



# FOOD SYSTEM & ANIMAL RIGHTS WORKING GROUP

## 2017-18 **REPORT**

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ASSEMBLY  
#FYEG30 **UTRECHT**  
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The call for new working group members took place during summer time. None of members during 2017-2018 re-applied to be members, therefore all people were new in August.

## MAY-JULY 2017

Between May and July, members of the working group finished their work, analysing the data of their poll on Consumption of food, especially fair trade food.

## AUGUST 2017 - APRIL 2018

During this period, more people were involved. We can count 5 members taking part to all meetings and organising activities, 10 members taking part to at least one meeting and more members following our work but not taking part actively.

The first two meeting of the new WG members took place in September and, considering the capacity of the working group and each member's motivation, we decided to set up priorities for the month to come. We decided to focus on training activities and lobbying work.

The working group kept meeting on a regular basis (every 6 weeks in average) to prepare our different activities and work on the implementation of our workplan.

### ***Training activities***

During the FYEG General Assembly, many MOs expressed their lack of knowledge on Agricultural issues. We therefore decided that one of our priority should be to organise training activities. We organised three webinars on Green Holiday Season, on GMOs and on Climate and Agriculture.

The first webinar was not made public and only communicated to WG members. The two next webinars were public and live-streamed on the FYEG Youtube Channel Page, thanks to the help of Javier, FYEG Communication Officer.. These two webinars have been watched by nearly 200 viewers.

During these three webinars, experts from NGOs and from the Green Group in the European Parliament made presentations and answered our questions.

At the time we write these lines, we are working on the organising of two more webinars on Animal Rights and on Free Trade in Agriculture.

**Lobbying work**

The working group got involved in the discussions taking place within the European Green Party on the adoption of a position on the next Common Agricultural Policy. During the WG meeting in Brussels, we analysed the first draft of the text and shared our comments with the EGP. Antoine represented the WG in a meeting that took place in Brussels, debating on a second draft of the resolution and sharing the WG comments on the resolution.

Most of our comments were included after that phase.

When the final draft was released before the EGP Autumn Council, we met again and drafted some amendments, submitted them to the EC, giving them arguments to defend them. Most of them have been adopted and the WG was happy with the adopted resolution.

We were also contacted by the EYF who was getting ready to adopt a position on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and was organising consultations of its members. The FYEG office set up a meeting with the EYF policy officers, one WG representative, one MEP and one adviser of the Green group in the European Parliament.

**Participation in FYEG Activities**

12th-15th October : 4 members participated in the WG meeting in Brussels. We implement our year strategy and bonds with the other groups.

7th-10th December : Two of our members participated to the Strategic Planning Meeting that took place in Leuven, Belgium.

1st-3rd March : Two of our members took part to the European Ideas Lab organised by the EGP and the Green Group in the European Parliament in Brussels.