



# Activity Report 2009/10

Every major FYEG activity is organized by a preparatory team (PT), which normally has a meeting about one month before the activity takes place if this is financially possible. At such meetings, the PT discusses and determines the exact program of the exchange, the progress of the practical preparations and the financial and logistical arrangements. Furthermore, they discuss the mechanisms for follow-up activities and distribute responsibilities for during and after the activity.

These meetings are an essential part of the training activities of FYEG as it's a good moment to train new comers on how to organise and run an activity including a follow up strategy in order to keep activists motivated and to be able to ensure a continuity in the political work of the organisations.

As usual we train new youngsters the techniques of leading groups and conducting activities by using our activity guide which you can find online: [www.sustainableknowledge.net](http://www.sustainableknowledge.net)

## 1. Training

### a) **Countdown to Copenhagen (Brussels, 02-04/10)**

During the 02-04th October 2009, The Green European Foundation and The Federation of Young European Greens organised in Brussels a training and information weekend dedicated to a bunch of 23 Young Greens delegates to the upcoming COP15 which will be held in December 2009 in Copenhagen. The participants from various European countries gathered their expertise together, exchanged knowledge and practices and received expert training from experts on the UNFCCC and its process.

The main aim of the project was to provide the delegates with a basic and clear knowledge on the legal and procedural aspects related to the COP 15 in Copenhagen, and on the current debate governing the international arena. The delegates were also trained with an in-depth lobbying session where they developed and improved their negotiation and lobbying skills. Another aspect that we focused on was to give the participants the possibility to know each other, reinforce the team spirit and train them on negotiating and representation skills, necessary for the success of the FYEG delegation in Copenhagen. Finally before leaving the delegates together with the FYEG staff discussed the COP15 strategy and plan of actions.

Although the training was shortly timed before the opening of the conference, the participants were able to take the expertise acquired during the training and start working efficiently on-line from their home.

You can read the report by clicking [here!](#)

## **2. Seminar**

### **a) Life, Economy and the pursuit of happiness (Opovo – Serbia, 13-18/04)**

This Green economy seminar for beginners took place in Serbia, from the 13th till the 18th of April and was hosted by the Serbian Young Greens and with financial support of the Green European Foundation. The aim of this seminar was 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. The seminar consisted of lectures, workshops, small group discussions, debates, and other activities with more than 26 other young greens from Europe.

The report is under progress. You can already find a short article on [GEF website](#).

## **3. Conference**

### **a) Color Europe! Vote Green! (Spring Conference, Maastricht, 23-24/04/09)**

This traditional and yearly conference held in Spring somewhere in Europe was this year hosted by the Dutch MO in the city of Maastricht. This conference gathering more than 100 Young Greens representing 40 different regional or national organisations member of FYEG was this spring a key event of the European Election of the Young European Greens. Six thematics (Participative, Social, Democratic, Environmental, Economical and Youthful Europe) were approached with different angles from academical, political and volunteering perspectives and were all confronted to youth dimensions and specificities. These 2 whole days were divided in private discussions organised in plenary sessions and workshops varying the methodology in order to ensure a participation of everyone. Some other moments were dedicated to get in touch and inform the public and young people in particular by organising political speed dating, happenings and open air debates.

You can read the report by clicking [here!](#)

### **b) Youth unemployment (Barcelona, 19/03/10)**

Prior the EGP Council Meeting in Barcelona, the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament organised a conference on Youth poverty and unemployment in Europe. In the frame of the EU year against poverty, many MEPs, Green politicians from all over Europe and about 40 young greens exchanged views, experiences and solutions to tackle these social affairs issues that affect particularly young people. Most of the inputs of this day were collected by Emilie Turunen, Danish eco-socialist and youngest MEP, who drafted a European Parliament [report](#) on Youth and Unemployment.

You can read the programme by clicking [here!](#)

## **4. Exchange**

### **a) Green Values: East-West Bridge Green! (Summertime – Georgia, 19/07-26/07/09)**

Once again the Summer Camp was organised with the sister organisation of FYEG, the Cooperation and Development Network in Eastern Europe (CDNEE) and brought 70 young greens from the whole continent in the Georgian Caucasus mountains. The main themes of this event were youth, peace and freedom. Youngsters are involved in many conflicts not depending on them and destroying or if not strongly

influencing their life and compromising their future. In a conflict there are many ways to solve it and keep the area in peaceful atmosphere. Participants will be confronted in a process of non formal activities to some different conflict situations and will be encouraged to find their own ways to solve it while learning informally how to take into consideration understanding of each others mentality and cultures. The future of a young people the future of a nation or a community should be one of the main argument to search and find a peaceful resolution of conflict. We want to: Support active participation of young people in Georgia and other non-EU countries (SEE, Caucasus and Former Soviet Union countries) by creating more space for alternative and informal participation of young people. Support changes of the society in which young people are truly able to express their political thoughts and ideas. By locating social obstacles and prejudices of youth life-style based on intergenerational and intercultural misunderstandings we wish to improve mutual understanding and lower prejudices between mentioned groups and to support the vision of citizenship built and guaranteed on equal rights for all individuals regardless of gender, race, age, religion, class, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, disability, wealth or health.

## **5. Campaigns**

### **a) EU Elections! Green ON 2009!**

From January till June, all Young Greens everywhere in EU Member States were campaigning for the European Elections. In order to give boosts, European dimension and involving FYEG MO in the EU Neighbouring Countries, some Common and Pan-European Actions (travelling action, same day decentralised action, ...) and online campaigning were organised with the objective to give the possibilities to everyone to do some actions adapted to their realities. The team was in charged of running the campaign, managing the content, and the volunteers base. All the campaign was based on 6 different thematics (Responsible, Youth friendly, Social, Environmental, Inclusive and Participative Europe). Each of the thematics gathered various issues related to the situation of youngsters in Europe. Depending on the Media Political Agenda each action were focused on a specific issue from one of the 6 main thematics.

After the GA 2009 there was only month left of campaigning, the most important one. However the European-wide campaign that FYEG tried to organise didn't work. Many MO reported about their activities and actions. Despite the lack of European Media arena and a campaign national narrow centred, there were various successes that proof Young Greens care about Europe and interculturality even in politics. For instance for the Day of Europe, the local team of Liege (Belgium), Maastricht (Netherlands) and Koln (Germany) organised a weekend focused on the campaign, discussing and learning from each other various techniques to campaign better.

In the end 3 Young Greens have been elected: Karima Delli (France), Ska Keller (Germany) and Jan-Philipp Albrecht (Germany). This represents about 6% of the Green MEPs newly elected which is less than the resolution FYEG managed to get adopted in the EGP Council in Brussels in April 2010 which was mentioning a will to strive for 15% of Youngsters represented.

## **6. Representation and Networking**

### **a) CDNEE**

FYEG participated in the **CDNEE 7th Network Meeting** in Zagreb, Croatia. All delegates decided upon reports of 2008-2009 activities and developed an activity plan for 2009-2010. New members of the Network became Green Generation Belarus. New activities will be: a summer-camp in Turkey and a seminar on Youth and Democracy. Two working groups (Gender and Culture) has proved to be working actively also during the Network Meeting. The exhibition „Youth participation black on white“, organized by the Culture Group took place at the Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb and it lasted for two weeks.

One FYEG EC member participated also to the last CDNEE Network Meeting in Belgrade, Serbia

30. April - 2. May 2010. Click [here](#) to know more about it and CDN activities.

### **b) Representation in the EGP**

Our right to vote in Council and Committee meetings and bring in amendments on Congresses of the European Green Party gives us the opportunity to directly influence green politics from a youth perspective. It also contributes to deepening our awareness of important issues in European politics and helps us developing our own approach to such issues. We intend to diffuse the information and skills acquired through political participation to our Member Organisations (MO), while at the same time FYEG is an essential channel for them to communicate their ideas and concerns to the European level.

Furthermore, we lobby member organizations of the EGP to include at least one young person in their delegation to the EGP Council meetings, thus including more youth in European political participation.

In October at the EGP Council in Malmo, FYEG tabled and managed to get adopted a political resolution regarding the EU's planned Stockholm Programme which was initially drafted by Ska Keller, Jan-Philipp Albrecht and their assistants (Young Greens too). Finally, through influencing policy making, we hope to ensure better policies for young people and promote social and ecological changes. During this council a new EGP Committee was elected with various members all FYEG-friendly. This has been helping a lot the relation with the EGP and opens opportunity for future cooperation.

During the last EGP Council meeting in Barcelona, March 2010, FYEG tabled a resolution on the Greek crisis drafted by the WG on Green Economy and a resolution on the Human Rights' violations in Azerbaijan.

- EGP Council in Malmo: achieve to adopt [Stockholm Programme resolution](#)
- EGP Council in Barcelona: achieve to adopt a resolution on the [Greek crisis](#) and [Human Rights' violations in Azerbaijan](#).
- EGP Committee (8 times)

### **c) Representation and Participation in the European Youth Forum:**

These meetings and activities organised in the frame of the European Youth Forum are important for FYEG as member of the YFJ. Delegates have been sent to the COMEM in April 2010 and to the General Assembly in November 2009. We tried as much as we could to send at least someone to all various meetings the YFJ organised in Brussels and in Europe:

- Climate Change Training days,
- EU Fund information day,
- Preparatory meeting of the Intergroup on Youth in the European Parliament,
- Youth Migrant Inclusion seminar,
- Networking and Preparation session in the perspective of the COP15,
- EU Advocacy Meeting for the future of the EU Youth policy 1 & 2,
- once every 2 months meeting of the representatives of political party youth organisation.

Two FYEG representatives are part of two Working Groups of the YFJ, respectively on Inclusion of Young Migrant (except for the past 8 months) and on Employment and Social Affairs. Both of them had to attend twice some meetings to discuss future policy paper of the YFJ and organise activities for youngsters. This representation enabled us to influence the work and content of the YFJ policy and activities, moreover this gave the opportunity for FYEG to expand its contact and partnership with other youth organisations in Europe.

End of 2009 the European Parliament welcomed a new Intergroup on Youth issues which has been initiated by the European Youth Forum and where MEPs from all political families will work on future policies. This Intergroup will be coordinated by the European Youth Forum and will include all Youth

Political Organisations.

#### **d) The Road to Copenhagen**

During the last year, the FYEG has launched many campaigns concerning the issue of climate change. Our aim was to raise people's awareness on the consequences of climate change and encourage them to take steps towards in the fight against this not so visible threat. Latest this September after an open call and selection, the executive committee of the FYEG decided to send 36 passionate and committed delegates to Copenhagen as they believed in the extreme important contribution of young greens for a good outcome in Copenhagen. The main objectives adopted for our presence in Copenhagen were expressing our voice through the YOUNGO Constituency Group, the European Youth Climate Movement and putting some pressure on politicians and states' representatives to reach a fair and comprehensive agreement addressing global warming; being active inside and outside the conference and the FYEG delegates were asked to give their utmost during those crucial days; and providing a day to day report on the negotiation process in order to keep informed youngsters in Europe on the main issues raised during the COP. (Blog: <http://www.greenon2009.eu/>; Twitter: <http://twitter.com/FYEG>; Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=182473458698&ref=ts>; FlickrR: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/fyeg-cop15/>; Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FYEG> )

We adopted a simple but quite effective strategy: to fight for the most ambitious and comprehensive agreement possible. We supported the position of the least developing countries and AOSIS (Alliance of Small Island States) by arguing that CO2 emissions should peak before 2015 and that developed countries should reduce their emissions by 40% by 2020 and 85% by 2050 using 1990 levels as baseline. Furthermore we argued for strong financial and technological help towards the most vulnerable countries.

We organized a few sessions before the COP 15 in order to provide the FYEG delegates with those skills necessary to lobby with negotiators and states representatives. In particular we targeted our national European delegates and we brought our requests and demands directly to them in order to make sure that they would listen to us. On the spot we hold an exhibit booth inside the Bella Centre together with the Heinrich Boell Foundation, to shed more light on the Green movement, the culture and principles of "Greens", participated in the "Youth Arcade", young coalition gathering all young organizations and movements involved in the negotiation process, to present the diverse yet unified group of organizations working for, with and by youth on climate change, organised a side event the 10th of December on "Intergenerational Equity", in the frame of the Youth and Future Generation Day, together with the European Youth Forum, organised a screening of the film "the Age of Stupid" in the Klimaforum and a morning session on the state of the negotiation together with the Young Friends of the Earth in this alternative conference centre. Finally our delegates together with many young greens from all over Europe organised themselves and joined most of the daily outdoor actions, especially the Global day of Action on December 12 and the Day of Civil Disobedience on December 16. Even though the outcomes of the CO15 were outrageously bad and weak, FYEG managed to provide a very good insight of these international negotiations highlighting the lack of democracy and respect towards the people and not economically powerful countries. We managed to organise and initiate in cooperation with other NGO several actions and thus to feed the social movement working for a better environment for the Human being and the surrounding nature. Many contacts were made, useful for future cooperation in order to increase our lobby and objectives for the upcoming negotiations. Finally FYEG played as a respectful actor within the UN negotiations ensuring its official participation in the future UN meeting of the Framework on Climate Change.

To read the report please click [here](#)!

#### **e) Others**

- **Young Decision Makers Study Tour to Uganda on sexual and reproductive health and rights.**

European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development organised a week long tour which aimed at raising awareness amongst the Young Decision Makers of the unmet sexual and reproductive health needs of the people of Uganda and enabled participating Young Decision Makers to gain first-hand experience of the reality of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights situation in a developing country.

The field visit to Uganda comprised visits to various youth projects dealing with reproductive health aspects of the country's efforts in meeting the Millennium Development Goals, specifically those aimed at: Family Planning, reducing maternal mortality, reducing child mortality, preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and promoting the empowerment of women and youth. This was also a good opportunity to meet other youngsters actively involved in the NGO field and to know better how the situation is and difficult it can be for them to achieve their objectives.

## **7. Working Groups**

In general, the aims of the FEYG Working Groups are the following:

- Establish and maintain a political discussion around the topic in FYEG
- Educate itself and FYEG and stay updated about policies/ events/ happenings
- Be an expert pool
- Further develop the policy of FYEG and elaborating topical positions
- Help with creating publications
- Help with political/thematic preparations of seminars
- Follow up events and processes

### **a) WG Gender Issues**

The working group on gender issue was more or less relaunched. However it stayed inactive.

### **b) WG Green Economy**

This WG has been created in January 2010 with 10 Young Greens. Its objectives are the following:

- Organising and fundraising for 2 seminars dedicated to beginners and advanced knowledge Young Greens and a seminar more specific on one issue.
- Updating and developing the blog: <http://www.younggreeneconomy.org/wp/>
- Developing new policy papers.

The members are:

Rene' Colin Magri	Malta
Ylva Lundkvist	Sweden
Rowaa ElHabashy	UK
Guillermo Nivelá	Spain
Svea Mandić	Serbia
Margarita Gevorgyan	Armenia
Joel Wardenga	Germany
Laura Appeltshäuser	Germany
Lívia Magdošková.	Slovakia
Anna Yeliseyeva	Ukraine

### **c) WG Climate**

The WG Climate was selected only 2 weeks ago and are composed of the following persons:

Julia Grauvogel	Germany
Tamar Shengelia	Georgia
Lívia Magdošková	Slovakia
Lemmer Georges	Luxembourg
Jan Guth	Luxembourg
Arvai Georgina	Luxembourg / Hungary
Daniel Schade	Germany
Philippe Schockweiler	Luxembourg
Devin Bahceci	Turkey
Delfina Rossi	Catalonia / Argentina
Michel Mosser	Belgium
Trina Mocanu	Romania

## 8. Publication

### a) **Green Economy:**

Green economics is a trans-disciplinary field of academic research within economics that aims to address the interdependence between human economies and natural ecosystems. We think Green Economy is a very important and hot topic right now, nevertheless this subject or otherwise Economy from a Green or even environmental perspective is not provided in the curricula in the Faculties of Economy. Thus, we think that especially young people should know about the principles of Green Economy so that there is in the future a shift in the topic itself and in other related disciplines. Therefore we published a special magazine on Green Economics from a Youth Perspective.

This publication was part of a long term project that includes a seminar in December 2008, a long term working group made up of Young Greens from various European countries and series of seminars which will be organised in 2010. The publication team was made of 6 people from East, North, South and West Europe, around 30 authors from 12 different European countries wrote an article for our publication and the publication has been distributed among our European members (40 organisations in 36 European States). The publication team had 2 meetings in Brussels, Belgium on 17-19 April and in Alicante, Spain, on 29-31 May in which tasks were be divided. Then the publication team issued a call for articles, decided among the best proposals, collected the articles, proofread and edited them. Finally the publication team laid out the publication, found an ecological printer and printed it. The magazines have been distributed among our member organisations and important institutions. A pdf version has been heavily distributed through e-mail and is available for downloading from our website, [here](#). 2000 copies have been produced, the publication has 85 pages and the target reader are members from the green youth as well as other young people interested in Economics from a green perspective, Economics students and teachers and Institutes and Faculties of Economics.

### b) **Ecosprinter**

The Ecosprinter Editorial Board was selected during the summer 2009 and after a lot of work realised the transition online of the Ecosprinter and all its archive. You can now enjoy, participate and read the new e-Ecosprinter! [www.ecosprinter.eu](http://www.ecosprinter.eu)

The members of the Editorial Board are:

Eline van Nistelrooij	The Netherlands
Fabienne Pradella	Germany
Michel Mosser	Belgium

## 9. Structural Meetings

The Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens feels the need to rethink FYEG's structures and to envision its future. We also noticed this wish among Several of MO's expressed the wish to strongly rethink FYEG's structures and to envision its future. The EC decided to establish a sort of working group with a representative from each MO, striving for gender balance.

Before the GA a working group formed out of the participants of the working group had to formulate proposals that can be voted upon. In order to do this there have been 2 meetings organised with the support of the EGP, one in Berlin from the 12<sup>th</sup> till 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 ([Minutes](#)) and the second in Barcelona from the 20<sup>th</sup> till the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2010 ([Minutes](#)).

These meetings have been productive enough to propose a series of amendments and additions to the FYEG Internal Rules of Procedure which can read by clicking [here](#)!

## 10. MO visit

- 17/07, Tbilisi, Georgia, during the Summer Camp
- 08/08, Sofia, Bulgaria, on the way back from the summer camp.
- 14-17/09, Hanover, Germany, Big meeting of the German Young Green where one EC member was invited to give a lecture.
- 19/10, Malmo, Sweden, during ECM
- 19-22/10, Graz, Austria, University Seminar where one EC member was invited
- 20-22/11, Zagreb, Croatia, during CDN Network Meeting.
- 26/11, Baku, Azerbaijan, during a European youth forum seminar
- 10/04, Germany, Grune Jugend meeting.

## 11. Statutory Meetings

### a) **General Assembly 2009 (Maastricht, 25-26/04)**

The General Assembly is the annual meeting of all the member organisations of the Federation. The Political Platform and Internal Rules of our organisation, which guide and bind the work of our Executive Committee (EC), can only be revised at these general assemblies. Furthermore, at the GA, the EC is elected and the representatives of our MOs determine the general direction of FYEG's policies.

This year a new Executive Committee has been elected with 7 members. The delegates of Young Greens from all Europe accepted as new full members to FYEG two new organisations: Georgian Young Greens, the Association for Sustainable Human Development Youth from Armenia, Neoi Prasinoi from Greece, Mladi Zeleni from Slovakia and South Tyrol Young Greens from Italy. The organisation of Azeri Young Greens, Mladi Zelene from Croatia and Revolt from Bosnia and Herzegovina were accepted as candidate members. Furthermore, the GA voted on and accepted several political papers (Abortion, Drug, Regionalism, Roma, Youth) as well as the revision of the FYEG General Statement.

You can read the report by clicking [here](#)!

### b) **Executive Committee Meeting**

- 27-29/05/09 , Brussels, Belgium - [Minutes](#)
- 17-19/07/09 , Tbilisi, Georgia - [Minutes](#)
- 18-20/10/09 , Malmo, Sweden - [Minutes](#)
- 15-17/02/10, Berlin, Germany – [Minutes](#)

- 03-04/04/10, Brussels, Belgium – [Minutes](#)

### **c) Finance Control Committee Meeting**

The FCC came the first time checking the finances on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2010. Several times later on, one of the FCC member came to the office to follow the accountancy work done for 2008 till 2010.

Members of this committee are:

Judith Verweijen	The Netherlands
Pieter-Jan Van de Velde	Belgium

## **12. Missed Activities**

### **a) European Neighbourhood Seminar (Armenia)**

The Armenian Young Greens, together with FYEG and CDN tried to organise this seminar in order to bring together 35 socially activate young people from both the European Union and the countries that are nearing its borders in order to discuss the ways the foreign neighbourhood policies of the European Union impact their lives. Although the local PT in Yerevan was very active and ready to host the project a series of problems made this seminar not realisable, such as a lack of participants (bound to a quota per country with the type of grant used), lack of PT members and lack of coordination from FYEG and CDN EC members in charge. This seminar initiated by young greens who unfortunately could not be involved in the further steps of the preparation, did not interest the the board members of CDN and FYEG. This was a risk to take and is a failure.

### **b) Green Economy Seminar (Catalonia)**

During the first semester of 2010 a seminar on Green Economy more focused on some specific issues that are growing among this new concept, was supposed to take place in Catalonia. It was a seminar aimed at discussing issues such as European Basic Income, Prosperity measurement tools, Degrowth behaviour, etc. Unfortunately the project got refused by the Spanish National agency for “technical reasons” which revealed to be a false pretext not to give the grant. The WG on Green Economy is currently adapting this project to the criteria of this grant in a more general way in order to still be able to receive the funds.

### **c) Capacity Building Training**

This activity or the series of activities that were assigned by the last GA 2009 to the FYEG EC, did not happen cos the application for grant were not done. However there is an application in progress and the EC conducted a survey last summer towards the FYEG MO in order to analyse their needs and structural difficulties and shape a series of training that would provide adapted solutions.

### **d) Seminar on Drug Issue**

This activity did not happen due to no application for grant written. There has been an initiative to organise such seminar in cooperation with an Italian NGO but it never worked since they didn't get the grant.

### **e) Networking days with Green Students Unions**

This activity did not happen due to no application for grant written. It is a project that should be carried by the new EC as several Green students' unions already expressed their interest in such meeting and perhaps future network.