



**Federation of Young European  
Greens**

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**Call for candidates for the Executive Committee of FYEG**  
***General Assembly 2009***

Dear friends,

The General Assembly (GA) of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) is taking place in Maastricht from 23rd to the 26th of April 2009. The GA will elect a new Executive Committee (EC). We are looking for people who are willing to take over responsibility in FYEG and who are willing to spend their time and energy for FYEG.

FYEG is a fast growing organisation with more than 30 000 members. A year in the Executive Committee of FYEG would offer you:

- A year you'll never forget.
- A year in which you will work for a dynamic and growing organisation.
- A year in which you will get familiar with European level youth policy and the field of European Youth NGOs as well as green politics in Europe.
- A year in which you will see a lot of Europe.
- Opportunities to follow training courses related to your field of work inside the EC.
- An ideal opportunity to build a personal and professional network.
- Improve your skills and enhance them with a lot of experience.
- A possibility to work project based with other people and through this develop your leadership skills.

In general, EC candidates should:

- Speak English (you should be able to express yourself, read political texts, write e-mails and understand English)
- Be willing to take on a challenge
- Have enough time
- Have good organisational skills
- Be a good team player
- Be responsible for the tasks undertaken
- Be committed to the goals of FYEG
- Have good social skills
- Take on the responsibility to co-ordinate FYEG projects
- Be prepared to travel: There are approximately five EC Meetings a year; additionally you most probably have many possibilities to participate in other international activities.

Please take into consideration that the work in the EC is time consuming. The EC Meetings mostly take place on weekends from Friday to Sunday (plus travel time). Additionally, regular work is needed. Basically, you should be prepared to spend at least an hour a day for FYEG work. Finally, it depends on your field of responsibility but you should be aware that being an EC member is not something you can do just by the way.

You should have a regular Internet access and you should be prepared to do most of the communication via e-mail. The work in the EC is often demanding and needs fast decisions under uncertain circumstances. Before you apply for a position, please consider if you have personal

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resources for continuous and challenging work for 12 months. Although the work in FYEG is challenging, we think it is worth it!

We want to encourage especially women to apply for a position. If you have any questions or you're not sure whether you should apply, do not hesitate to contact the female spokesperson Marina Barbalata at [marina@fyeg.org](mailto:marina@fyeg.org)

Please also note that at this moment there is going on an electronic vote among our member organisations for a new structure of the EC. This new structure would include 2 Spokespersons, a Treasurer and 4 members of the EC (without defined positions from the moment of election). In case you want to apply for either Fundraiser, Communications Officer, MO Coordinator, Project or Campaign Coordinator be aware that you might have to re-consider running for one of the 4 member positions inside the EC. Please mention in your application whether if the MO vote is in favour of the change, you would be willing to run for the position of member of the EC (without a clear specialisation of the position). Attached you can find a document that outlines the reasons why the current EC believes this change would be beneficial and how the tasks descriptions of the EC would look like in the new structure.

We are looking for candidates for the following positions:

#### **Female and Male Spokesperson**

The Spokespersons represent FYEG to the media and mainly to other organisations and the European Green Party. You should have very good communication skills, experience in conflict solving and especially experience with communicating with the media. You should be willing to set up debates. You should be experienced with political work and be interested in European politics. For questions contact Marina Barbalata [marina@fyeg.org](mailto:marina@fyeg.org) and Marc Gimenez [marc@fyeg.org](mailto:marc@fyeg.org)

#### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for the yearly budget of FYEG and for the bookkeeping. Experience with this matter is absolutely necessary. You should have a feeling what kind of costs a board and an organisation can have. You should set goals and priorities for where to put the money and give a monthly update to the EC on finances. You should closely work together with the Fundraiser and the office co-ordinator. For questions contact Battal Erdogan [battal@fyeg.org](mailto:battal@fyeg.org)

#### **Fundraiser**

The Fundraiser is responsible for writing the main applications to EU funds and for fundraising at the European Green Party and the Greens/EFA. She/he should also help the project co-ordinator with writing project applications. She/he should try to find co-funding for projects and campaigns. Knowledge about budgeting and funding would be of help. For questions contact Monia Franceschini [monia@fyeg.org](mailto:monia@fyeg.org)

#### **Member Organisation Co-ordinator**

The MO Co-ordinator keeps contact to the MOs, communicates with them and takes care of the contact details. She/he should give Member Organisations information about the possibilities by FYEG like setting up projects but also regular information about project and events that take place. You should be social and communicative. For questions contact Carolina Lopez [carolina@fyeg.org](mailto:carolina@fyeg.org).

#### **Communication Officer**

The Communication Officer is responsible for the FYEG magazine "Ecosprinter", the Newsletter and the website. You should communicate fluently in good English, have writing skills and you should be able and willing to co-ordinate the Editorial Board of Ecosprinter. For questions contact Teo Kortman [teo@fyeg.org](mailto:teo@fyeg.org)

#### **Project Co-ordinator**

The Project Co-ordinator is responsible for the projects that FYEG is involved in. This means being responsible for creating new ideas for projects and dividing the tasks between all the EC people. You should be social, have experience in organising and implementing

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international youth seminars. Experience with European Youth funding is of advantage. For questions contact Maria Filetti [maria@fyeg.org](mailto:maria@fyeg.org)

#### **Campaign Co-ordinator**

S/he takes care of the FYEG campaign. In 2008 these will include the Climate Change Campaign as well as partly the Elections Campaign for 2009. The Campaign Co-ordinator prepares the campaign, co-ordinates the campaign team, follows up the campaign and gathers ideas for the next campaign. You need organisational skills, a long-term motivation, co-ordinating skills and creativity. For questions contact Paul Santman [paul@fyeg.org](mailto:paul@fyeg.org)

If you want to apply you should send the following documents to the FYEG office [office@fyeg.org](mailto:office@fyeg.org):

- Your CV including your previous experience in green organisations and FYEG
- A letter of motivation in which you explain which position you are running for, why you want to achieve that position in FYEG and what you can contribute
- A letter of support signed by a board member of the organisation that is supporting you (you will need the official support of at least one FYEG member organisation, preferably your own); the letter should include the contact details of the referee.
- A picture
- The EC application form: to be found on the website.

Please send those documents **BEFORE the 8<sup>th</sup> of April**. If you wish to be introduced in the FYEG GA leaflet, please send the above-mentioned documents to the office **BEFORE the 20<sup>th</sup> of March**. This is highly recommendable to all of the candidates.

We expect the candidates to attend the GA. Their travel costs will not be automatically reimbursed and they will have to pay a participation fee of 120 EUR that covers the accommodation from Thursday to Sunday and the food. EC candidates, who cannot afford their costs and cannot get reimbursed from their respective member organisation or mother party, can apply for financial support from the EC **BEFORE the 20<sup>th</sup> of March**. Our budget is very tight so we would like to ask you to try to get support from your MO, from your mother party or from your green MPs/MEP's first (if it's possible).

For applying please send a letter of request including the amount you request from FYEG plus the normal application documents mentioned above. Please send your request to the FYEG office [office@fyeg.org](mailto:office@fyeg.org). Please don't forget to submit the documents in time! Any applications that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.

We are looking forward to your applications,

The FYEG EC 2008-2009

For any questions contact anyone of the EC or Bruno Nicostrate, our Secretary General, at [office@fyeg.org](mailto:office@fyeg.org)

You can find more contact details [here](#)