

Strategic Planning Committee Report

After the GA of 2016, the temporary structure of the Strategic Plan Meeting follow-up groups was transformed into a more permanent structure: the Strategic Plan Committee. The SPC has the mandate to evaluate how the structures, procedures, activities and other central aspects of FYEG function and also develop proposals for the MOs, GA, EC, office and other relevant bodies of FYEG to consider.

The SPC is divided into three subgroups: the Activity Subgroup, the Political Subgroup, and the Structural Subgroup. All of those subgroups are composed with members from different member and observer organisations of FYEG, who chose a coordinator for each subgroup among themselves and two EC responsables for each subgroup.

One of the relevant moments for the SPC during this year was the Strategic Planning Meeting that took place in Brussels in December 2016. All three subgroups were part of the prep team and contributed to the preparation of the program.

Concrete outputs of the SPC 2016/17

Based on the discussions led through the year, the Activity Subgroup provided a set of concrete suggestions for the next year's Activity Plan 2017/18 to the EC (to be voted on the GA 2017), and with the FYEG long term strategy in mind.

The Structure Subgroup has created a new voting system "Single transferable vote" that will be implemented for the first time at the GA 2017.

Inclusion audit with FYEG structure was an important part of the way of implementing a diversity policy in the Federation. Different subgroups kept in touch between them and EC members for giving inputs on the Inclusion Audit that will be presented at the GA 2017.

Planning for the future

One of the concerns coming out of this is a challenge of documenting and storing the conclusions from one mandate to another, and ensuring the knowledge transfer. Some of the ideas for the future of the SPC are:

1. Revise statutory and educational work of FYEG and rethink how it could be improved to better fit FYEG long-term goals.
2. Create a guide for or (new) FYEG GA attendants.
3. Create a guidebook for the FYEG GA Presidency.
4. Funding for projects, sustainability of FYEG events, etc.
5. Improving the monitoring of the Inclusion Audit.
6. Working with the EC and Office on FYEG's Communication Strategy.

Evaluation / conclusion

Strategic Planning Committee presents a great platform for MOs to actively discuss and direct FYEG work in different aspects. All MOs have access and opportunity to voice their needs, and provide concrete suggestions with a clear possibility of having an impact on the organizational work. The SPC is a very useful tool for rethinking and planning FYEG educational work, structural and political aspects of the Federation.

For next years we do hope many more MOs will recognize potential in SPC to directly contribute and influence FYEG, and will use this tool for the betterment of the organization. Having more MO representatives will not only ensure that our conclusions are relevant for majority of MOs, but also will give the capacities to SPC to have stronger impact.

