

### **International Officer – Youth Organization *Protests***

*June 2023 – January 2025 | Latvia (hybrid)*

- Managed partnerships with FYEG and CDN; represented *Protests* at FYEG General Assemblies in 2023 and 2024
- Coordinated FYEG’s Get Out the Vote 2024 European election campaign in Latvia, mobilizing 200 youth with a €3,000 grant
- Lobbied for FYEG to adopt resolutions and specific clauses on the crises in Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, and the Eastern EU border humanitarian crisis

### **Board Secretary – Youth Organization *Protests***

*January 2023 – January 2025 | Latvia (hybrid)*

- Served on the board of FYEG’s Latvian member organization for two years, contributing to the organization’s governance and internal coordination

**Preparatory Team Member, “Just Transition in the Baltic Sea Region” Summer Camp – Youth Organization *Protests***  
*July – August 2023 | Sigulda, Latvia*

- Organized and facilitated sessions of the 20-participant summer camp, with a FYEG EU and You! grant

**Local Coordinator – Youth for Climate France**

*October 2022 – September 2023 | Amiens, France*

- Coordinated a team of 15 activists
- Organized a public protest of 40 participants for municipal climate action
- Built partnerships with local grassroots climate collectives to ensure mobilization

**EDUCATION**

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**Joint BA in European Studies** (Major in International Relations, Minor in Law)

*Una Europa Alliance | 2024 - 2027*

- KU Leuven (Semesters 1-3) → University of Bologna (Semesters 4 and 5) → University of Zurich (Semester 6)

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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- International Criminal Law Course, René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights (December 2025)
- International Humanitarian Law Course (ACADIHMIE 2025), Belgian Red Cross (September – November 2025)
- European Green Activists Training, Green European Foundation (March 2024)

**LANGUAGES**

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**C2:** English, French, Latvian (native)    **B1:** German    **A2:** Ukrainian, Russian

**DIGITAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL TOOLS**

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Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, Canva, Slack, Signal, Discord, social media management, qualitative data coding

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**European Studies Gazette** | October 2025

From Latvia’s Border Pushbacks to a Climate of Fear Ahead of the 2026 Elections



**Jaunatnes Organizācija "Protests"**

Rīga, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Young European Greens!

On behalf of Protests, I enthusiastically **endorse Kristiāna Bruce** for the FYEG Executive Committee.

Kristiāna has been **a dedicated activist and leader** at Protests, serving on our board and as International Officer. She is competent and well-versed in FYEG and green spaces. She coordinated FYEG's Get Out the Vote 2024 campaign in Latvia and the "Just Transition in the Baltic Sea Region" summer camp, funded by a FYEG grant.

Kristiāna is **deeply committed to FYEG** at the European level. She represented Protests at the 2023 and 2024 FYEG General Assemblies and lobbied for resolutions on Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, and the Eastern EU border. She helped organize the FYEG Summer Camp in Poland and the European Lab in Croatia.

I and Protests are confident that her experience, work ethic, and green values will benefit the Executive Committee. We **fully support Kristiāna's candidacy**.

Best green wishes,  
Sindija Mierture  
Chairperson of "Protests"