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Motion Text

Background:

We need to be the change we want to see.

FYEG has been on the forefront of the fight for more transparency in political institutions. Over the years, we have kicked open closed doors behind which fossil fuel lobbyists and crooked politicians plot and scheme to destroy our planet all around Europe, pushing for everyone to be able to see and understand exactly what is going on.

We can all be very proud of our achievements in making political institutions more transparent.

Yet, as an organisation striving for openness, we should critically reflect on our own internal structures as well. We believe that FYEG can make strong improvements when it comes to accessibility of information, strengthening Member Organisations' ties to the core of our Federation, and making the entire organisation more democratic. We want FYEG to lead by example on transparency.

Our proposal in summary:

We propose several specific improvements that FYEG can make in order to become more transparent:

First of all, the culture of the organisation regarding transparency needs to change. The question should not be "do we need to inform Member Organisations about this?" but "is there a good reason not to share this information?". FYEG should place transparency and openness at the heart of its operations and activities. We want to see an improved accessibility of information to the Member Organisations, without increasing the workload of Member Organisations' International Secretaries or other representatives. Additionally, FYEG staff members' workload shall not increase significantly too. Like other policies implemented by the GA, this resolution will increase the work of the EC and the Office. We have to respect their work, time and mental health. Therefore an appropriate solution to make information accessible needs to be found. Knowledge, activities and reports should only be withheld from Member Organisations where there exists good reason to do so.

Secondly, it needs to be easier to know what we stand for and what we have adopted. The section of the website that deals with policies and resolutions needs to be reorganised to make it easier to search through the amazing policies that those that came before us in this organisation have put forward.

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, the minutes of Executive Committee meetings which are defined as strategic, weekend-long meetings, must be made available to Member Organisations. As a Federation of Equals, all Member Organisations should have access to the inner workings of FYEG. While we understand the importance of confidentiality in certain matters, we believe that Member Organisations have a right to know what their representatives are discussing.

Finally, this needs to be more than just another resolution. The Executive Committee, in cooperation with the office and Member Organisations, needs to create a transparency policy that implements these points into the Internal Rules of Procedure during the upcoming operational year.

We propose the following:

- That FYEG places transparency at the heart of the organisation and all its operations;
- That as a Federation, knowledge, operations, and financial reports should only be withheld from Member Organisations where good reason exists to do so, such as personal conflicts, suspensions and other confidentiality;
- That FYEG looks into putting policies and resolutions adopted at previous General Assemblies into a more accessible format on the website;
- That minutes from strategic and weekend-long Executive Committee meetings be made accessible to Member Organisations with the exception of any kind of information protected by the GDPR regulation;
- That over the course of the next operational year the FYEG Executive Committee, in cooperation with the office and Member Organisations, works to create a transparency policy to be voted on by the next General Assembly.