



Life, Economy and the pursuit of happiness

Green Economy Seminar for beginners

Serbia, 13-18 April 2010

Call for Participants – DEADLINE 10th March

This seminar will take place in Serbia, from the 13th till the 18th of April hosted by Serbian Young Greens.

The aim of this seminar is to give essential knowledge about economics in general, to analyze the current economic situation in the world and by explaining the theory of Green Economics, present it as a solution to the economic crises of nowadays.

This project is developed by the Green European Foundation with support of the Federation of Young European Greens. The project takes place with financial support of the European Parliament. As part of the grant conditions, food and accommodation will be fully covered and travel costs will be reimbursed up to 80%.

The seminar will consist of lectures, workshops, small group discussions, debates, and other activities with more than 26 other young greens from Europe. The participants will have the opportunity to gain knowledge on this particular topic and greater insights to the reality with various case studies and the time to exchange views and experience with the each other.

Objectives of the Seminar:

- × Increasing knowledge about the functioning of the economy on micro- and macro levels, different schools in economics, history of economic thoughts;
- × Providing information and tools to enable all young people understand and analyse the media, scientific and public reports concerning the economy by providing them with the basic economic vocabulary;
- × Raising awareness of youngsters about the ongoing discussion on the possible ways of future economic development with a focus on the Green New Deal as an instrument to achieve green economy formation;



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- × Providing information on the index of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), current indicator of the standards of living, its shortcomings in economic performance estimation, as well as information on the existing green alternatives to measure the welfare;
- × Encouraging young people to take active role in the decision-making process regarding the political economy issues.

Provisional Programme:

Each day of the seminar will be dedicated to one broad topic and have the following structure: education sessions in the morning for introducing the topic, working groups' activities in the afternoon to deepen the understanding of the main subject, and evaluation in the evening. The everyday evaluation procedure will give the facilitators the opportunity to monitor the educational process and make corrections in the upcoming agenda to reflect the real needs of the participants to ensure that the aim of the seminar is achieved.

The four "topics of the day" are:

1. Economy as it is. During the first day participants will be introduced to the basic economic notions, history of economic thoughts, principles of market economy functioning. A session presenting Basic economic vocabulary will be held, links to the main economic analytical web-sites will be included in the vocabulary. One session will be devoted to the discussion on what makes green economy different from the existing one.
2. Society deals with economy. Youth will be introduced to the concept of scarcity, welfare and utility, system of National accounting. The index of Gross Domestic Product will be studied in depth since it's a current indicator of the standards of living and is one the traditional economic indicators, which plays a dominant role in guiding political decisions. The focus will be done on the shortcomings of GDP in welfare estimation. Alternative indexes of welfare estimation will be discussed within the framework of Green National Accounting.
3. Interconnection between the micro and macro economy. The impact of globalization on the local communities as well as the aspects of co-existence of globalized market and regional autonomy will be discussed during the last day of the seminar. Implementation of the main principles of the Green New Deal within the regional policies and programmes will be presented. The issue of competitiveness within the Green New Deal framework will be discussed.
4. Green New Deal. Growth models will be presented to the participants, their shortcomings and alternatives will be discussed during the working groups' sessions. Emphasise on the distinction between growth and development will be made. Green New Deal will be presented and discussed in depth as the policy instrument, which implements green economy principles. Particularities of the implementation of Green New Deal in each country will be discussed in the working groups organised by the regional principle.

Profile of the participant:



This seminar is targeted to young people not studying or having extensive knowledge on economic issue! However the participants should be interested in the topics of this event, willing to take active part in the planned activities and open for new experiences and people.

We would like to keep the participation open for people of different education levels and with different backgrounds. Important is the diversity of experience and knowledge. The allocation of participants will be based on age, geographical and gender balance.

The age of participants should not exceed 28 years old.

How to apply?

Applicants should send by email a motivational letter, in which the applicant outlines why she/he would find this training useful and how she/he plans to pass on the obtained information, and registration form (attached below) by the **10th of March 2010 midnight** to this email address: anna@fyeg.org

If you have any questions or need more information please don't hesitate to contact the Preparatory Team:

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Green regards,

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