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## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April:

**13.30** Welcome word by DWARS and FYEG Spokespersons.

### **14.00-16.00 Europe in a wider context – A responsible Europe?**

- Niels van den Berge (Dutch EP candidate);
- Roger Cox (Initiator Planet Prosperity Foundation)
- Lot van Hooijdonk (International secretary GroenLinks)
- Fabienne Padella - Moderator

FYEG stands for a responsible Europe, that pays attention not just to itself, but that realizes that the whole world is linked together. We want to ensure that our common world has a common future, and we thus stand up to make foresighted policies to mitigate consequences of anthropogenic climate change; to make trade fair to allow everybody to follow his/her way of development and to be sensitive for conflicts all over the world and let us advocate for conflict prevention. How can we achieve that Europe will build up fair relationships with the developing countries and take a leadership on global level on these issues?

### **16.15-18.15 A Green New Deal for a World in Crisis**

- Phillippe Lamberts (EGP Co Spokesperson – Belgian MEP Candidate)
- Matthijs Bierman (President Triodos Bank Netherlands)
- Ines Trepant (Political Advisor on Economic and Monetary Affairs for the Greens/EFA Group)
- Carolina Lopez – Moderator

The world is at a crossroads: the climate and social crisis intertwined with the financial and economical crisis. As part of the solution the Greens bring forward an ambitious and progressive solution package called the “New Green Deal”. This panel will be the opportunity to present and discuss these solutions and their implementations in the perspective of an innovative and ecological model of life adapted to the European realities.

**18.30** *Dinner in D'n Hiemel*

### **19.00-20.45 From Maastricht, through Lisbon, but where to?**

- Pierre Jonckheer (Belgium MEP)
- Martin Uinen (Maastricht University)
- Marina Barbalata - Moderator

European Integration and Cohesion have increased significantly since the adoption of the Maastricht Treaty. In the context of enlargement and necessity to have a more coordinated EU policy several



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treaties have been proposed, discussed and for most of them adopted. However even with the probable ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, the debate around an atypical model of European governance linking Nations, Regions, States and Peoples is not closed yet as it is threatened by neo-protectionism nationalism and has not succeeded yet in achieving one of its most important goal, the European common identity.

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of April:**

#### **09.00-11.00 Youth and the European Union**

- Luca Scarpiello (European Youth Forum)
- Delfina Rossi (JEV Catalonia)
- Lara Emde (Assistant Employment & Social Affairs of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament)
- Maarten Coertjens - Moderator

Young people are certainly the future of Europe, but looking at the problems they face, such as increased unemployment rates, demographic changes, difficulties in accessing decent and affordable housing, youth repression and ever growing imbalances between work and private life, it seems Europe is not very aware of whom its future lies with. Youth issues have an essential part in Green policies' programme and should be considered as part of the strategic priorities of the EU in order to ensure a sustainable and respectful Europe.

#### **11.15-13.15 A Citizens' Europe? Involvement and participation at the EU level**

- Nadya van Putten (Dutch MEP candidate)
- Paul de Clerck (Friends of the Earth Europe)
- Georgi Gotev (Euractiv Senior Editor)
- Eline van Nilsteroig - Moderator

After more than half of a century of European integration and identity building, the European Union still suffers from an outrageous democratic deficit. With the Lisbon Treaty proposal this supra-national structure which characterises the EU is striving for a better representation of all actors, among them the people. Therefore the issue of representation of particular interests must be taken into serious consideration as an essential condition of democracy. Unfortunately according to the Eurobarometer survey released in December 2008, only 26% of the European citizens were aware of that the European elections will be held in 2009. It is a duty for all actors (politicians, media, European civil servants, etc) to constructively criticise all tools implemented for reinforcing European citizenship and interests in order to develop a more democratic and participative strategy.

**13.30 - 14.30**

*Lunch & Action - Outside*



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