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## "Young Oikos Nomos Fight Misery: Green Economy - towards a sustainable society"

Greece, 24-29 November 2010

Call for Participants – **DEADLINE for applications 8<sup>th</sup> October**

This seminar will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece, from the 24th till the 29th of November and will be hosted by the Greek Young Greens.

The aim of this seminar is to develop more extensive knowledge about economics, to explore and discuss its relations to youth as well as going deeper in some specific topics (e.g. youth unemployment) to search for solutions.

This project is organised by the Green European Foundation, with support of the Federation of Young European Greens. The project is possible due to the financial support of the European Parliament. Food and accommodation will be fully covered and we plan to reimburse 70% of the travel costs.

The seminar will consist of lectures, workshops, small group discussions, debates, and other activities with more than 30 other young greens from all over Europe. The participants will have the opportunity to gain knowledge on particular topics and greater insights to the theory and reality of economics with various case studies and the time to exchange views and experience with the each other. As it is an advanced seminar there will be also some basic information participants are required to read before the seminar to make good work and discussions possible.

### **Objectives of the Seminar:**

- Deepening knowledge about the functioning of the economy on micro-and macro levels, different schools in economics, history of economic thoughts;
- Raising awareness of young people 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;
- Providing them with different attempts of political ways for the future, e.g. degrowth, Green New Deal, etc.
- Encouraging young people to take active role in the decision-making process regarding political

economy issues.



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### **Provisional Programme:**

Each day of the seminar will be dedicated to specific topics and approximately have the following structure: education sessions in the morning for introducing the topic with following „Q&A“ (Question & Answer) -sessions and working groups' and discussions in the afternoon to deepen the understanding of the main subject. First we will explore the topic together to be able in the afternoon to search for solutions to the problems as well as discuss and evaluate the solutions currently offered in the concept of the Green New Deal. There will be a mix of formal and informal education, both guided by experienced lecturers and specialists on the topics.

*The four "topics of the day" are:*

Youth participation. During the first day participants will deal with the democracy in economic systems. A basic lecture granting a general introduction to the topic will lead then into further sessions focussing on youth participation, such as the role and possibilities of youth in economics.

Youth unemployment / Green Jobs: As youth unemployment is alarmingly rising in many parts of the European Union this day will be utilized to offer a closer look at the current situation its causes and possible solutions. The second part of the day will be dedicated to the topic of Green jobs and how they might help to solve the problem described above.

Different economic models & degrowth. 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 this 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.

Financial markets and crisis. 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.



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### **Profile of the participant:**

This seminar is targeted at young people already having considerable knowledge on economic issues and systems! The participants should be interested in the topics of this event, willing to prepare and take active part in the planned activities and open for new experiences and people.

Though it is an advanced seminar 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 and the motivation to learn and work on this seminar. The allocation of participants will be based on age, geographical and gender balance.

The age of participants should not exceed 28 years.

### **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, by the **8th of October 2010 midnight** to Julius under the following email address: [Julius\\_P@web.de](mailto:Julius_P@web.de)

If you have any questions or need more information please don't hesitate to contact Julius: [Julius\\_P@web.de](mailto:Julius_P@web.de)

Green regards,

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