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Dear Green friends,

our federation is an amazing space to operate in and can be proud of a growing number of successes. However, this does not mean, that we are not in the need to evolve, grow, and shape an even better organization. Thus, it is my pleasure to share with you my vision for FYEG.

The FYEG I envision needs to focus both on European and EU politics, as well as on itself and its internal structures.

On the European policy level, my focus has always been the areas of European integration, Enlargement policy, and Foreign policy. With the Conference on the Future of Europe having come to an end, there is a window of opportunity to push for changes long overdue in all of those areas. Right now, the European Parliament and the general public are allies, but it is not guaranteed that it will stay this way. We can see this at the example of unanimity in decisions taken by the European Council, a practice long overdue to be changed. Throughout the last four years, I have worked on abolishing the principle of unanimity within the European Council from many different angles. This includes academia, as part of a think tank on European policy, and just a few months ago, as part of the FYEG Working Group Democracy & Inclusion. We are now at a point where the European Parliament, and partially even the European Commission, are officially supporting this policy change. As a political youth organization, I believe we can have a significant impact on such fundamental, and strategically important policy changes. But we need to act now.

This of course goes hand in hand with a strong campaign for and good electoral results in the European Parliament elections in 2024. Laying the ground work for the electoral campaign is one of the main responsibilities that this EC has.

With these topics as my area of expertise, I believe I complement the already existing EC in a wonderful way.



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Within FYEG, capacity building of our MOs is where I see the biggest need for action. A federation, with a huge imbalance of power, structural development, and membership numbers between its MOs is bound to run into problems. The space within the organization is often dominated by those MOs that have the capability to focus on the European level, in addition to their national level, leading to growth of the imbalance, rather than reducing it. At this point, we need to intervene. There are already a lot of great ideas that have been developed within FYEG, with and by the structurally disadvantaged MOs. The example of stronger regional cooperation, which we are seeing in the Balkans right now, is something that has proven successful in other organizations as well. We need to build on already existing structures! CDN is one of our biggest allies in this struggle, and the re-writing of our inter-organizational relationship agreement is long overdue. Strengthening and expanding these long-term processes is one of the key roles I see for myself and the whole EC in this upcoming year.

Shifting back to the European level, this is not a struggle that only we within FYEG or Green youth organizations face. In many of the countries that our MOs operate in, they face a hostile political environment. Part of the European integration and EU enlargement process is strengthening (political) civil society. This is an objective that is not met by the reality of European politics and needs to be strengthened.

So while we address struggles within our federation in the short-term, we must not forget the underlying structures that need to be fundamentally changed. Only a combination of short-term symptom relieve and long-term treatment of the root causes will lead us to our goal, a just, feminist, diverse, democratic, sustainable Europe.

Dear friends, I invite you to set out on this journey towards a more radical, confident, and caring FYEG with me. Let's grow together and change both, the Europe we live in, and the federation we operate in!

Lots of Green love,

Emil