



Reports on the status of the FYEG Working Groups: The Feminist Network, Democracy and Inclusion, Just Transition

The Feminist Network

This year in October, the new call of the Feminist Network was published on FYEG's website. At the beginning of November, the kick-off meeting was held with the participation of 20 new members. It was decided to hold meetings once every two weeks for this term. The working group came together every two weeks on Wednesdays.

In November, the working group decided to work on the important days and the unfinished business from the last year which are:

- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- Abortion, women's & LGBTIQ*-rights in Poland
- 2021 EGP-Council: Resolution on Sexual Consent

First and foremost, an action kit was prepared for November 25 and the working group shot a video with relevant data and different members from both FYEG and various countries. Video shared by FYEG social media channels. Parallel to this action, a solidarity channel created with CDNEE on Abortion, women's & LGBTIQ*-rights in Poland. An action kit was created including posters with the QR codes to share in Polish embassies in European countries, additionally, people from FYEG and CDNEE recorded videos with specific message and hashtag. Furthermore, as an unfinished business, the WG continue to work on the consent resolution for EGP Council and created a chat group.

Subgroups:

In the third meeting, 2 coordinators were selected for the Working Group. Under the management of the coordinators, 6 separate subgroups were created within the working group. These subgroups are:

- Fragile masculinity
- Mainstreaming the intersectionality of the climate crisis and gender equality
- Reproductive rights
- Resolution on consent
- Women's rights being used against immigrants' rights

- Encountering anti-feminist narratives (strategies/ methods)

Due to the fact that it is a small group and one person is included in more than one subgroup, many subgroups lost their function in the process and it's decided to focus on groups that the WG can do concrete works by acting realistically. In this direction, the 3 most active subgroups continued their work, and additionally, the communication subgroup was established.

- Encountering anti-feminist narratives (strategies/ methods)
- Mainstreaming the intersectionality of the climate crisis and gender equality
- Comms subgroup
- Resolution on consent

Social Media Actions:

The WG decided to revive social media from 3 different channels, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts that were established in previous mandates, changed their logo & name, and started to post with the comms calendar created. The social media group, which is one of the most active groups, followed the calendar under the guidance of the coordinators and started to prepare both solidarity posts to various countries and story templates that will help the visibility of the group. The most important actions are:

- Joint action on IDEVAW with Tilt
- Feminist New Year Resolution story template
- Abortion Ban in Poland
- 8 March Everyday Heroes (Celebrating Young Green Feminist Activists)
- Turkey's Withdrawal from Istanbul Convention
- World Health Day

In addition, due to the inability to meet face to face with the corona crisis, the WG decided to organize some fun activities within itself and with other WGs. A game night with the Just transition Working Group in December and Netflix Teleparty with the Feminist Network in February was held.





Ongoing projects:

The Feminist Network has two ongoing projects to be completed. One of them is The Consent Resolution. The previous mandate was already working on this. They were trying to put a resolution on Sexual Consent in the next-EGP Council. However, because of the lack of capacity for advocacy and organizational trainings, it has been decided to postpone it to the next EGP council. The writing process of the Consent Resolution (Consent is Sexy) has already been completed and submitted to EGP. FYEG Alumni was contacted for lobbying and advocacy activities and strategy meetings are still ongoing.

In addition to this, the WG plans to hold a workshop & webinar titled Feminist Futures until the next term. This event was to be held on the week of 8th March but was postponed to a later date, as all members would attend events in their local area and no one had the capacity to prepare for that week. A telegram chat group was created for the Feminist Futures Workshop, and it is planned to be realized online. The idea is to share stories of women who did well during the crisis and focus on women's leadership (everyday people focus) during COVID-19.

DEMOCRACY AND INCLUSION

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Since its constitution, the Working Group has had four general meetings. The first, introductory meeting was held on February 27th 2021. On Monday, the 8th of March 2021, the Co-Coordinator election was held. Arjun Pfaffstaller and

Lisa Bednarz were elected as the two Working Group Co-Coordinator; the election was carried out anonymously via Doodle. The third meeting was scheduled for 22nd of March 2021 and the main topic was the formation of subgroups. The following subgroups were founded by the members at the meeting: "Digital Group", "Threats to Democracy" Group, "Conference of the Future of Europe" Group, "More Inclusive & Democratic FYEG" Group, "Digitalization" Group (separate from the Digital Group) and "Inclusion of civil society" Group. At the Working Group's last meeting on Monday, the 19th of April 2021, the two Delegates to the GA were elected. Lisa Bednarz and Maurice Meyer were elected as the two Delegates for the GA. At the last meeting, the members also discussed the organization of the subgroups, which were constituted on March 22nd 2021.

At the moment, the subgroups are starting their activities and work. The "More Inclusive & Democratic FYEG" Group, together with all members, will write and prepare a number of amendments on the IRPs that will be presented at the next MO forum. The "Threats to Democracy" Group is working on the topic of conspiracy theories. At the first meeting of the "Conference of the Future of Europe" Group, some major information about the Conference on the Future of Europe was provided by Cristiana Cerri Gamberelli and Eleanor Morrissey. On Monday, the 26th of April 2021, the "Inclusion of Civil Society" Group's first meeting is scheduled. In the coming weeks, the number of subgroup meetings will increase significantly.

In the coming weeks, the FYEG Working Group Democracy and Inclusion will also produce some outputs and results of their work and activities. As can be concluded from the prior paragraphs, the Working Group and its subgroups still need to work on structural and organizational things, however, we recently started our work and are excited about the outcomes of this work.

Just Transition

In 2021, we built up on our work from last year. The idea to create a renewable energy cooperative was based on the input we got from the webinar from the year before. During many sessions, we developed the idea into creating a trans-european grassroots organized energy coop, most likely with our first





project being a cooperative of photovoltaic panels in brussels. The energy cooperative project started with the goal to install photovoltaic panels on the flat roof of the office of FYEG and the EGP in Brussels, at Willem de Zwijgerstraat 34 - Brussels. Young greens would be offered the opportunity to invest in the installation of these photovoltaic panels. Clean energy will be used in the office and sold back to the grid. Year by year, the young green shareholders can discuss what the financial returns will be used for: to reinvest in the cooperative, to flow back to the shareholders, to use in a FYEG project during that year, ...

We explored the legal and urbanistic context, conducted a financial feasibility study and wrote a concept note that led to interesting discussions on an inclusive shareholder model. The results of these studies were presented to the EC. The roof at the Willem de Zwijgerstraat turned out not to be an option and we would like to continue this project with the same volunteers after the ending of the working group on the coming GA. Therefore a board should be created, overseeing the development of the cooperative and its daily operations.

We are convinced that the project is possible, will open interesting debates and new projects in the years to come. It made our volunteers enthusiastic to contribute.

Apart from this, we created a wordpress site for the working group that aims to give a broader view on Energy Transition in Europe. It is meant to support the energy cooperative and inform its stakeholders along with all other interested young people. The working group wants to continue featuring information and reports about positive transitional projects and wants to integrate an interactive map displaying those projects. Justtransition.fyeg.org will hopefully continue being developed by the board overseeing the energy cooperative and/or by other working groups after the GA.

