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## Annual EC report - Introduction

FYEG GA 2010, Bratislava

Dear Member Organisations,

It is already 13 months ago that we had our last General Assembly in Maastricht and that this Executive Committee was elected. 13 months ago, and it feels as if the year has flown by.

Over the last 13 months this EC has organised several activities, to be found in the activity report. It has taken part in events and represented FYEG and its policy. And it has met with young greens from all over Europe, and globally too. It has aimed to spread and strengthen the ideas of young greens in Europe and across the globe.

In the attached files you can find on a more personal note how individual EC members have experienced their work for the FYEG and how they reflect upon their activities.

We would like to thank you very much for the trust that you have put in us with this mandate and for the opportunity that we had working for our common ideas in FYEG.

Green regards,

FYEG Executive Committee 2009-2010

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Annual EC report by Eline van Nistelrooij, co-spokesperson

FYEG GA 2010, Bratislava

Dear Member Organisations,

During the last year as Spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Greens I became well acquainted with the organisation itself, its European partners and the political and organisational work. Below I will address in summary my contribution of the past year to FYEG.

Being elected on the premises of improving the relations with our mother party, the European Green Party, this has not only been one of my priority investments, but also, I dare say, one of the most successful ones. At the beginning of my mandate the former EGP Committee was in their final months, so while they were rounding up and arranging a transfer, we were only recently installed. However, I had the advantage to already know most of the Committee members due to my previous activities in the EGP for the Dutch delegation. This was helpful and provided a quick start in our cooperation. A new committee has been elected during our mandate, a committee for which FYEG EC did quite some lobbying and we are very happy with the Committee currently installed. It is a very open, professional and well balanced Committee with which I have enjoyed working together. The former Committee has started the EGP Future Project, to rethink what the EGP is for and how it can improve its workings. It has been taken up and further developed by the current Committee and I represent FYEG in this project. I hope and I am confident to realise a stronger and more professional EGP with this project with stronger ties to its Youth wing. This is very much within the reasonable possibilities, but it will require as well strong input from our side as FYEG. There are many ways to be mutually beneficial, and we should take these opportunities and realise our common potential.

One of the projects where we can be of mutual interest is regarding capacity building. Marta will work as an intern with the EGP on their Horizon 2014, which is a capacity building project aiming at getting Green MPs and MEPs elected. It would be good to combine efforts with FYEG and also build the capacity of the respective youth wings in the countries taken up in the Horizon 2014.

On the agenda with the EGP was also the renegotiations of the FYEG-EGP relations. In the meeting that this was intended to be scheduled, the FYEG timeframe was overshadowed by the issue of the fraud. We therefore have not been able to put the renegotiations on the agenda and I hope the new EC will take this up further.

In the EGP Councils FYEG has shown to be very valuable and productive. I have chaired a debate and we have contributed in several other forms of debate facilitation. We have also delivered on the content. We drafted several amendments to resolutions and vision documents that we felt were improvements, to better portray a Green and a Young Green vision on European issues. We have also tabled three resolutions; on the Stockholm

program, Human Rights violation in Azerbaijan and the economic crisis in Greece. Especially the latter I am very proud of. It has been drafted by the FYEG Working Group on Green Economy with very skilled and knowledgeable people. The resolution was taken up by the Green Group in the European Parliament, the Greek Greens and the German Greens and has been voted through anonymously. This resolution made FYEG very visible at the Council, we showed content wise contribution on a high level of expertise and it was widely appreciated by other Council delegates. This has definitely proven to be a success formula that I hope the new EC will reuse at other Councils.

Most of my work as a Spokesperson was representing and relationship building at the EU Brussels level. The EGP is one of our core partners there, but it is not the only one. Among others, I have also been working with the European Youth Forum (YFJ). Together with other political youth organisations we drafted several Press Releases; we are currently in touch with IFLRY (the Global Liberal Youth) about content wise participation in the FYEG Green Economy Seminar in September 2010; and I took part in a YFJ preparation training for COP15 that provided very useful not only because of the information, but also because of the relations built leading up to the COP, where YFJ provided us with a platform that was quite beneficial to FYEG.

In November 2009 FYEG provided its delegation to COP15 with a preparation training. I took part in the organisation of this training and also took care of part of its content. I am very proud that FYEG was present at the COP15 with a delegation of 40 people from all across Europe, with good knowledge and expertise on climate change and the negotiations. I am proud too, that FYEG was very present in all youth branches at the COP15 and that this delegation has proven to other youth organisations for FYEG to be a valuable partner, both on the political as well as on the civil society level.

Within this civil society I took part on behalf of FYEG in several panel debates throughout the year, mostly taking place in Brussels. I represented FYEG on EU structures, Human Rights, Gender Issues, the Green New Deal and the current political situation in Iran.

I was also part of the Editorial Board of the Ecosprinter on behalf of the EC. The Editorial Board transformed the paper version of the Ecosprinter Magazine into a flashy and interactive website with continuous updates. We had a big launch end of 2009 and the website allows for continuous updates where several of you have contributed to, and I hope more will do so in the future. I am very happy with this interactive website and I am thankful to the other two members of the Editorial Board who did a great job in making this happen.

Another transformation of a somewhat bigger scope that also took place and that has probably been impossible to miss, is the FYEG Future Project, aiming to revise some of our structures. The EC, as well as several Member Organisations, found that the previous structures of this organisation do not fit with our current activities, nor are they apt to facilitate the realisation of our future potential. We therefore started a future process, with financial support from the EGP, where delegates from all interested MOs came together twice (once in Berlin and once in Barcelona). Together we discussed several parts of the organisation, its structure and its work and the Working Group made suggestions for improvements. These have been formulated as amendments and will be voted upon later during this GA. I am glad to see the involvement of many of the Member Organisations, willing to improve the functioning of our common organisation. I am also glad to see many of these concrete proposals that offer concrete solutions and I hope that these good solutions



will pass during the voting. Thereby I would hope to leave behind a structurally healthier organisation.

I hope also, that these structures will help in making this organisation financially healthy again too. As you are most probably all aware, this EC faced quite major financial difficulties. We have a dept and a strong suspicion of fraud by the Treasurer. The last few months have been very intense in dealing with these financial difficulties. We have suspended the Treasurer on suspicion and have appointed Marta among ourselves as interim Treasurer. We have informed all our Financial and Political Partners as soon as we found out. We hired an external accountant to precise the financial details and a lawyer for judicial advice and to take the case to court. The Financial Controlling Committee has also been heavily involved and I am sure to speak on behalf of the whole EC to say that we are very thankful to them for their help and professional assistance.

Of course the image of FYEG is damaged and the organisation will be dealing with this loss for quite a while to come, but I believe that we have done a good deal in damage control, we have maintained the good relations with our external partners and we have proposed structural changes to provide the organisation and the new ECs with better instruments and checks and balances to prevent a similar case from happening in the future. It is not over yet, but I have good hope that we will come out of this crisis stronger and healthier.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have been working in this chaotic yet inspiring organisation. I am glad to have met so many of you and I have loved working on this platform towards a Greener Europe, a Greener World and a strong Green Youth Voice. I hope to remain in touch with you and would love to keep contributing to FYEG in other ways in the future.

Warm and green regards,

Eline

Brussels, 28-04-2010

Annual EC report by Gordan Isabegovic, co-spokesperson

FYEG GA 2010, Bratislava

Dear Member Organisations,

The starting of the first EC meeting in Brussels, from 27<sup>th</sup> until 29<sup>th</sup> of May, was dedicated to get to know each other and team building, but soon after it the real work started. After making the first updates on finances, office issues, implementation of the amended IRP's, our work was mainly focused on the activity plan. After the finalization of the European Election Campaign, EC has been mandated to implement, among the others, two main goals – activity and representation of the FYEG at the COP15 and capacity building strategy. The work on the implementation of these goals included the two questionnaires sent to the MO's for what expect to give us important guidelines and informations regarding activities for the COP 15 and capacity building.

Before and after the EC meeting in Brussels, I had a nice opportunity to informally meet the members of the Joves d'Esquerra Verda in Barcelona, Catalonia and Grune Jugend in Cologne, Germany. Having the chance to meet and talk to the members of quite well organized MOs just before the European Elections, was a very useful experience and way to get more inspired by the spirit of the young greens around Europe.

The work after the EC meeting in Brussels, we coordinated by the several phone conferences at which we continued to manage our work and share responsibilities. Based on the criteria we adopted, we made the division according to which I am in charge of the member organizations in Sweden, Belgium (Flanders and Wallonie), Poland, Bulgaria and Slovakia. Division of the tasks on certain topics made me responsible for topics of education, east-west dialogue and employment and social affairs. Besides working on external representation of FYEG (PR's and representation towards the EGP), I would be involved in the cooperation with Global Young Greens. FYEG is fully aware that GYG faces certain problems regarding the organization of their Congress and we are willing to help as much as we can to make GYG a strong global young green network.

During the summer I broke my ankle so I, unfortunately, had to miss the biggest young green summer event – summer camp in Georgia and our EC meeting that took the place there. At the beginning of the September, Eline and I participated EGP Committee meeting in Brussels. This was the first time I attended an EGP Committee meeting and as such was very useful and positive experience for me. We are dedicated to improve FYEG involvement and constructive influence within the EGP and I believe true opportunity for that is visible at the both sides. Of course, there is much of the work and cooperation to be done, especially since new EGP committee is elected.

In this period, FYEG increased our technical and office capacities by selecting the new office assistant, intern for COP 15 and Green economy, as the topics those are definitely considered as the most important for FYEG during our mandate.



FYEG Executive Committee took the responsibility to start a very challenging process of rethinking and restructuring the FYEG. I am glad that there is the initiatives and interest for this process coming from our member organization. All proposals are taken very serious and we are dedicated to coordinate the process of FYEG reform to the General Assembly.

The Executive Committee of the FYEG was well prepared for the EGP Council that took place in Malmo, from 16th till 18th of October, at which whole EC was present. We took an active role in the intensive work of the Council. We are very satisfied with the newly elected EGP Committee and we definitely believe in our good cooperation that will lead us to the improvement of our relations, more significant role and political involvement of FYEG within the EGP.

As the representative of FYEG, I participated at annual Network Meeting of CDNEE (Cooperation and Development Network Easter Europe) that was held in Zagreb from 20th to 22nd November. Representatives of the most CDNEE member organizations gathered to discuss political points, statute amendments, adopt activity and financial reports and plans and to elect new Executive Committee. The important point of the agenda was the adoption of the FYEG – CDN relationship paper proposal that aims to be more developed and adopted in the same forms at both, FYEG General Assembly and CDN Network Meeting. Together with Battal Erdogan, Treasurer on hold, I used the chance to make a study visit to the Croatian Young Greens. Spokespersons of Croatian Young Greens explained to us many issues regarding their organization, many obstacles they face to organize and mobilize young people to join them and participate in the activities, as well as the relations to their mother party. The question of full membership is still open, since the representatives of Croatian Young Greens fairly explained that it may be too early to apply for full membership since their young organization is still to be established.

The current Executive Committee of FYEG has dedicated much of its energy to start and implement Future project of FYEG in which member organizations can express their vision and ideas how to improve the Federation. Three EC members (Marta, Eline and me) were appointed to start and coordinate the whole process. Different preparations started at the end of 2009 and brought us to the first Future project meeting in Berlin from 13th to 15th February 2010. Future project meeting in Berlin has fulfilled its goal. It brought together various ideas and visions of how FYEG should look like in the future, what were main obstacles so far and what should be improved. Even though different attitudes were way far from compromising solutions, the meeting has met its goal to provide the space for the MO's to share their views and initiatives.

Since the beginning of 2010 I have been pointed on behalf of the EC to communicate with Slovakian Young Greens regarding the organization of the General Assembly. This included online communication regarding many technical and programme details for the successful organization of the GA.

In 2010 I was also working on two project applications – Spring conference that was applied to Green European Foundation; and Spring Break (Spring Camp) that was applied to the Council of Europe. The idea of the Spring Break is to become traditional young green event that will gather more than 60 young greens from FYEG member organizations to discuss various topics. Topic for the Spring Break 2011 is the „Direct democracy“. We find this as the core value of the green philosophy that can be successfully applied in different young green organizations and activities. Especially, within the last years, ideas of direct democracy renewed its importance in the student's protests and University occupation fighting against



the Bologna declaration and for free education that took place in many European countries. Most of these occupations had the principle of direct democracy as the one of their core values. Therefore, this idea is of the key importance for FYEG and as such should be much more explored and promoted – starting hopefully from Spring 2011.

In April 2010, I got full time employment as the intern in the Attorneys Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This slightly reduced my possibilities to travel and attend different activities. For this reason, I unfortunately skipped the EGP Council in Barcelona and second Future project group meeting. Anyway, I kept myself involved in the whole process, especially in the drafting of final IRPs amendments proposals that will be tabled by FYEG EC, as the result of the complete Future project.

As the male co-spokesperson, EC member I took part in many regular activities that request constant involvement in different issues, such as regular Skype conferences, drafting PR's, communication to the MO's, third parties etc; and also in different actions that EC has taken regarding the financial irregularities.

Regards,

Gordan Isabegović

Brussels, 28-04-2010

Annual EC report by Marta Mendec, EC member and interim Treasurer

FYEG GA 2010, Bratislava

Dear Member Organisations,

During my mandate as a regular EC member we had to as an EC first get acquainted with the new situation where EC members divide tasks among themselves. We have divided the MOs among ourselves in order to have a clear list of responsibilities but also to give the MOs concrete names, who to contact in case there is the need.

We have not introduced any new tools for communication, but have issued a questionnaire at the beginning of our mandate in order to have a better picture of their needs, as this is impossible to be facilitated in the GA. Acting according to mandates given during the GA in Maastricht and based on the questionnaire I tried to respond to some requests of the MOs. The capacity building activity shall be one of the answers. Unfortunately we have lacked participants for this activity before the deadline in February and I hope that we will apply for the next deadline being June.

The blogs of FYEG were a means to show our participation in key political events and we hope that has brought our work closer to the Mos.

A study session with the European Study Center in Strasbourg has also been applied for and I hope although it's been put on hold, we will hold it in Autumn 2010. My task was also to facilitate the gender working group, which has now been put together and I hope to strengthen and enlarge this group through the mentioned activity.

I have done a first update of the IRPs after the ECM in Georgia. Back in the ECM in Georgia we have also felt the need to restructure the Federation. In February thanks to the generous support of the EGP we could start the process within the future project and meet with MOs representatives, talk, discuss problems and develop solutions, which are going to be presented at the next General Assembly.

As you know, the financial situation of the Federation after the handover from the previous EC was troublesome. The installation of the Financial Control Committee proved to be of help in making visible where there is a need for more structures and work to be done as for the internal functioning and provided more details on the financial situation with which the EC had to go back to our partners and donors and have probably lost a considerable amount of trust. This trust has to be gained back and in order to do so we will propose solutions of structural nature and hope for the support of our donors and the mother party.

In my opinion after our active participation in the EGP council in Malmo we have strengthened our relations with the mother party and can count on their support in such essential matters as the office of the FYEG and a closer cooperation on important issues.



I would count the future project as the main achievement of the outgoing EC. But this process also showed us how important it is to work together with the EGP – not only for substantial support of the meeting but also for parallel projects just as the Horizon 2014 where both Federations can work together on strengthening particular green structures just as within the East-West Dialogue Working Group of the EGP.

The European Elections showed that we can do much more together – a campaign is the first step for gaining more publicity, but reaching out to young people, especially those who are abroad seems to be one key issue for the mentioned project Horizon 2014 for the next EU elections. The mobility of young people very often goes hand in hand with losing touch with the political environment they are familiar with or have been active within. This is a challenge that can be easily conquered through informational campaigns on the functioning of the European Elections.

Next to my work I was trying not to neglect my home organization, the Polish Young Greens that found themselves in a difficult situation too. The lack of structures but also people willing to work politically is a problem to struggle with at present. I hope to deliver my share to combating the problem through the common project with the EGP and the projects we as FYEG are aiming at, as the capacity building activity.

Best,

Marta Mendec



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Annual EC report by Catrinel Mocanu, EC member

FYEG GA 2010, Bratislava

Dear Member Organisations,

Before I was elected, I thought I knew everything there was to know about FYEG, but now I realize just how much I've learned during the last year. There were some bad times- as you already know- and a lot of good ones but all in all it was a full and exciting year. I had the chance to learn a lot about the young greens of Europe but also about the youth movements outside our "back yard".

At the beginning of our mandate we decided to divide our tasks according to the topics we show an interest in. I had the advantage to already know a lot about the UNFCCC process and the fight against climate change due to my previous activities and my participation at COP14.

Because our main priority for the first part of the year, as agreed during the GA, was related to COP 15 and due to the fact that I was responsible for the climate and environmental issues, my work since then has been mainly related to that. As part of that task, we started to research about future activities and partnerships with other NGOs. We sent a call for a working group whose main task was to organize the outside activities like street actions and the Klimaforum. After a long process, we managed to put together a delegation of 40 people that we registered for COP 15. We then organized a training for them that took place in October in Brussels. During that event, we divided the participants into groups so that they can work on specific topics. Part of the delegates focused on our relation with our partners, other focused on communication, one group worked on actions inside the Bella Center and the group for whom I was personally and directly responsible for, worked on the written part: stand point, minutes and report.

As part of our efforts to build a strong and fruitful relationship with other youth NGO that later on formed YOUNGO- the youth constituency, me and Eline took part in a preparatory meeting in Malmo. We then started to coordinate ourselves with our partners, especially European Youth Forum with whom we organized a side event during COP. We also collaborated with all YOUNGO to come up with a strong common position and policy. We prepared also for the Youth Arcade consisting of all the booths of all youth organizations- FYEG shared a booth with HBS. Me personally, I was part of the YOUNGO action group and coordinator of the policy WG.

During that time, I also had the chance to get better acquainted with EGP, as we all took part in the EGP council when the new committee was elected. I was also pleasantly surprised to find out that when it came to the campaign against Climate Change and participation at COP 15, the young greens were better prepared than most of the national green parties.



During COP 15 itself, I hope that you all followed our work. As part of our communication campaign, we set up a blog, [www.greenon2009.eu](http://www.greenon2009.eu), where all the delegates posted information about our participation and actions there.

Since January, obviously, my work load has diminished, other than of course all the small tasks that had to be taken care of every week during the entire year, that I didn't fill-in in this report as they would have required pages. I did manage to finish the COP 15 report as we needed to send it to our sponsors.

As you all know, we then organized the Future Meetings where, to be honest, I wasn't involved in its organization, but I did have the chance to participate in the second one in Barcelona where we were also present at the EGP council. Taking part in FYEG events this year was probably even more helpful than in the previous years as it helped me a lot, keeping in touch with you and finding out what you need and request from us.

Recently, I have set up a new non-mandated Working Group, as we thought it would be important to continue our fight against Climate Change and our involvement in the UNFCCC process. Although we missed the registration at Bonn, I am sure that we will be there at the next session of negotiations.

Also, as being part of the prep team for the GA, I coordinated the Advisory Committee whose main task was to evaluate the candidates for the Secretary General positions and send its report to the MOs.

Last, but not least, I want to thank you for having trusted me with this position and for giving me the chance to be truly part of the young green movement. It was a truly fulfilling experience and although I know that I could have done more, I hope that I didn't disappoint you.

Green Wishes,

Trina

Brussels, 28-04-2010

Annual EC report by Ivan Ninenko, EC member

FYEG GA 2010, Bratislava

Dear Member Organisations,

Being elected in Maastricht a year ago I had many ideas to share with FYEG. Not all of them got a chance to be fulfilled due to various reasons, but there was a number of successes.

When I was applying for the position of EC member I had promised to work on improvement of communication with MOs. So my first major project was the MO survey that you may have seen in the beginning of our mandate. To gather the information the most efficient way I proposed to use on-line forms and spreadsheets and by now it became a standard tool of communication between the EC and MOs.

As the representative of FYEG EC I took a part in the Study Tour organized by European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development. Together with representatives of other European youth political organizations we spent a week in Uganda meeting with representatives of different NGOs and government agencies. During the Study Trip I did my best to bring green ideas into the agenda of the meetings and press-releases. I also organized a small unofficial meeting with Transparency International Uganda for some of the participants so we had a chance to see the other side of the international help, how the money for the health and education ministries is being misused by corrupted government officials and how EU funds do not let NGOs to have any control of the finances given to the government. I was rising those questions during meetings with government officials. Unfortunately I was not able to participate in the post-Uganda seminar in Denmark in January of 2010, because of the obligations at my job (Transparency International - Russia), but Marta Mendec took part in this seminar and continued promotion of green ideas in the field of development projects. I also made a special presentation in Moscow about problems of globalization in Africa, rising awareness on this not-so-much popular topic in Russia.

As a member of EC I was assigned to deal with two topics – Drug Policy and Green Economy, which were delegated to the EC during GA in Maastricht. Major task on the Drug Policy was to facilitate discussion between those MO which supported Drug Policy Paper during GA and with Swedish YG, which had some strong points against this paper. There was quite a number of problems with communication getting people appointed to this discussion by MOs. At some point we managed to start the discussion with Nicolas Schaefer from Luxembourgian YG and Linnea Andersson from Swedish YG. I want to appreciate their efforts, though we did not manage to get to any consensus. Wish next EC to be more successful in this long lasting process of discussion of FYEG vision on Drug Policy.

Work on the Green Economy topic was definitely more successful. After long discussions during the ECM in Georgia we arrived to the idea of having two seminars – one for beginners and one for those having some prior knowledge on the topic. Then the call for the working group was issued and now we have very strong and active working group. One of the first successes of WG was the Topical Resolution prepared for EGP Council in



Barcelona about economical situation in Greece. This resolution was on the top of the agenda during the Council and made the work of WG quite visible. With all the changes from Greek and German Greens and Green Group it was eventually voted through anonymously.

There were some problems with seminars, since we failed to receive funds we were counting on. Dates and location of seminars had been changed. But eventually we secured funds with GEF and were able to hold the first seminar on green economy for beginners in April in Serbia. I participated in this seminar as representative of FYEG EC. Leaving aside all the problems we had because of the volcano eruption, I think this seminar is a great start of this topic in FYEG. Number of participants expressed their will to work closely with the WG to develop this topic further. The second seminar is scheduled for Autumn. Also during the seminar some of the participants from Eastern MO decided that they need to organize a special seminar on this topic for their region. The Working Group has a good momentum and I am quite positive on the future of this topic in FYEG. I must acknowledge that most of the credits should go to our intern on the green economy Anna Yeliseyeva. Nothing of the above would be possible without her professional work on coordination and deep level of knowledge on the topic.

I also visited Azerbaijan, where I represented FYEG on the seminar on inclusion of migrants in European youth organizations organized by the European Youth Forum and NYORA. Then I conducted a visit to Azeri Young Greens. We held quite an interesting talk in their office.

During my turn I was also supposed to visit two other MOs – Macedonian and Bosnian MO. Those meetings did not happen – the first one since I was not able to get in touch with Macedonian YG (DOM-youth) when I was visiting the country for a conference of Transparency International. Later I found out that this organization does not have an active youth structure any more and right now I am trying to get their official letter, that they are not interested in FEYG anymore. This will be useful, since we have another green political organization in this country – DEM – and their youth wing is applying for the candidate membership in the FYEG. The second MO visit – to Revolt (Bosnian YG) – was cancelled since I had to stay at the seminar on green economy till the very end and help the prep team as an expert, since most of the expected lecturers were not able to fly to Serbia due to the volcano eruption.

As a member of the EC I have participated in the most of the ECM and had to skip only one of them, due to the lack of place for stamps in my passport. I also participated in the EGP Congress in Malmo, where I was doing the lobbying together with other EC members. My participation in the Future Project was quite limited, but I was moderating part of the meeting in Berlin and was in Barcelona, but was more participating in the EGP Council, than in the Future Project meeting.

With all this I want to thank all of you who trusted me to work for this year in the EC.

Best Green Wishes,

Ivan Ninenko

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Annual EC report by Monia Franceschini, EC member

FYEG GA 2010, Bratislava

Dear Member Organisations,

My second and last mandate in EC FYEG is ending, it's time of evaluations and I'm here to report my work, making at the same time a comparison between last mandate and this one.

I sincerely expected this year to get results easier, as I started with more familiarity with the procedures and with people, mostly with some ideas on my mind even a bit "tradition breaking": for example, the wish to involve for funding institutional partners that were not just European Commission, YEF or CoE, but also national or regional public bodies.

I think that some MOs can remember how much I talked about this matter in Berlin and then in Maastricht GAs, where I proposed the idea of applying not only for well known projects YiA and Coe, but also for more ambitious ones. Maybe they wouldn't be funded at first step, but they could give the opportunity to introduce FYEG to other General Directorates, through a medium term public relations investment.

I realized that the procedures made a very difficult time with approving planning and relative deadlines. To get a concrete example, myself I was working in my Regional Councillorship, so I had the opportunity to get some funds for green economy seminars, that with my great demotivation I finally hijacked at my local level one month ago, after discussions and doubts on SC about procedures, and adequacy of the proposal.

I believe that by the Future of FYEG Process and relative deep structural analysis of the Organization, we have reached now a real turning point, a point where the structure has to "rejuvenate", become leaner and quicker to make thinking green by seizing all possible opportunities, in the respect and not in the chain of internal rules. I look with a great hope the evolution of this process that probably will be implemented following intermediate steps of dialogue and even hard confrontation. Up to now I've known no other Organization that stopped to make a strict evaluation of itself from which starting up, and this awareness is the challenge to change.

I think that this year the EC Team has suffered as FYEG strategic engine "the heaviness of the structure". This has led EC hard to integrate and work together in a homogeneous way, with the result of slowing processes, overcharging just some peoples and not realizing all the ideas and planning capacities of the members. This fact made me reflect a lot about the importance of two skills -constant motivation and team building - which lead to success the joint work of Board Members, beyond their own results. In any case, from some negativities it's possible to pull out good opportunities; this EC reacted positively showing promptness and consistency in the actions of identification, damage assessment and containment, spite relative risks and stress associated with his administrative rule.



I sincerely hope that the next EC would take the team building and motivation as a priority in relationships, in order to give equal dignity and access opportunity to planning and initiatives to all resources within the team, with no more overcharging or wasting energies that could be of contribution to the overall structure.

I found myself much more at ease in direct relationships with MOs international contacts. This year I announced that I was focusing on taking more care of Member Organizations, so I tried to participate as much as I could to MOs activities, starting from keeping the engagement taken in last GA about supporting summer camp in Georgia with my resources and those ones of my MO; an engagement that I would personally renew this year.

In the first ECM in Brussels last year, it was decided I was dealing with Azerbaijan, Ireland, Greece, Bosnia –Herzegovina, and Catalunya as a referent for the various FYEG initiatives and EC proposals, i.e. capacity building formats, future of FYEG info and reminders, planning, membership criteria, etc. I'm concluding my mandate with a Mo visit in Albania - I'm looking forward to follow the workshop Luis and the other Albanian guys are organizing during my stay- and another one in South Tyrol, which I'm glad to have got in contact for the CDN YiA application form about a seminar in Renewable versus Nuclear project.

I'm very happy now to have started cooperating with some MOs in terms of bilateral planning and in terms of exchange of good practices. I recently cooperate in creating an Italian Spanish NGO, based in Rome and Barcelona, where some green colleagues from both countries join green economy and sustainable tourism border project. In Denmark, with my colleague Simone Franceschini we laid the groundwork for a university club in Aalborg that approaches youth by organizing Green Economy cocktails, events in which it's possible to be updated about green eco matters and socialize at the same time. The initiative has quite some success and it's possible to find online press feedbacks (Danish and also Italian articles). I really hope this group could be so motivated next year, to approach FYEG in its statutory activities. Last but not least, I committed to find a key for collaborating on joint planning with my MO of origin, Giovanni Verdi. The political paper presented is a result of this cooperation, and I am quite satisfied that we chose a topical argument as a very important German Airline Company has just joined the PETA petition in order to not carry anymore beagles for experimentation in its aircrafts. For private funding purposes, the list of European Companies that still directly or indirectly use animal testing, could be one of evaluations FYEG should do about its possible partners and sponsors in its activities and seminars.

Despite I was not in charge of Drug Policy, as I'm busy on the subject at national and international level through the European Commission Action on Drugs Campaign – for a while an awareness campaign generating peer-to peer actions and commitments free from ideology, force, stigmatization and discrimination-, I wrote and presented last November a YiA application form for a training seminar to be done in Italy, with FYEG and other MOs partners. In application form I mostly put contents we carried last GA through Jeunes Verts political paper. The Italian national agency didn't fund the seminar, justifying the discrepancy between the contents of the seminar and the inherent political message, but Mrs. Paola Tardioli- Schiavo, Officer in European Commission DG Justice, Freedom and Security responsible for Action on Drugs Campaign is actually collecting papers and proposals –even provocative ones- from European NGOs and political foundations, for the optimization of EU Drugs Action Plan for 2009-2012, providing some specific Calls from this General Directorate. I think that contents in that application form could be readapted for applying again at European level. On the 25th of June 2010 we will present to the European Commission in Brussels, a European NGOs joint activity up to now with some concrete



results from youth stakeholders. Unfortunately I was not effective with the coordination of the regionalism paper we had to develop after Maastricht GA. Problems I had, after a brainstorming with MOs unsatisfied with the first draft, was to identify participants interested in discussing the text, then to find a compromise for a second version to be presented now.

I am glad to have actively participated in the selection of the green economy working group: the team formed is really efficient, and has produced a topical resolution on the economic situation in Greece absolutely extraordinary.

As the new Ecosprinter provides a 14 - languages press release, I traduced in my own language the presentation of this important communication tool.

Although I participated and cooperated in all the EC meetings, those linked to EGP Councils in Malmo and Barcelona, and to the future of FYG ones, I couldn't manage for work to be present in Denmark in COP 15 negotiations. I indirectly tried to be involved, by providing the presence of my Italian colleague who is actually using some COP15 matters in Aalborg meetings, as I mentioned before.

I do not want to end this report with empty thanks. I received too many different inputs in two years from FYEG (from hate to love and from foreignness to sharing) that words here are useless. Just, I really believe that here there is an exceptional future leadership that has eaten, slept, fought, married and dreamt on common values to be shared together for years. It is worth fighting for.

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