Resolution Writing - an FYEG formatting guide

A resolution is a political position and concrete action plan adopted by FYEG. In general, take the time to lol through the resolutions we already adopted on our website!

- Suggested length target: 2.5–3 pages. Around 5,000 characters, no more than 10,000, according to the IRPs.

Before you start, ask yourself:

- What is the political problem?
- Why does it matter for young people (from across different national/regional contexts)
- What MO can I work with?
- What structural injustice is behind it?
- Is there not already a resolution or Political Platform point on it?
- What would be the purpose of submitting the resolution, what change are we demanding and how?

Structure:
Your resolution should contain:

1. Title
2. Preamble (context)
3. Political analysis and argumentation
4. Concrete demands catered to sphere of influence (FYEG, MOs, Green family)
5. Call to Action

Section-by-Section Checklist

1. Title

- ☐ Clear and political
- ☐ Action-oriented
- ☐ Short (maximum around 15 words)
- ☐ Not vague

2. Preamble (approximately half a page)

- ☐ Explains why the issue matters now
- ☐ Links to Green values (climate justice, feminism, democracy, anti-racism, peace)
- ☐ Mentions the international and European dimension
- ☐ Identifies urgency of the actions needed to be taken

3. Political Analysis

In (approximately one page) write a text which

- ☐ Identifies structural causes (not just symptoms)
- ☐ Explains who benefits and who is harmed
- ☐ Includes a youth perspective or how it matters for us as Young Greens
- ☐ Uses an intersectional lens
- ☐ Connects to systemic change

Ask:

- ☐ What system is failing?
- ☐ Who holds power?
- ☐ Why has policy failed so far?

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4. Concrete demands

In approximately one page, write your demands. Demands should be:

- ☐ Politically realistic but ambitious
- ☐ Clearly phrased ("must", "should", "commit to")
- ☐ Direct actions assigned to specific actors, see below

4.a Sphere of influence

Every resolution must be aware of what FYEG can do with this resolution. Overall, try to be realistic! When writing, be reminded that Member Organisations are encouraged to:

- Advocate nationally
- Work with civil society
- Share best practices

FYEG often calls on the Green political family to:

- Integrate demands into programmes
- Act in legislative processes
- Ensure accountability

5. Call to Action (1–2 paragraphs)

A call to action is:

- Concrete, demanding specific action to be taken
- Taylored to WHO needs to take this action (governments, institutions, politicians, organised civil society, etc.)
- Forward-looking

Final check:

Before submission, confirm:

- ☐ The language used is comprehensible, especially for people who have English as a second language
- ☐ The political problem is clearly defined
- ☐ The analysis is structural, not superficial
- ☐ Demands are concrete and actor-specific
- ☐ Youth and intersectionality are included
- ☐ FYEG's own commitments are defined
- ☐ It sounds like FYEG, not an NGO report

Writing Style Suggestions

- Write in the collective and active voice
- Use clear, direct sentences
- Keep paragraphs short (3–6 lines)
- Be confident and assertive
- Avoid academic and excessive jargon