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Report of activities, 16/04/2009 – 01/04/2011

- 16-19/04/2009: **ECOSY Congress**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 24/04/2009: **PES Leaders' Meeting**, Toulouse (France). Launch of the PES European Elections Campaign.
- 25/04/2009: **SONK European Elections event**, Helsinki (Finland). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 03/05/2009: **PASOK Youth European Elections event**, Drama (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 04/05/2009: **Greek Women's Union European Elections debate**, Kavala (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 07-08/05/2009: **European Youth Forum General Assembly**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 08/05/2009: **PES Presidency meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 09-10/05/2009: **JS Portugal European Election debate**, Lisbon (Portugal). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 12/05/2009: **Party Political Youth Organizations' Meeting with the Commission** (meetings with President of the Commission J.M.Barroso, Vice-President Margot Wallstrom, and Commissioner Meglena Kuneva), Brussels (Belgium).
- 17/05/2009: **Presentation of PASOK European Elections list**, Athens (Greece). Nominated as **candidate on the 11th position**.
- 18/05/2009: **European Elections Debate of PASOK** in Zografou (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 20/05/2009: **European Elections Debate of PASOK** in Nea Ionia (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 23-24/05/2009: **European Elections Debate and Universal Erasmus event of EDEK Youth** in Pafos and Larnaca (Cyprus). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY. **Meeting of the Central Committee of EDEK** in Nicosia (Cyprus). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 25/05/2009: **European Elections Debate of PASOK** in Cholongos (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 30/05/2009: **European Elections Debate of PASOK** in Almyros (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 31/05/2009: **European Elections event of PASOK** in Larissa (Greece) with the President, G.Papandreou.
- 01/06/2009: **European Elections Debate of PASOK Youth** in Western Attica (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 03/06/2009: **European Elections Debate of PASOK Youth** in Volos (Greece). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 04/06/2009: **Main European Elections event of PASOK** in Athens (Greece), with the President, G.Papandreou.
- 07/06/2009: **European Elections**.
- 12/06/2009: **PES Presidency meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 14/06/2009: **Telephone conference with ECOSY Presidium Members**.
- 18/06/2009: **PES Leaders' Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).

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- 24/06/2009: **Meeting with the Youth Committee of the Greek Confederation of Trade Unions (GSEE)**, on the topic of European Elections. Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 29-30/06/2009: **SI Council**, Budva (Montenegro). Speaker on behalf of IUSY/ECOSY delegation.
- 07/07/2009: **ECOSY Presidium Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 12-16/07/2009: **International Symi Symposium**, organized by the Foundation Andreas Papandreou, Skiathos (Greece). Represented ECOSY.
- 18-21/07/2009: **IUSY Festival** in Zanka, Hungary. Participated in panels and workshops on behalf of ECOSY. Meetings with delegations.
- 02/09/2009: **PES Presidency Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 03/09/2009: Participated in **PASOK 35th anniversary event** in Athens (Greece). Until 4th October, electoral period in Greece: candidate for the region of Magnesia.
- 04/10/2009: **Parliamentary Elections in Greece**. PASOK won a historical victory.
- 08/10/2009: **PES Presidency Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 15-16/10/2009: **Bureau Meeting and Conference of the Union of Socialist Local and Regional Representatives of Europe (USLRRE)**, Paris (France). Represented ECOSY.
- 25/10/2009: **Primary Election of National Secretary of Partito Democratico** in Italy. Represented ECOSY.
- 31/10/2009: **ECOSY Working Groups on Political Culture and Statutory Reform**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 01/10/2009: **ECOSY Presidium Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 6-8/11/2009: **IUSY Euro-Arab Dialogue**, Beirut (Lebanon). Represented ECOSY.
- 13-15/11/2009: **IUSY Presidium Meeting** in Bangkok (Thailand). Represented ECOSY.
- 16-19/11/2009: **Second Training Seminar for Young Political Leaders from Europe, Israel and Palestine**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 18/11/2009: **General Assembly of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 19/11/2009: **PES Presidency Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 20-22/11/2009: **ECOSY Bureau Meeting**, Stockholm (Sweden).
- 23-24/11/2009: **Socialist International Council**, Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic). IUSY/ECOSY delegation. Speaker in the session "Overcoming inequality, creating jobs and defeating poverty in the world economy".
- 27-30/11/2009: **IUSY Mediterranean Committee Meeting**, Larnaca (Cyprus). Speaker in the panel about Euro-Mediterranean relations, the role of the EU in the Middle East and the Union for the Mediterranean.
- 04-05/11/2009: **IUSY Black Sea Area Young Leaders' Conference**, Kiev (Ukraine). Speaker on the panel about the role of the EU in the Black Sea area, neighbourhood policies and the Black Sea area countries' perspectives of integration to the EU.
- 06/11/2009: **PES Women Annual Conference**, Prague (Czech Republic). Representing ECOSY.
- 06/11/2009: **PES Leaders' Meeting**, Prague (Czech Republic). Representing ECOSY.

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- 07-08/11/2009: **PES Congress, Prague** (Czech Republic). Speaker in the panel “A new direction for progressive societies”.
- 03/02/2010: **Solidar Silver Rose Awards**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 04/02/2010: **PES Presidency Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 21/02/2010: **ECOSY Presidium Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 02-03/03/2010: **ECOSY Winter University**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 04-09/03/2010: **UN Conference on the Status of Women**, New York (USA). Member of PES Women delegation.
- 25/03/2010: **PES Leaders’ Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).
- 26-28/03/2010: **IUSY Congress**, Bommersvik (Sweden).
- 30-31/03/2010: **PES Balkan Conference**, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina). Speaker in the panel “Western Balkans for fair growth, jobs and social justice”.
- 14/04/2010: **PES Women Executive Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 14/04/2010: **FEPS Executive Bureau Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 14/04/2010: **Debate on the Financial Transaction Tax**, organized by the Permanent Representation of Austria, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 23-24/04/2010: **Council of members of the European Youth Forum**, Brussels (Belgium). Speaker in panel on youth unemployment. Represented ECOSY in the meeting.
- 29/04/2010: **PES Presidency meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 30/04/2010: **LYMEC Congress**, Sinaia (Romania). Represented ECOSY.
- 01/05/2010: **TSD Seminar**, Geoanguiu (Romania). Speaker in panel about youth employment.
- 02/05/2010: **TSD demonstration and campaign event**, Bucharest (Romania). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 06-09/2010: **EU-China Young Leaders Summit**, Shanghai (China). Represented ECOSY. Speaker in panel “The role of youth organizations in changing societies”.
- 10-12/05/2010: **EU in the world**, activities in the EU pavilion in the Shanghai World Expo, Shanghai (China). Represented ECOSY.
- 14-16/05/2010: **ECOSY Bureau Meeting**, Toledo (Spain).
- 09/06/2010: **PES Women Executive Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 09/06/2010: **PES Conference “Our way out of the crisis”**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 10/06/2010: **PES Presidency**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 16/06/2010: **PES Leaders’ Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 18-20/06/2010: **IUSY Presidium Meeting**, New York (USA). Represented ECOSY.
- 21-22/06/2010: **Socialist International Council**, New York (USA). Member of IUSY/ECOSY delegation.
- 30/06/2010: **FEPS Bureau Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.
- 16-18/07/2010: **JS Portugal Congress**, Lisbon (Portugal). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.
- 04-05/09/2010: **Fiesta Democratica of PD**, Genoa (Italy). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY.

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- *11-12/09/2010: **European Youth Forum EU Advocacy Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.*
- *13/09/2010: **FEPS Bureau Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.*
- *06/10/2010: **Geneva Group (GPF Leaders') Meeting**, Washington DC (USA). Represented ECOSY.*
- *07/10/2010: **Conference of FEPS and Brookings Institute on the Global Economic Governance**, Washington DC (USA). Represented ECOSY.*
- *14/10/2010: **PES Presidency Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium). Represented ECOSY.*
- *15/10/2010: **IUSY European Committee Meeting**, Rome (Italy). Represented ECOSY.*
- *15-17/10/2010: **ECOSY Employment Conference**, Rome (Italy).*
- *22-24/10/2010: **IUSY Presidium Meeting**, San Jose (Costa Rica). Represented ECOSY.*
- *07/11/2010: **Regional and local elections in Greece (1st round)***
- *14/11/2010: **Regional and local elections in Greece (2nd round)**.*
- *15-16/11/2010: **Socialist International Council**, Paris (France). Member of IUSY/ECOSY delegation.*
- *18-21/11/2010: **General Assembly of the European Youth Forum**, Kiev (Ukraine). Represented ECOSY.*
- *26-28/11/2010: **ECOSY Bureau Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).*
- *01/12/2010: **PES Presidency**, Warsaw (Poland). Represented ECOSY.*
- *02/12/2010: **PES Leaders' Meeting**, Warsaw (Poland). Represented ECOSY.*
- *02-03/12/2010: **PES Council**, Warsaw (Poland). Represented ECOSY. Speaker on behalf of ECOSY in the panel "Re:new for progressive societies".*
- *03/12/2010: **Meeting of the Bureau of the USLRRE**, Warsaw (Poland). Represented ECOSY.*
- *03-04/12/2010: **PES Women Annual Conference**, Warsaw (Poland). Represented ECOSY.*
- *10-12/12/2010: **IUSY Mediterranean Committee Meeting**, Amman (Jordan). Represented ECOSY.*
- *18-20/01/2011: **Visit to the Armenian Youth Federation** in Yerevan (Armenia). Meeting with the leadership of the organization and party officials.*
- *26-29/01/2011: **PES Delegation to Turkey**: Ankara, Diyarbakir, Istanbul. Represented ECOSY.*
- *18-20/02/2011: **ECOSY Presidium Meeting**, Brussels (Belgium).*
- *22-24/02/2011: **UN Committee on the Status of Women**, New York (USA). Represented ECOSY in NGOs meetings.*
- *25-27/02/2011: **Young Democrats' Winter Days Conference**, Las Vegas (USA). Represented ECOSY. Speaker at the YDA International Committee Seminar.*
- *03/03/2011: **PES Women – PASOK joint event** in Athens (Greece): 100 years of International Women's Day. Represented ECOSY.*
- *04-05/03/2011: **PES Leaders' Meetings** in Athens, (Greece). Represented ECOSY.*
- *16/03/2011: **EDEK Youth campaign event**, Nicosia (Cyprus). Speaker on behalf of ECOSY about the economic crisis and youth employment.*
- *30/03/2011: **ECOSY Presidium Meeting**, Bucharest (Romania).*
- *31/03/2011: **ECOSY Bureau Meeting**, Bucharest (Romania).*
- *01-03/03/2011: **ECOSY Congress**, Bucharest (Romania).*

Political report, 2009-2011

The 9th mandate of ECOSY – Young European Socialists has been one of the most adventurous in the life of our organization. Not only in internal – organizational – terms, but also in general political terms for the European Union, Europe and the world.

We started our mandate in the middle of a strong identity crisis, affecting the socialist, social democratic, labourist and progressive family in total, including our own organization. Reshaping our ideological and political identity is always a useful – but also very often a painful – project, which needs time and courage for an open and honest dialogue. And it also needs to put the things into their correct dimension, distinguishing political ambitions from personal aspirations, and ideological synthesis from electoral antithesis. There is no way one organization, alive and strong like ours, can avoid this process. Whoever believed it, proved wrong. So, we had to start over this long and precious effort, with a concrete roadmap, remembering, all together, our responsibilities, our principles, our commitment, our values and our vision for the future: the future of ECOSY and the future of Europe.

We started by agreeing in the fundamental elements of our values, principles and structure. And we continued revising our statutes and our political culture. Going through our ethics and rules, and clarifying ambiguous points. Our aim was not to solve the past; but to not leave old problems unsolved for the future. Creating new rules, building again trust and confidence, reaffirming its commitment and responsibility, this Presidium, together with the Coordinators, has served with devotion the transition between the old shape of ECOSY and its new perspectives for the future. It was not easy; but it was definitely worthwhile. And I can now say that I am proud to have guided ECOSY through this process, together with all Presidium Members, to arrive where we all stand today. We made a promise: the 10th Congress would not remind the 9th one. And we kept it.

At the very same period, our political family was struggling with its own identity. The crisis did affect the European Left, leaving it in confusion, embarrassment, in some cases even in internal disagreement. We all know and acknowledge that the financial, economic and consequently social crisis derived from the neo-conservative and neo-liberal policies governing the European Union, but also the world economy in the last years. But we also all admit, that the progressive governments of the EU – majority in the European Council in the '90s – should have foreseen and prevented many elements of this crisis, and should have equipped the EU with robust democratic tools in order to face the institutional and political earthquake shaking our Union in the last years, alongside with the social and economic unrest. Socialists had to be bolder; and the EU would have been stronger.

But we then had to look at the future – both the immediate future and more long-term perspectives. 2009 was the year of European Parliament elections. The PES adopted a common manifesto, used by all of its member parties. But at the same time, the electoral agenda seemed fragmented from country to country, rather than unified throughout Europe; in June 2009 we ended up with 27 national elections rather than with one European election. The responsibility is commonly shared by all political forces in Europe, with part of it also lying within our own family. This resulted into one big winner of the elections, which was the unprecedented rate of abstention, and with the socialists standing after the elections at the disillusionment

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camp: European citizens did not forgive to us the lack of courage, of clear and concrete solutions, the lack of a different message, and of a very sincere and courageous analysis of the EU, of their needs and demands. Women and young people declared their disappointment from the European political spectrum by abstaining; so did, in a vast majority, citizens from the newer member states. Was all this our fault, as socialists and social democrats? Partly yes. Is it our responsibility to overcome it? Absolutely yes. We are the left in Europe, the progressive engine in an EU shaking from a conservative crisis; we have to offer the solution.

Unfortunately, ever since the EP elections, a long period of introvert debates has followed, resulting in many other disappointing electoral results, even with a few relieving exceptions. It is clear that we cannot always look back; it is time for us, for European socialists and social democrats, for the PES, to look forward. It is time to renew our structure, to reorganise our programme, to refresh our ideology. And it is necessary to do it with the young people and women in the front line. Youth and gender policies cannot be anymore an amendment in our documents, coming either from ECOSY or from the PES Women; they have to be our priorities for the present and future.

In the last two years, ECOSY, with a consistent and committed presence in all the meetings of our family, has tried to stress these facts. Being present in all PES Presidency meetings, PES Leaders' meetings, in PES Congress and Councils, in the PES Coordination team and networks' meetings, in all PES Women's meetings, in all FEPS meetings and activities, in the GPF meetings and initiatives, but also in the meetings of IUSY Presidium and Regional Committees, as well as in Socialist International Councils, we made our organization visible, our activities well-appreciated, and our positions commonly shared within our family. Participating actively in congresses, seminars, activities and other events of our member organizations and parties throughout Europe, at an often overwhelming pace, we managed to share our European dream with thousands of activists and progressive citizens in many corners of Europe.

Together with IUSY, we have invested a lot on the Mediterranean, Balkan, and Black Sea regions. Our member organizations from these regions have a very strong European interest and approach, and they are very keen on their European integration process. ECOSY and IUSY are offering a great channel of real integration from all aspects. At the same time, we re-shaped the ECOSY-IUSY relations, working very close together, having joint delegations in all PES and SI Councils, and organising the first joint meeting of the two Presidiums, during the IUSY Festival in Zanka. Each one in our own clear and distinct role, we are indeed one, when it comes to our vision and efforts, as well as to our relations with partners, namely the European Youth Forum, the party political youth organizations and our international interlocutors, such as the Young Democrats of America, the All-China Youth Federation, the Arab Youth League, and others. On this level, we have achieved a lot in the last two years.

But in a Europe that needs change, in a world that is changing, there is a lot more to do. Concluding that youth employment – with all its dimensions: education, working conditions, right to work, social security, healthcare, pension rights, international solidarity – is the major issue for our generation, we decided to initiate a major campaign about youth employment, putting our generation in the centre of the discussion, and the older generation (the one currently in power) in front of their

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responsibilities. In parallel, we continue our effort for a big change in Europe; for a true political Union, with democratic political and economic governance, with social dimension, with solidarity among its peoples and its people. We urgently need a European progressive society, in which every person feels – and is – included, regardless of gender, age, origin, beliefs, religion, sexual orientation, health condition, social or economic background. We need a redistribution of wealth, but also a redistribution of democracy in our European society. It is the democratic deficit, even more than the economic one, that takes away the faith of citizens in Europe and the trust in European politics.

ECOSY has a long way ahead of it, making these goals – and many others that it will set – true. In the last two years, we all tried to deliver our best. We are all proud to have had the opportunity to serve this organization, and we have been proudly representing it. We also hope to have made you proud of the leadership of ECOSY.

Closing a circle of 15 years in the youth socialist movement, 11 of which were dedicated to its European and international dimension, I feel full of happiness and gratitude to have had the opportunity to meet all of you, to work with all of you, to fight alongside with you, to learn from you. I have to say now, that I will cherish forever every day, every moment, every stop of our common journey. Including the adventurous moments. There are many people whom I would like to thank. But I feel the special duty to thank my organization of origin, PASOK Youth, and my party, PASOK, for supporting me throughout this course. And I have to admit that, after so many years, returning to national Greek politics, I feel that my organization of origin is now ECOSY. Having been a Bureau Member from 2003, feminist and student network member for three years before that, then Vice-President from 2005 until 2009 and finally President for the last two years, I feel I belong to ECOSY now. I belong to you. And it is to all of you that my biggest thanks are addressed, for your trust, your support and your criticism. To all of you, Presidium Members, Network Coordinators, Bureau Members, Secretariat, delegates and Member Organizations, with whom we stood together all this time, with whom we put our dreams and values first, with whom we moved ECOSY forward.

It has been an honour and a privilege to work with all of you; and I am confident that this is not the end, but the beginning of a new course, where we will all meet again soon. Until then, I wish to all of you and ECOSY all the best; you deserve it!

Janna Besamusca, ECOSY Secretary General

1. Statutory Meetings

a. ECOSY Presidium

After the 9th ECOSY Congress that took place in Brussels from the 14th until the 16th of April 2009, the ECOSY Presidium Members involved in the evaluation of the Congress with all Bureau Members and international secretaries as well as in discussions as to the direction and action they would want ECOSY to take after the European Parliamentary campaign. The members of the ECOSY Presidium in the first months focused on the execution of the Change for Europe campaign for the European elections, several members were also candidates in the elections. ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova was elected to the European Parliament.

PM Preparation Meeting – 11th June 2009

On 11 June the ECOSY Secretary General and ECOSY President met to set up the work of the 9th mandate presidium. The agenda included the action plan for the rest of the year, a preparation of the PES presidency of the following day, the working methods of the presidium and the division of the portfolios among the Vice Presidents of ECOSY.

Presidium Phone Conference - 11th June 2009

On 14 June the ECOSY Presidium, for lack of possibilities of coming together sooner, held a Phone Conference to discuss the most urgent issues. The presidium adopted its working methods and discussed the portfolios of the Vice Presidents, a final decision on the latter being postponed to the Presidium Meeting in Brussels on 7 July.

The agenda of the meeting further contained the preparations towards the IUSY World Festival in Zánka. Presidium members requested to meet the IUSY Presidium in Zanka in a joint Presidium Meeting. The Presidium discussed the activity plan until the end of the year and decided on a general invitation to a round table meeting for Bureau Members and International Secretaries at the IUSY Festival, to push ahead with the economic crisis and Active Citizenship experts groups foreseen in the Activity Plan discussed at the Congress and to mobilise for the PES Activist Forum in September in Ireland.

Presidium Meeting, Brussels, 7th July 2009

On the 7th of July 2009, the ECOSY Presidium met in Brussels. The Presidium adopted a letter to the candidate member organizations whose applications had not been voted in the 9th ECOSY Congress and prepared the Round Table discussion that

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was to take place in Zánka, Hungary, to start the reconciliation process. The Presidium adopted the division of portfolios:

1. Future of Europe debate – EU institutional, constitutional and legal affairs

Portfolio of: Christophe Schiltz

Seconding: Pedro Delgado Alves

2. Social Europe for everyone – social, economic and employment policies

Portfolio: Nils Hindersmann

Seconding: Christophe Schiltz

3. Before and after enlargements – integration of Europe

Portfolio: Amalija Koren

Seconding: Katarina Nevedalova

4. Europe for its people – a people's union, a people's budget and JHA

Portfolio: Pedro Delgado Alves

Seconding: Kaisa Penny

5. Education, health, energy and youth Policy

Portfolio: Katarina Nevedalova

Seconding: Brando Benifei

6. Foreign affairs – Europe speaking with one voice

Portfolio: Brando Benifei

Seconding: Johan Buser

7. Sustainable development, international solidarity and foreign aid

Portfolio: Johan Buser

Seconding: Nils Hindersmann

8. Equality, social justice, solidarity and a fair migration policy

Portfolio: Kaisa Penny

Seconding: Amalija Koren

The Presidium also adopted a discussion paper by the ECOSY President, to be discussed at the Round Table in Zánka and prepared the Economic Crisis Expert Group meeting in October.

Presidium Phone Conference – 6 th September 2009

On the 6th of September 2009 a Presidium Phone Conference was organized to discuss the calendar until the end of the year and the ECOSY contribution to the GPF campaign coalition "Europeans for Financial Reform". Janna Besamusca, Amalija Koren, Christophe Schiltz, Johan Buser, Kaisa Penny, Adrianos Kyriakidis and Nils Hindersmann attended the phone conference. The Conference was chaired by Kaisa Penny due to the absence of Petroula Nteledimou, who was excused for the Greek election campaign.

The Presidium adopted the call for new members of the economic crisis expert group and adopted the proposal from the Secretary General to organize a workshop on

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youth unemployment during the Sunday morning of the PES activist forum taking place from the 11th until 13th of September in Dublin, Ireland. The Presidium confirmed Kaisa Penny as chair of the Political Culture Working Group and Pedro Delgado Alves as chair of the Working Group on Statutory Reform. The Working Groups were scheduled to meet on the eve of the PES Activist Forum, as agreed during the Round Table in Zánka. The Presidium estimated that if the working groups need to meet again before the autumn Bureau Meeting, it should coincide with the Presidium Meeting, which was set for 31 October – 1 November.

ECOSY Presidium Meeting, Brussels, 1st November 2009

On the first of November 2009 the ECOSY Presidium met in Brussels to discuss the outcomes of the Economic Crisis Expert Group and of the Political Culture and Statutory Reform Working Groups, who met during the two days before. The Presidium prepared the ECOSY Bureau Meeting, amongst others proposed three presidium resolutions on parental leave, migration and integration and precarious work. The Presidium agreed to invite the candidates for full member organization to the Bureau Meeting as well as the observer members from the region. The Presidium discussed the finances of 2008 and the midterm breakdown of 2009, with the audit of the first half a year as requested by Presidium members.

ECOSY Presidium Meeting, Brussels, 21st February 2010

On the 21st of February an extraordinary Presidium Meeting took place Brussels to discuss the cancellation of the ECOSY Summer Camp in Primorsko. The Presidium recommendations have been distributed to all Bureau Members via email.

ECOSY Presidium Phone Conference – 3rd May 2010

On the 3rd of May a preparatory Presidium phone conference took place. The Presidium discussed the proposed Presidium resolutions on internships, parental leave, growing inequality and the Greek crisis. President of Control Commission Adrianos Kyriakidis announced that due to a change of employment to the Cypriot ministry of foreign affairs, he would no longer be able or allowed to perform his duties as President of Control Commission. The Presidium thanked Adrianos for his work during the last year and decided on a procedure for the election of a new President of Control Commission at the Bureau Meeting in Toledo.

ECOSY Presidium Meeting, Toledo, Spain, 14th May 2010

In the morning of the start of the Bureau meeting in Toledo, the Presidium met to discuss the last preparations of the Bureau Meeting and the financial report of 2009.

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On the 3rd of November, the ECOSY Presidium prepared the ECOSY Bureau Meeting through a phone conference. The Presidium adopted the agenda and the programme for the Bureau meeting, adopted the call for hosting organization for the 10th ECOSY congress and adopted the Presidium resolutions to be put forward to the Bureau.

The Presidium Meeting in Brussels on the 22nd of November was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

ECOSY Presidium Meeting, Brussels, 18-20 February 2011

The ECOSY Presidium met from the 18th until the 20th of February to prepare the 10th ECOSY Congress. The Presidium evaluated the PES Congress and the ECOSY Network Seminar that took place in Vienna from the 11th until 13th of February as well as prepared the upcoming Winter University, Drafting Committee, Control Commission Meeting, Active Citizenship Expert Group meeting and the 10th ECOSY Congress. The Presidium adopted the proposal for the division of all amendments to the position paper, resolutions, declaration and statutes in language, consensual and debate amendments. The Presidium discussed the working methods for the next mandate and the technical preparations and programme for the Congress.

b. ECOSY Bureau

In the aftermath of the 9th ECOSY Congress, round tables and working group meetings were organized before the first Bureau Meeting in the end of November 2009. While these meetings were strictly speaking not statutory meetings, due their role as substitutes for the May Bureau Meeting, they are reported here.

Round Table, Zánka, Hungary, 19th July 2009

On the 19th of July 2009, at the invitation of the ECOSY Presidium a round table meeting took place on the fringes of the IUSY Festival that allowed for discussion of the events of the 9th ECOSY Congress. The participants evaluated the 9th ECOSY Congress and the events that led to the withdrawal from the congress by some member organisations. The round table participants decided to instate two working groups on political culture and on statutory reform, which were to meet and reach agreement in their respective fields before proceeding to the organisation of the ECOSY Bureau Meeting. Participants debated a discussion paper put forward by the ECOSY Presidium.

Working Group Meetings, Dublin, Ireland, 11-13 September 2009

On the 11th September, on the fringes of the PES Activist Forum that took place that weekend in Dublin, the ECOSY working groups on political culture and statutory reform met to initiate the discussions on the changing of the political culture of ECOSY and the necessary reform of the statutes. The political culture working group was chaired by ECOSY Vice President Kaisa Penny and MSD Czech Republic

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representative Tomas Petricek; the statutory reform working group was chaired by ECOSY Vice President Pedro Delgado Alves and VSStÖ representative Carmen Fischer.

Working Group Meetings, Brussels, Belgium, 30-31 October 2009

The initial outcomes of the working group meetings in Dublin were circulated among the members of the working groups, who met to reach final agreement in Brussels from the 30th until 31st of October 2009. Conclusions were adopted by both working groups, to be confirmed through their adoption by the first ECOSY Bureau Meeting of the mandate in November.

ECOSY Bureau Meeting, Stockholm, 20th – 22nd November 2009

Thanks to the kind hospitality of SSU Sweden, the ECOSY Bureau Meeting took place in Stockholm from the 20th until the 22nd of November 2009. ECOSY Secretary General visited the Bureau Meeting venue with the hosting organization on the 27th of October 2009 for preparations.

The Bureau elected six coordinators: Sandra Breiteneder (SJÖ Austria, Feminist Network), Miki Dam Larsen (DSU Denmark, Queer Network), Thomas Maes (ANIMO Belgium, Students Network), Joan Conca (JSE Spain, Migration and Integration), Marianne Muona (SDY Finland, EYF) and Pavel Sileny (MSD Czech Republic, GPYF). The Bureau furthermore elected Carmen Fischer (VSStÖ Austria) as coordinator of the ECOSY Pool of Trainers and Katarzyna Piotrowska (FMS Poland) and Gorazd Prah (Mladi Forum Slovenia) as members of the Control Commission.

ECOSY welcomed the Democratic Youth and SDY in SDU from Serbia as full member organizations. YMI Albania, PYO Lebanon, SMS Ukraine and SDO Azerbaijan were welcomed as observer member organizations. The YSD in SNSD was given the status of candidate organization. The Bureau decision on the location of the 2010 summer camp, for which two proposals had been submitted by Mladi Forum Slovenia and ELYA/BSY Bulgaria, was postponed to an online voting procedure in the beginning of December in order to allow all member organisations to pose more questions.

Online vote on 2010 ECOSY Summer Camp – 3rd December 2009

Following a procedure for the submission of additional questions and answers regarding the summer camp project, the ECOSY Bureau voted to organise the 2010 summer camp in Primorsko, Bulgaria.

ECOSY Bureau Meeting, Toledo, Spain, 14 – 16 May 2010

The ECOSY Bureau Meeting Youth Employment and Social Inclusion took place in Toledo from the 14th until the 16th of May, thanks to the hospitality of the JSE Spain. The ECOSY Bureau welcomed the work on youth access to the labour market

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that is discussed in the European Parliament EMPL committee and called for pro-active youth employment and social inclusion policies.

The Bureau set youth employment and education as ECOSY's priorities during the rest of the 9th mandate. ECOSY and its member organizations will mount a common effort to put youth unemployment and employment conditions on the top of the agenda of all levels of government with a clear set of workable proposals that would effectuate improvement. The Bureau decided that the campaign will be based on five pillars: the right to work – a job guarantee for young people; investment in education and (re-)training ensuring accessibility, social and geographical mobility; end unpaid internships – decent working conditions for young people; full social security; and decent work decent life.

Following the cancellation of the Summer Camp in Primorsko, Bulgaria, the ECOSY Bureau adopted the proposal by the ECOSY Presidium to replace the 2010 summer camp by a European summer exchange in which member organisations would open their national summer camps to participation from other member organisations.

The ECOSY Bureau adopted resolutions on the year against social exclusion and the eradication of poverty, reform and regulation of the Financial Markets, for a directive for the equal treatment of LGBTT people and came out in support of the proposal from the Spanish presidency for a European Protection Order.

The ECOSY Bureau elected Gorazd Prah (Mladi Forum Slovenia) as President of Control Commission and Heta Valimaki (SDY Finland) as member of Control Commission to fill the vacancy created by Gorazd Prah's election as President. Michael Heiling (VSStÖ Austria) was elected as the new coordinator of the ECOSY Pool of Trainers, replacing Carmen Fischer who had left the ECOSY Bureau due to the end of her mandate in VSStÖ.

PSOE Secretary of Studies and Programmes and Vice President of IDEAS Foundation Jesús Caldera joined the opening of the ECOSY Bureau Meeting in Toledo on the 14th of May. Caldera repeated the commitment to tackle youth unemployment that was his priority as the minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the first Government of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero. ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou emphasized that socialist and social democratic Governments cannot allow that the best educated generation of Europeans in history, lives on the verge of precariousness. On Saturday, Vice President of the European Parliament Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez spoke of the importance of ensuring social justice in the process of recovery, explaining the progressive nature of the cuts in the deficit-reduction package that ask most of those who have most and least of those who have less, presented by the Spanish Government. Martínez stressed the supreme importance of social inclusion and the space of public memory in the education of future generation to never again allow the exclusion and persecution of any group. ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca reacted that the delivery of a strong package of rights is exactly what Europe should do for young people today. Intergenerational solidarity is sustained through equal rights and non-discrimination, whether in the labour market, the democratic arena or in education.

The ECOSY Bureau Meeting was closed in a grand ceremony by Minister of Public Works and Vice Secretary General of PSOE José Blanco and JSE Secretary General Sergio Gutiérrez. In his intervention, Gutiérrez said that while the problems that led

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to the current economic crisis were caused by the right, the solution has to come from the left. Gutiérrez emphasized that the creation of employment and the care of those who have least, both at home and abroad, have to be priorities in the process of economic recovery. José Blanco explained that the difficult decisions announced by the Government show the responsibility, fairness and honesty with which it treats the problems Spain is facing today. Blanco stressed that the greatest sacrifices are asked from those who have most in order to secure the recuperation for all and that high quality social security will be maintained for those who depend on it

ECOSY Bureau Meeting, Brussels, 26 - 28 November 2010

From the 26th until the 28th of November the ECOSY Bureau met in Brussels, thanks to the hospitality of ANIMO and MJS Belgium. The Bureau adopted resolutions against the Europe wide cuts in education, for the European youth guarantee, better working conditions, a democratic and federal Europe and the selection of a single candidate for the European Commission President.

The Bureau evaluated the national summer camps exchange, the youth employment conference, the networks seminar and the Balkans seminar organised in the context of the Balkans strategy. The Bureau adopted the notification letter towards the 10th ECOSY Congress, accepting the proposal by TSD Romania to organise the Congress in Bucharest from the 31st of March until the 3rd of April 2011.

c. ECOSY Control Commission

Meeting President of Control Commission, Brussels, 13th June 2009

The ECOSY Secretary General had several meetings with the President of Control Commission to set up the work of the Control Commission and discuss the pending issues from the Congress, including the two missing members of the Control Commission and the outstanding applications for membership. On 13 June, President of Control Commission spent the afternoon in the ECOSY office going through the books since the Congress in order to ensure the control of the financial viability of ECOSY.

Meeting President of Control Commission, Brussels, 29-30 October 2009

ECOSY Secretary General met with President of Control Commission Adrianos Kyriakidis on the 29th and 30th of October to go through the finances and statutory matters. Secretary General and President of Control Commission discussed the breakdown of 2008, the draft budget of 2009, the breakdown of the first half of 2009, the membership situation of ECOSY member organizations, the call for two more members of Control Commission and the call for applicant organizations 2010.

Meeting President of Control Commission, 10 December 2009

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On the 10th of December 2009, the ECOSY Secretary General and President of Control Commission made the closing balances 2009 for all ECOSY member organisations, which were subsequently sent out by the secretariat.

Control Commission Meeting, Brussels, 19-20 February 2010

Together with the President of Control Commission, the ECOSY Closing Balances for 2009 were sent out in the beginning of December to all the member organization. The Control Commission, in its meeting from the 19th until the 20th of February evaluated the payment of the closing balances as well as the applications for member organizations.

Meeting President of Control Commission, Brussels, 8 May 2010

The President of Control Commission visited the ECOSY office to go through the ECOSY finances and preparations for the ECOSY Bureau Meeting, particularly the finishing of all open matters for the incoming President of Control Commission.

Meeting President of Control Commission, Brussels, 17-19 September 2010

From the 17th until the 19th of September, ECOSY Control Commission President Gorazd Prah, who was elected by the ECOSY Bureau Meeting in Toledo to replace Adrianos Kyriakidis, visited Brussels to prepare the work of the Control Commission for the rest of the mandate.

President of Control Commission and Secretary General went through the financial situation of the ECOSY member organizations, the breakdown of the first half a year of ECOSY's finances and statutory reform. Secretary General and President of Control Commission sent out confirmations of registrations and payments towards the ECOSY Employment Conference in Rome, Italy, and went through the finances of the event. The President of Control Commission sent out reminders to the member organizations who have run up debts towards ECOSY.

Meeting President of Control Commission, 12 December 2010

On the 12th of December, ECOSY Secretary General and President of Control Commission prepared the 2010 closing balances as well as contacted the member organisations with outstanding debts.

Control Commission skype conference – 17th December 2010

On the 17th of December, the Control Commission met in an online conference. The Control Commission discussed the changes to the statutes as proposed by the ECOSY working group on statutory reform that took place during the ECOSY Bureau Meeting. The Control Commission discussed the membership issues and issued the call for applicant organisations. The Control Commission accepted the negotiated

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agreement on the costs of the organisation of the 10th ECOSY congress and approved the contract.

Control Commission Meeting, Brussels, 4-6 March 2011
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From the 4th until the 6th of March, the ECOSY Control Commission was scheduled in Brussels. Due to lack of attendance, the President of Control Commission was mandated to inspect the books and payment of the membership fees. The President of Control Commission reported to the members of Control Commission and discussed the membership applications towards the 10th ECOSY Congress.

2. ECOSY Activities

The first months of the mandate were dedicated to the 29 debates in the run up to the European elections and in the context of the ECOSY Change for Europe campaign. In the campaign comrades' articles on the 9 deliverables of the Change for Europe campaign were published on the ECOSY website and advertised via the ECOSY Campaign Flash, of which one issue was sent around to the members every week, and on the ECOSY Change for Europe facebook group. The articles and bundles and published as a part of the campaign debrief for the IUSY Festival. The visitors to the ECOSY website increased to roughly 900 per day and each day two new issues were published on the website, including interviews with one candidate MEP per week. Quotes from supporters featured on the ECOSY website on a permanent basis, switching to the next when the website was refreshed. Over 60 candidates pronounced their supports for the ECOSY Change for Europe campaign and signed the nine deliverables, committing themselves if elected to carrying out the pledges of the Change for Europe manifesto. 29 debates for 2009 were organised in Carpentras, Ostrava, Berlin, Luxembourg City, Budapest, Warsaw, Maribor, Tallinn, Rotterdam, Graz, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Eastbourne, London, Lisbon, Cyprus, Madrid, Barcelona, Brussels, Tolfa, Utrecht, Prague, Paphos, Novagor, Drama and Tampere.

Campaign Study Visit, Eastbourne, UK, 23 rd – 26 th May 2009
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ECOSY, with the kind support of Young Labour and Labour Students, organised a Campaign Study Visit to the South East of the UK. A group of twenty participants received trainings on canvassing, leafleting, British campaign systems and techniques. The group, based in Eastbourne, campaigned in Hove, Brighton, Hastings and London.

The ECOSY delegation was joined the entire seminar by Young Labour and Labour Student members, Young Labour chair Sam Tarry and former chair Richard Angell. They met with local activists from the Labour party and at the party headquarters and Westminster had meetings with Labour Party General Secretary Ray Collins, International Secretary Jo Billingham, EPLP General Secretary Giampiero Aldaheff and with PES presidency member Denis McShane.

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ECOSY Economic Crisis Expert Group meeting, Brussels, 10-11 October 2009

On 10-11 October 2009, the ECOSY Economic Crisis Expert Group met for its second meeting in Brussels, Belgium. The meeting was chaired by ECOSY Vice President Nils Hindersmann. The Expert Group met with Maria Joao Rodrigues to discuss the adaptation of the Lisbon Strategy to the economic reality. The Expert Group discussed recovery plans and macro economic reform with economic policy adviser Mathieu Meulle from the Foundation for European Progressive Studies. PES adviser to the Global Progressive Forum Cecilia Gondard presented the GPF campaign “regulate global finance now” and discussed the different proposal for the regulation of hedge funds and private equity. The Expert Group adopted a final declaration that was presented to the PES financial and economic network (ECOSY represented by Vice President Christophe Schiltz) and the PES Social Europe network (ECOSY represented by Secretary General).

ECOSY Economic Crisis Expert Group meeting, Prague, 7th December 2009

On the 7th of December 2009, the ECOSY Expert Group on the Economic Crisis organized a fringe meeting during the PES Congress that took place in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 7th and 8th of December. ECOSY Vice President Nils Hindersmann chaired the well attended panel discussion with S&D Group Secretary General Anna Colombo, SOLIDAR Secretary General Conny Reuter, PES Women President Zita Gurmai (MEP) and Labour UK MEP Claude Moraes.

ECOSY Networks Seminar, Helsinki, 5-7 February 2010

From the 5th until the 7th of February the ECOSY Network Seminar took place in Helsinki, thanks to the hospitality of SONK and SDY Finland. The ECOSY Feminist and Student Networks and the GPYF held three days of seminars.

The Feminist Network, thanks to Sandra Breiteneder, received PES Women President Zita Gurmai and prepared the meeting at the UN Commission on the Status of Women on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Beijing declaration. The Students Network debated issues of tuition fees and access to education. The Global Progressive Youth Forum elaborated the youth branch to the Europeans for Financial Reform campaign for a financial transaction tax.

ECOSY Expert Group on Active Citizenship meeting, Brussels, 12-14 February 2010

From the 12th until the 14th of February the ECOSY Youth Expert Group on Active Citizenship met for the first time since its establishment in November 2009 under the leadership of co-chairs Kaisa Penny and Sam Tarry. The experts discussed the country situations in terms of youth support for extreme right parties and movements, youth abstentionism and youth disinterest in politics and society. The group set its agenda until the 10th Congress, where a discussion paper and a number of toolkits will be presented.

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5th ECOSY Winter University, Brussels, 28 February – 4 March 2010

From the 28th of February until the 4th of March the 5th ECOSY Winter University took place with the kind support of the S&D Group in the European Parliament. ECOSY Vice President Brando Benifei and Students Network Coordinator Thomas Maes should be thanked for the many panels and workshops they led during the Winter University.

The 5th Winter University was dedicated to the issue of jobs. The group was welcome by S&D Secretary General Anna Colombo and PES Secretary General Philip Cordery. The participants discussed the socialist priorities for an inclusive economic recovery based on a fair and sustainable economic model with EMPL committee chair Pervenche Berès, PES special adviser Maria Joao Rodrigues and Judith Merkies (MEP PvdA).

The second day of the Winter University was dedicated to jobs. PSOE MEP Alejandro Cercas went in discussion with the ETUC and ANIMO chairwoman Anke Gittenauer about decent working conditions for young people. SP.A MEP Kathleen van Brempt and PD MEP Sergio Cofferati presented their solutions against youth unemployment and PASOK MEP Chrysoula Paliadeli and Vice President of the Parliament Gianni Pittella discussed the benefits of a European education policy with the European Students Union. ECOSY Vice President Katka Nevedalova (MEP) discussed how to finance it.

MEPs Juan Fernando López Aguilar (PSOE), Marc Tarabela (PS Belgium) and Claude Moraes (LP UK) went into a lively discussion with the ECOSY participants about discrimination against young people, women’s rights and the challenges posed by a much more diverse society. President of the PES Group in the CoR Karl Heinz Klär discussed financial reform with Edward Scicluna (MEP, PL Malta) and representatives from FEPS and the GPF. PES President Poul Nyrup Rasmussen presented the PES “mandate for change” just before the start of the panel discussion on international solidarity with Thijs Berman (MEP, PvdA), Howard Stein (University of Michigan), Iratxe García Perez (MEP, PSOE) and SOLIDAR.

In the final declaration, the participants asked for a subsidized job guarantee, special attention from the EU microfinance facility for young people, fiscal incentives for SMEs to offer paid internships and traineeships, a legislative framework for internships, minimum wages and incomes, a revision of the posting of workers directive and corresponding adaptation of EU primary law, more investment in education and exchange programmes, a full-fledged right to re- and further training and the introduction of a financial transaction tax.

Beijing+15, New York, 4-12 March 2010

From the 4th until the 12th of March, the GPYF and ECOSY Feminist Network were present at the UN Commission on the Status of Women 15 year review of the Beijing declaration. Together with PES Women, the S&D Group in the EP and the GPF a ministers meeting was organized in New York, which was attended by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou. The ministers adopted a declaration regarding the intensification of efforts to improve maternal health. ECOSY Feminist Network Coordinator Sandra Breiteneder and ECOSY Secretary General attended the fringe

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meeting organized by the same coalition on the next day on maternal health. ECOSY joined the youth caucus and participated in the official fringe meeting programme of the CSW.

Queer Easter, Werftpfuhl, 29 April – 3 May 2010

From the 29th of April until the 3rd of May the annual Queer Easter took place in Werftpfuhl thanks to IFM-SEI. ECOSY Queer Network Coordinator Miki Dam Larsen participated in the preparations and joined the trainers team of Queer Easter.

ECOSY Youth Employment Conference, Rome, 15-17 October 2010

From the 15th until the 17th of October, the ECOSY Youth Employment Conference took place in Rome, thanks to the hospitality of the Giovani Democratici and the great support of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, ItalianiEuropei and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, the Party of European Socialists and the Partito Democratico.

The programme included plenary sessions on the value of work in the 21st century, work in Social Democratic thought and the transition of education into work. Round tables were organized on the topics of The right to work: towards a job guarantee for young people; Education, training and Employability – find the balance; and Better Working Conditions - Stop unpaid work, limit fixed term contracts and guarantee social rights. In the afternoon, round tables touched upon the issues of Our modern labour markets – student and labour mobility, End discrimination against young people: equality and security and Solidarity Forever – For the Union makes us strong!

During the conference, the new ECOSY Campaign Talking About my Generation was launched. ECOSY calls to: Guarantee the right to work for young people, Reclaim education for all, End precarious working conditions, and Equal access to social security

ECOSY Networks Seminar, Werftpfuhl, 4-7 November 2010

From the 4th until the 7th of November the second Networks Seminar took place in the Kurt Löwenstein Haus near Berlin. The Queer and Feminist networks, thanks to Miki Dam Larsen and Sandra Breiteneder, presented a seminar about sexuality, developing amongst others a workshop against sexual harassment. The ECOSY Pool of Trainers organized an advanced training on socialist education in political youth organizations and the sensitivity of members towards feminist and LGBT issues. Due to family problems, the migration and integration pillar of the seminar was cancelled.

ECOSY – IUSY Balkans Seminar, Velenje, Slovenia, 16-16 November 2010

From the 14th until the 16th of November the ECOSY-IUSY Social Balkans seminar took place in Velenje, Slovenia, thanks to the hospitality of Mladi Forum Slovenia.

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The Participants had the chance to discuss during workshops and debates different topics, such as youth unemployment, the different welfare models, education and access to the labour market, among others, particularly in the context of the Balkan countries. Main focus of the activities was not only to analyze the problems, but to discuss about the solutions from a socialist perspective.

ECOSY Networks Seminar, Vienna, 11-13 February 2011

Thanks to the hospitality of SJÖ and VSStÖ Austria, the feminist and students networks and the ECOSY pool of trainers met in Vienna from the 11th until the 13th of February. The participants joined the commemoration of the last battle of social democrats against fascism. The feminist network, led by Sandra Breiteneder, discussed domination techniques and developed trainings to advance gender equality inside our member organisations and mother parties. The students’ network, led by Thomas Maes, debated the student protests and put together manuals for student organising and occupations. The pool of trainers, led by Michael Heiling, worked on a vision plan for the pool of trainers in the 10th mandate as well as preparations towards the IUSY festival. The participants were joined by IUSY Secretary General Johan Hassel and IUSY Vice Presidents Beatriz Talegón and Sebastian Schublach for a presentation of the IUSY festival.

6th ECOSY Winter University, Brussels, 27 February – 3 March 2011

From the 27th of February until the 3rd of March 2011, the 6th ECOSY Winter University took place with the kind support of the S&D Group in the European Parliament. The sixth edition of the Winter University was organised in the context of the *Talking About My Generation* campaign, discussing all its pillars with the participants. Following up on feedback from previous winter universities, the 2011 edition included more workshops and trainings.

On the first day of the seminar, participants discussed the basics of social democracy at the PES headquarters. Monday, the Winter University was officially opened by S&D Secretary General Anna Colombo and FEPS Secretary General Dr. Ernst Stetter. Participants discussed the cuts in education and received trainings on student organising by the Students Network in cooperation with the pool of trainers, the European Students Union (ESU), OBESSU and the British National Union of Students. The ECOSY Feminist Network joined the PES Women conference on 100 years of women’s day celebrations and co-organised a round table discussion on educating youth on progressive feminism. The entire group was invited by MEP Eider Gardiazabal to join the youth intergroup meeting on youth employment.

On Tuesday, the participants discussed the European Youth Guarantee with European Youth Forum Vice President Luca Scarpiello, made a campaign toolkit and received a training in activating young people for trade unions from UNITE the Union youth officer Hannah Blythyn. In the afternoon, the group discussed access to social security for young people, migrants and young people with PSOE MEP and President of the LIBE committee Juan Fernando López Aguilar, PD delegation leader David Sassoli and SOLIDAR social affairs officer Adeline Otto. The participants discussed migration policy and the Bologna reforms in round tables with MEPs Emine Bozkurt,

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Luigi Berlinguer and Katarina Nevedalova. In the evening, the participants joined the SOLIDAR silver rose awards.

On Wednesday, the participants discussed precarious working conditions with MEPs Sergio Cofferati and Britta Thomsen and Génération Précaire, after which they received a campaign-training and a workshop on labour inequalities. In the afternoon, participants discussed working conditions and global inequalities with PES Women President Zita Gurmai, SOLIDAR Secretary General Conny Reuter and Jillian Cardillo from the Young Democrats of America. Afterwards, the participants joined round tables on women's rights world wide with MEP Jutta Steinrück and on Climate Change with MEP and President of the ENVI committee Jo Leinen. ECOSY Vice Presidents Brando Benifei, Katarina Nevedalova and Kaisa Penny and Coordinators Michael Heiling, Sandra Breiteneder and Thomas Maes should be thanked for their continued great support during the activity.

ECOSY Drafting Committee, Brussels, 4-6 March 2011

From the 4th until the 6th of March, the ECOSY drafting committee took place in Brussels in preparation of the 10th ECOSY Congress. Candidate ECOSY President and Secretary General Kaisa Penny and Thomas Maes presided over the meeting. The drafting committee debated the draft position paper, resolutions, declarations, statutes, activity plan and working methods.

ECOSY Expert Group on Active Citizenship Group Meeting, London, 11-13 March
2011

From the 11th until the 13th of March 2011, the ECOSY expert group on active citizenship met in London, thanks to the hospitality of Young Labour. The experts discussed the final report of the group towards the 10th ECOSY congress, the rise of islamophobic parties and met with representatives from amongst others: the trade union movement, the New Internationalist Magazine, Searchlight, Kent County Council Innovation Unit, NUS and the UK un-cut campaign. Co-chair of the expert group Sam Tarry and ECOSY Students Network Coordinator Thomas Maes led the meeting.

3. Member Organisations' Activities

As noted in the 9th mandate activity plan, ECOSY values its member organisations and its first partners and aims to participate in their organisational lives. ECOSY Presidium Members are always available to attend or speak at member organisations' activities and any member organisation group is more than welcome to visit the ECOSY office.

Visit Haus am Main, ECOSY office, 18 June 2009

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On the 18 June ECOSY received visitors groups from the educational house "Haus am Main" who brought the winners of a "democracy in Europe" essay competition to Brussels and on the occasion wanted to meet the socialist youth organisation.

Visit SJD die Falken, ECOSY office, 18 June 2009

On the 18th of June ECOSY Secretary General met with the International Secretary of SJD die Falken.

JUSOS Congress, Munich, 19-21 June 2009

From the 19th until the 21st of June ECOSY Secretary General attended the JUSOS Congress in Munich where a large number of international delegations met and discussed with the German youth the situation in Germany and Europe.

MSD Czech Republic Seminar, Prague, 26-28 June 2009

From the 26th until 28th of June ECOSY Secretary General attended an evaluation seminar of the European elections organised by the MSD Czech Republic in cooperation with the FES. ECOSY Secretary General discussed with participants the outcomes of the European elections, the priorities for the next mandate and the Eastern partnership.

SSU Congress, Uppsala, 4-7 August 2009

In the first week of August ECOSY Secretary General attended the SSU Congress that took place in Uppsala, Sweden. ECOSY Secretary General met SSU leadership and activists and discussed with the many international guests attending the Congress' international programme.

Mladi Forum Lolipop Festival, Ivarcko Lake, 22-24 August 2009

On 22-24 August ECOSY Secretary General attended the Mladi Forum annual Lolipop Summer Festival that took place in the environment of Ivarčko lake in Koroška region in Slovenia. The main topic of the summer camp was RESPECT TOWARDS DIFFERENCE. Main focus of the Summer Festival elaborated through various workshops, conferences, role playing games and other activities was promoting tolerance, intercultural learning and peace education.

Labour Party Conference, Brighton, 28-30 September 2009

From the 28th until the 30th of September, ECOSY Secretary General attended the Labour Party Conference that took place in Brighton, UK, from the 27th of September until the 1st of October 2009. ECOSY Secretary General met the national executives

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and activists of Young Labour and Labour Students and discussed the priorities of ECOSY for the upcoming years.

JS in de PvdA Campaign Launch, Amsterdam, 15-16 January 2010

From the 15th until the 16th of January 2010 the ECOSY Secretary General joined the JS in de PvdA and PvdA launches of the electoral campaigns for the municipal elections to be held on the 8th of March.

Visit SSU, ECOSY office, 16 March 2010

On the 16th of March, ECOSY received a SSU Group Visit to the office and met the roughly fifty young people together with PES adviser Nils Woerner. The group discussed equality legislation in the European Union and public services.

MSD Czech Republic magazine interview

On the 1st of April the ECOSY Secretary General gave an interview for the MSD Czech Republic members magazine about European Party Political Youth Organisations, what it means to be politically active on the European level and how members can be involved in that work.

Visit Giovani Democratici, ECOSY office, 5 May 2010

On the 5th May ECOSY received a Group visit from fifty Giovani Democratici that were visiting MEP Berlinguer. Together with PES adviser Nils Woerner, the ECOSY Secretary General discussed the Lisbon Treaty, youth unemployment and the conservative backlash in the European Union with the group.

SJÖ Antifa Seminar, Attersee, 7-9 May 2010

From the 7th until the 9th of May the ECOSY Secretary General joined the annual SJÖ Antifascist seminar in Attersee. Together with ANIMO, ECOSY Secretary General organised a seminar about right wing extremism in the BeNeLux.

DSU Congress, Velje, 22-24 May 2010

From the 22nd until the 24th of May the ECOSY Secretary General attended the DSU Congress in Velje. Secretary General held a plenary speech on employment, focusing on internships.

Visit JSE, Brussels, 3 June 2010

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On the 3rd of June, ECOSY Secretary General met with the leadership of JSE Spain, who were in Brussels for meetings with JSE Europa.

Js in de PvdA Congress, Utrecht, 5-6 June 2010

On the 5th and 6th of June, the ECOSY Secretary General participated in the JS in de PvdA congress. The international guests joined the campaign activity before the national elections. ECOSY Secretary General addressed the congress plenary about the ECOSY campaign. Afterwards, ECOSY Secretary General joined the campaign train on Election Day.

JUSOS Congress, Essen, 18-20 June 2010

From the 18th until the 20th of June ECOSY Secretary General participated in the JUSOS Congress Essen, which was attended by a large number of international delegations. New JUSOS president Sacha Vogt was elected in replacement of Franziska Drohsel.

VSStÖ Congress, Vienna, 2-4 July 2010

From the 2nd until the 4th of July, ECOSY Secretary General attended the VSStÖ congress and gave a speech on the education pillar of the ECOSY campaign.

Labour Youth Ireland Tom Johnson Summer School, Cork, 4-5 July 2010

Labour Youth Ireland organized the Tom Johnson Summer School, which has a special focus on international trade and globalization.

SJÖ Vienna Sommer Werkstatt, Sigmundsberg, 7-11 July 2010

ECOSY Member Organisations were invited to the SJÖ Vienna Sommer Werkstatt in Sigmundsberg, Austria, from the 7th until the 11th of July. The internationally oriented programme included workshops on the fight against the extreme right, the political case of Belgium and a training on the situation in the Western Balkans.

EU4U, Linz, 8-10 July 2010

From the 8th until the 10th of July, ECOSY took part in the EU4U conference co-organised with SOLIDAR and FEPS in Linz. The conference, attended by an overall young group of people, discussed what the EU can do for its citizens. Amongst others, ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca intervened in a panel on Social Europe and Young Labour chair Sam Tarry moderated the panel on bridging the gap between the EU and its citizens.

Mladi Forum Lolipop Festival, Kolpa, 15-18 July 2010

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Mladi Forum Slovenia invited all member organizations to the Lolipop festival on the banks of the river Kolpa from the 15th until the 18th of July. Delegations from over 10 different countries joined the festival. Amongst others ECOSY Student Network Coordinator Thomas Maes, Feminist Network Coordinator Sandra Breiteneder, Pool of Trainers Coordinator Michael Heiling and Secretary General Janna Besamusca organized workshops for the participants. In a panel discussion dedicated to youth employment, Mladi Forum president Marko Kastelic presented the Mladi Forum mini jobs proposals to reform the student job market.

BeNeLux camp Sun, See and Socialism, Oostende, 19-21 July 2010

Sun, See and Socialism in Oostende, was organized by ANIMO Belgium for the BeNeLux countries. ECOSY Secretary General, ECOSY Students and Feminist Network coordinators attended the event and participated in the workshop on European socialism.

Jornadas Estudiantiles, Granada, 23-25 July 2010

ECOSY Student Network Coordinator Thomas Maes and Bureau Member Thomas Graham spoke on a panel about student activism in Europe during the Jornadas Estudiantiles of JSE in Granada, Spain.

Nessun Dorma, Torre del Lago Puccini, 27 July – 1 August 2010

ECOSY Feminist Network Coordinator Sandra Breiteneder, ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca, ECOSY Vice Presidents Johan Büser and Amalija Koren as speakers on the international panel and ECOSY Vice President Brando Benifei in the foreign policy conference with Young Democrats of America international secretary Thione Niang at the Nessun Dorma festival of Giovani Democratici in Torre del Lago Puccini. ECOSY Students Network Coordinator Thomas Maes intervened in the general assembly of GD’s students and pupils organisations.

SSU election camp Festivalet, Strömstad, 4-7 August 2010

SSU’s Election Camp (Festivalet) took place in the first week of August in Strömstad. Next to the electoral themes, such as, prominently, youth unemployment, SSU made space at their festival for discussions and actions surrounding the situation in the middle east, international solidarity, fair trade and the British Hope not Hate campaign against the extreme right. ECOSY Vice President Johan Büser spoke, amongst other things, about the situation in Afghanistan, Israel and Palestina and Iran.

JUSOS Summer Camp, Brandenburg, 12-15 August 2010

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The JUSOS Summer Camp for just young members took place from the 12th until the 15th of August in Brandenburg, near Berlin. The camp included some general political workshops, campaigning workshops and debates. ECOSY Vice President Nils Hindersmann spoke at the camp.

SONK Summer Days, Joensuu, 13-15 August 2010

Traditional summer seminar weekend at a beautiful estate of Hopealahti in Joensuu took place from the 13th until 15th of August. It included seminars and workshops, easygoing action, sauna and camp fire. ECOSY Vice President Kaisa Penny organised a number of Workshops.

Labour Party Conference, Manchester, 25-29 September 2010

From the 25th until the 29th of September, ECOSY Secretary General attended the Labour Party conference, where ECOSY co-organised a fringe meeting on youth unemployment and working conditions with Young Labour. ECOSY Secretary General also had meetings with the leadership of Labour Students, the IUSY Secretary General and the delegations from CSDY Croatia, SDY Montenegro and SDY in SDU Serbia.

Labour Students Political Weekend, Grantham, 6-7 November 2010

On the 6th and 7th November, the ECOSY Secretary General joined the Labour Students political weekend in Grantham. ECOSY Secretary General presented the ECOSY campaign Talking About my Generation.

Visit JSC Catalonia, ECOSY office, 6-7 December 2010

A delegation of JSC visited the ECOSY office in Brussels. ECOSY Secretary General spoke to the delegates about the *Talking About My Generation* campaign, the youth guarantee and unpaid internships.

Visit to Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius, 10-14 March 2011

ECOSY Secretary General and President of Control Commission visited SDY Estonia, JSS Latvia and LSDYU Lithuania to discuss their participation in ECOSY. In Tallinn the ECOSY delegation met with the President, Secretary General and International Secretary of SDY and discussed the outcome of the parliamentary elections, the upcoming elections and the role ECOSY could play in helping SDY prepare for those.

In Riga, ECOSY Secretary General and President of Control Commission met with the JSS President to discuss the current situation of JSS and its mother party. In Vilnius, the ECOSY delegation met the President and International Secretary of LSDYU as well as the Chairman, Vice Chair and International Secretary of LSDP, the head of the LSDP delegation to the European Parliament and the Lithuanian youth council.

4. Relations with youth partners and fraternal organizations

a. International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY)

IUSY Festival preparation meeting, Vienna, 13 May 2009

ECOSY Secretary General met the IUSY Secretary General Johan Hassel in Vienna for a meeting preparing the IUSY festival on the 13th of May. The contribution of ECOSY was discussed and settled to be in the form of contributions to the different workshops in the regular festival programme and in the form of an ECOSY stand where ECOSY materials and papers will be distributed and the different Presidium Members will present their portfolios and the discussions in ECOSY.

SI Council, Budva, Montenegro, 29-30 June 2009

ECOSY Secretary General, ECOSY President, ECOSY Vice Presidents Brando Benifei and Katarina Nevedalova and ECOSY President of Control Commission Adrianos Kyriakidis and Bureau Member Eliza Politi participated in the SI Council in Budva from the 29th until 30th of June. The IUSY-ECOSY delegation advocated its reform agenda and lobbied for speakers to the IUSY Festival in Zanka.

IUSY World Festival, Zanka, Hungary, 15-21 July 2009

From the 15th until the 21st of July the IUSY World Festival took place in Zanka, Hungary. The ECOSY office moved to Zanka on the 13th of July to help out with the preparations. ECOSY Secretary General during the first three days and ECOSY President after that attended the IUSY Presidium Meetings at the Festival.

The ECOSY and IUSY Presidium Members present had a joint meeting in order to inform each other of their work. IUSY briefed ECOSY on its activities, calendar and its ideological paper. ECOSY briefed IUSY on its activities, campaign, calendar and discussion paper. All members of the Presidiums took the floor to inform the meeting of their portfolios.

ECOSY Presidium Members organized or intervened in several workshops during the IUSY Festival and promoted ECOSY at the ECOSY stand located in the central square of the Festival. ECOSY Change for Europe T-shirts and books were distributed.

IUSY Feminist Working Group Meeting, Vienna, 2-4 October 2009

From the 2nd until 4th of October ECOSY Secretary General attended the IUSY Feminist Working Group meeting that took place in Vienna, Austria. ECOSY Secretary General trained a workshop on global initiatives for the empowerment of women, including specifically the Beijing declaration.

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IUSY Black Sea Area Young Leaders Conference, Kiev, 4-5 November 2009

ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

IUSY Euro-Arab Dialogue, Beirut, 6-8 November 2009

ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

IUSY Presidium Meeting, Bangkok, 13-15 November 2009

The IUSY Presidium took place from the 13th until the 15th of November in Bangkok. ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

SI Council, Santo Domingo, 23-24 November 2009

ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

IUSY Mediterranean Committee, Larnaca, 27-30 November 2009

ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

IUSY European Committee, Copenhagen, 11-13 December 2009

From the 11th until the 13th of December 2009, the ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY at the IUSY European Committee and GPYF Climate Change Panel that took place in Copenhagen, Denmark. The ECOSY Secretary General participated in the opening session about green politics and presented the outcomes of the ECOSY Bureau Meeting that took place in Stockholm in November as well as the upcoming activities. The ECOSY President was absent due to illness.

IUSY Congress, Bommersvik, 26-28 March 2010

The ECOSY President and Secretary General represented ECOSY at the IUSY Congress that took place from the 26th until the 28th of March in Bommersvik, Sweden. ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou took the floor in the Congress plenary, ECOSY Secretary General spoke in the European committee meeting.

IUSY Presidium Meeting, New York, 18-20 June 2010

ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

IUSY European Committee, Rome, 14-15 October 2010

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On the days preceding the ECOSY youth employment conference, the IUSY European Committee met in Rome. The European Committee discussed youth unemployment and right wing extremism. ECOSY was represented by the ECOSY President, ECOSY Secretary General and Vice Presidents Brando Benifei and Kaisa Penny.

IUSY Presidium Meeting, San José, 22-24 November 2010

ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

IUSY Balkan Round Table, Velenje, 15 November 2010

In the fringes of the ECOSY-IUSY Balkan Seminar the Balkan Round Table took place, as reported under ECOSY activities. ECOSY was represented by its Vice President Amalija Koren as well as ECOSY Feminist and Students Network Coordinators.

SI Council, Paris, 15-16 November 2010

ECOSY president took part in the IUSY delegation to the SI Council

IUSY Mediterranean Committee Meeting, Amman, 10-12 December 2010

ECOSY was represented by ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou.

IUSY Presidium Meeting, New Delhi, 11-13 March 2011

The IUSY Presidium took place from the 11th until the 13th of March in New Delhi. ECOSY was represented by ECOSY Vice President Kaisa Penny.

b. IFM-SEI

Coordination meeting, Brussels, 24 February 2010

On the 24th of February the Secretary Generals of IFM-SEI and ECOSY met to coordinate the programmes of the two organizations. Further coordination between ECOSY, IUSY and IFM-SEI within the European Youth Forum was led by the ECOSY President.

IFM-SEI Congress, Prague, 15-18 April 2010

Both the ECOSY President and ECOSY Secretary General were scheduled to go to the IFM congress that took place in Prague from the 15th until the 18th of April, however, were absent due to the cancellations of all flights in Europe.

IFM-SEI Train for Change, Döbriach/Jedovnice, 25 July – 6 August 2010

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An ECOSY delegation will be welcome at the IFM-SEI Summer Camp.

ECOSY Bureau Meeting, Brussels, 26-28 November 2010

Lloyd Russell represented IFM-SEI at the ECOSY Bureau Meeting. Russell reported to the Bureau plenary on the activities of IFM-SEI and participated in the Queer network meeting.

c. European Youth Forum

European Youth Forum General Assembly, Brussels, 7-8 May 2009

ECOSY Secretary General attended the European Youth Forum General Assembly in Brussels that took place on the 7th and 8th of May. Together with the YFJ Bureau Member for ECOSY, Marianne Muona, ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in a strategy meeting with the PPYOs on the position of the PPYOs in the Youth Forum and on the support for Giuseppe Porcaro for the Secretary General of the YFJ.

PPYO meeting, Brussels, 16 June 2009

On the 16th of June ECOSY Secretary General participated in the PPYOs meeting in the YFJ offices that discussed the establishment of a youth intergroup in the European Parliament. The further follow-up of the meeting and development of the network of young MEPs is given as the responsibility to ECOSY Vice President and MEP Katarina Nevedalova, who will be the first contact person of the Youth Forum on the topic of the intergroup.

PPYO Meeting, Brussels, 18 September 2009

On 18 September ECOSY Secretary General attended the meeting of the European level PPYOs in the European Youth Forum regarding the establishment of an intergroup on youth issues in the European Parliament. ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova prepared the meeting and is conducted the negotiations in the European Parliament in order to obtain the three required group signatures for the establishment of the group.

YFJ Open Doors, Brussels, 19th September 2009

On the 19th of September ECOSY Secretary General together with Brussels based activists attended the YFJ open doors concert where ECOSY had a stand to distribute its materials and inform the attendees of the work that ECOSY is doing.

YFJ meeting with All China Youth Federation, Brussels, 20 October 2009

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ECOSY President of Control Commission attended the European Youth Forum meeting with the All China Youth Federation that paid a return-visit to the European Youth Forum. Following this meeting on the 20th of October, there was a reception in the Chinese embassy. Unfortunately, President of Control Commission was prevented from going there last minute.

YFJ Council of Members, 13-15 November 2009

From the 13th until the 15th of November 2009, the European Youth Forum Council of Members took place in Turin, Italy. ECOSY was represented by Vice Presidents Katarina Nevedalova and Brando Benifei.

PPYO meeting, Brussels, 19 January 2010

On the 19th of January the ECOSY Secretary General met with the party political youth organizations within the European Youth Forum to discuss the establishment of a youth intergroup. The intergroup has by now been established and ECOSY Vice President and MEP Katarina Nevedalova is representing ECOSY there.

YFJ Council of Members, Brussels, 23-24 April 2010

The ECOSY Secretary General joined the opening session in the European Parliament of the European Youth Forum Council of Members where ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou was a speaker. The ECOSY President and ECOSY Vice President Brando Benifei represented ECOSY during the CoMem.

EU-China Young Leaders Summit, Shanghai, 6-9 May 2010

ECOSY President and ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova joined the YFJ young leaders' mission to China.

Youth Intergroup, Brussels, 8 June 2010

ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou and ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova represented ECOSY in the European Youth Forum Youth Intergroup on the 8th of June

YFJ General Assembly, Kiev, 18-21 November 2010

ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou and ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova represented ECOSY in the European Youth Forum Youth General Assembly in Kiev from the 18th until the 21st of November. ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova was elected Vice President of the European Youth Forum.

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Youth Intergroup Meeting, Brussels, 25 January 2011

ECOSY Secretary General and ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova joined the youth intergroup meeting on the Youth on the Move flagship initiative.

Youth Intergroup Meeting, Brussels, 28 February 2011

The participants of the ECOSY Winter University joined the youth intergroup meeting on the New Skills for New Jobs initiative. ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova was a speaker on the panel, ECOSY Secretary General intervened on behalf of ECOSY.

d. Students Unions

ESU Board Meeting, Madrid, 2-4 May 2010

ECOSY Students Network Coordinator participated in the 58th ESU (European Students' Union) board meeting seminar in Madrid, Spain. Maes spoke on behalf of ECOSY in panel discussion on “The future of financing higher education: a looming disaster?”

ECOSY Youth Employment Conference, Rome, 15-17 October 2010

ESU participated in the ECOSY Youth Employment Conference in Rome, intervening in the round table on higher education.

ECOSY Winter University, Brussels, 27 February – 3 March 2011

ESU, OBESSU and NUS participated in the ECOSY Winter University as speakers as well as trainers.

e. Other alliances

Europe-Latin America Round Table, Brussels, 8 April 2010

On the 8th of April the ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in a round table between European and Latin American youth leaders that was organized by the European Partnership for Democracy.

Young NIMD, the Hague, 24 April 2010

On the 24th of April the ECOSY Secretary General joined a panel discussion with African youth leaders organized by the Young Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy at the EVS Afrika Dag in The Hague.

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CNAPD, Brussels, 17 September 2010

ECOSY participates in several peace projects including a international meeting in 2011 organised with the CNAPD, which met on the 17th of September. ECOSY Vice President Johan Büser presented the project to the ECOSY Bureau.

Youth for Dialogue, Rotterdam, 4 June 2010 / Brussels, September 2010

Secondly, in the framework of the Youth for Dialogue project, ECOSY Secretary General held meeting in Rotterdam on the 4th of June. In September, ECOSY President and Secretary General met the project leader in Brussels for further preparatory work and to set up the European lobby.

YDA Winter Days, Las Vegas, 25-27 February 2011

ECOSY President, Secretary General and Vice President Brando Benifei participated in the Winter Days conference of the Young Democrats of America, where also IUSY and DSU were present. The conference was geared towards the defence of trade union rights. A declaration of future cooperation was discussed with YDA President Rod Snyder.

5. Relations with partners

a. Party of European Socialists (PES)

PES is the mother party of ECOSY and should be thanked for its financial, organisational and political support. Throughout the years, strong relations are maintained both on the President and Secretary General level as well as between ECOSY and PES staff. ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou represented ECOSY in the PES Presidency and leaders meetings. ECOSY Secretary General represents ECOSY in the Coordination Team meetings and attends the presidency and leaders meetings. The Vice Presidents represent ECOSY in the networks corresponding to their portfolios.

PES Campaign Launch, Toulouse, 24 April 2009

ECOSY President and Secretary General participated in the PES Leaders and Heads of List meeting in Toulouse (24 April) where the PES electoral campaign was launched. The focus of the meeting was on the economic crisis on the campaign strategies and messages in the different member parties of the PES. The evening launch in the centre of Toulouse included short speeches and get-out-the-vote messages from all the heads of list.

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PES Presidency, Brussels, 8 May 2009

ECOSY President and Secretary General participated in the PES Presidency on the 8th of May that focused on the recovery plan out of the economic crisis presented by Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, PES President, and on the election campaigns. ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou stressed the importance of tackling youth unemployment; ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca presented the ECOSY Change for Europe campaign and urged the presidency members to make use of the expertise of the youth. ECOSY Secretary General furthermore stressed that next to youth unemployment, one of the most important issues for young people today are the conditions of employment.

PES Presidency, Brussels, 12 June 2009

ECOSY President and Secretary General participated in the PES Presidency on 12 June, preparing the leaders meeting of the 18th of June. The focus of the meeting lay on reaching a common position against the nomination of Barroso by the European Council on the 18th and 19th of June in order to respect the democratic process of the European Union, particularly giving the Parliament the right to constitute itself before voting on the President of the Commission. The presidency also discussed the accession of the Italian Democratic Party to the Parliamentary Group and the name change of the latter. A report of the meeting was sent to the presidium members and bureau members.

PES Leaders Meeting, Brussels, 18 June 2009

ECOSY President and Secretary General attended the PES leaders' meeting in Brussels on the morning of the 18th of June, which was attended amongst others by leaders including Jose Socrates, David Milliband, George Papandreou, Wouter Bos, Borut Pahor and Stanishev. The leaders meeting discussed the nomination of Barosso by the Council and concluded that it would advocate the respect for the democratic processes in both the Council and the Parliament, urging the Council not to try to force the EP to vote on the Commission President in its first meeting in July.

PES Activists Forum, Dublin, 11-13 September 2009

From the 11th until the 13th of September 2009, PES in cooperation with the Foundation for European Progressive Studies organized the PES Activist Forum in the Dublin Trinity College. Around twenty ECOSY members attended the forum. ECOSY Secretary General took part in a panel on a new Social and Employment Pact. ECOSY member Tomás Petricek chaired the panel on Climate Change. ECOSY Pool of Trainers organized a workshop on finding ways to create youth employment in the economic crisis on the Sunday morning of the Forum.

PES Coordination Team Meeting, Brussels, 1 October 2009

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On the 1st of October, ECOSY Secretary General attended the PES Coordination Team Meeting. The Coordination Team prepared the upcoming PES Congress and discussed the status of PES activists in the PES statutes. The S&D Group reported on its focus in the hearings with the candidate commissioners. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Presidency, Brussels, 8 October 2009

ECOSY President and Secretary General attended the PES Presidency meeting on the 8th of October.

PES Financial and Economic Network meeting, Brussels, 13 October 2009

ECOSY Vice President Christophe Schiltz represented ECOSY during the PES Financial and Economic Network meeting on the 13th of October. The final declaration of the Economic Crisis Expert Group was distributed among the 60 delegates attending the meeting.

PES Social Europe Network, Brussels, 15 October 2009

ECOSY Secretary General attended the PES Social Europe Network on the 15th of October. The meeting discussed the employment effects of the economic crisis, the follow up of the Lisbon Strategy and ways to make the Lisbon Strategy more binding and better implemented. ECOSY Secretary General asked attention for the youth unemployment affecting a large number of young people small age cohort that threaten to become long term unemployed unless Governments interfere to help them. ECOSY Secretary General stressed additionally the entire generation of young people that are in precarious employment and said that intergenerational solidarity requires that young people work in decent jobs as well as older workers. In the afternoon session, ECOSY Secretary General called on the attendees to not forget the follow-up of the Bologna Process in the revision of the Lisbon Strategy. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Defence Ministers Meeting, Brussels, 17 October 2009

On the 17th of November 2009, the PES Defense Ministers Meeting took place in Brussels. ECOSY Vice President Brando Benifei represented ECOSY in the Defense Ministers' Meeting.

PES Development Ministers Meeting, Brussels, 17 October 2009

ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in Development Ministers' Meeting. Two amendments were presented to include a reference to Beijing+15 and to recognize the external dimension of the European educational system under the Policy Coherence discussion. Both amendments were adopted and added to the final declaration.

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PES Congress, Prague, 7-8 December 2009

ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou, ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca, ECOSY Vice Presidents Brando Benifei, Christophe Schiltz and Nils Hindersmann; ECOSY Coordinators Sandra Breiteneder and Thomas Maes were present at the PES Congress that took place on the 7th and 8th of December 2009. ECOSY took the floor in every congress debate and the ECOSY President was a speaker on one of the panels. The ECOSY President joined the leaders’ dinner and the presidency meetings, the ECOSY President and Secretary General joined the lunch of the newly elected presidency on the 8th of December. ECOSY Vice President Nils Hindersmann organized a fringe meeting on youth employment as the co-chair of the expert group on the economic crisis. ECOSY Secretary General spoke at the closing of the Congress, call attention to precarious working conditions among young people.

PES Coordination Team meeting, Brussels, 28 January 2010

ECOSY Secretary General participated in the PES Coordination Team meeting on the 28th of January, which discussed the hearings of the social democratic commissioners, the PES strategy to influence the Europe2020 process and the follow up of the PES Congress through the establishment of a network and a core group to lead the reflection on the future of social democracy and a network of Secretary Generals. A separate report of the entire meeting is among the documents. The Coordination Team meeting that was due to take place on the 22nd of April was cancelled due to air traffic problems. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Social Europe Network, Brussels, 2 February 2010

The ECOSY Secretary General participated in the PES Social Europe Network Meeting on the 2nd of February. The network discussed the socialist priorities for the Europe2020 strategy. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Leaders Meeting, Brussels, 25 March 2010

The ECOSY President represented ECOSY in the PES Leaders Meeting on the 25th of March.

PES Presidency, Brussels, 29 April 2010

The ECOSY President represented ECOSY in the PES Presidency on the 29th of April.

PES Social Europe Network, Brussels, 10 May 2010

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The ECOSY Secretary General participated in the PES Social Europe Network Meeting on the 10th of May, which discussed the proposed integrated Europe2020 and employment guidelines of the European Commission. ECOSY argued for the inclusion of a special guideline on young people which was included in the PES integrated guidelines proposal and in the recommendations towards the Commission of the second meeting. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

Joint press release, Brussels, 17 March 2010

On the 17th March the PES sent out a press release of PES President Poul Nyrup Rasmussen and Social Europe Network chairperson Alejandro Cercas including ECOSY, on the EP report on youth access to the labour market, calling for youth employment to be taken as an EU priority.

PES seminar on EU enlargement, Sarajevo, 30-31 March 2010

ECOSY President, Vice President Amalija Koren and Student Network Coordinator Thomas Maes joined the PES study visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

PES Coordination Team meeting, Brussels, 3 June 2010

The ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES Coordination Team meetings of the 3rd of June. The Coordination Team discussed the follow-up of the PES Congress, including the establishment of a network for the modernisation of politics, a core group and an advisory committee for the progressive societies project. The Coordination Team received updates on the Europeans for Financial Reform campaign. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Modernisation Network, Brussels, 25 June 2010

The ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES modernisation network that took place on the 25th of June. The network discussed the organization of local activists and a modern rhetoric for socialists and social democrats. In a phone conference with the US Democratic Party, the network discussed the future of the progressive movement. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Seminar Selecting a top candidate, Brussels, 23 September 2010

ECOSY Vice President Kaisa Penny represented ECOSY in the PES seminar selecting top candidates on the 23rd of September.

PES Coordination Team meeting, Brussels, 7 October 2010

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The ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES Coordination Team meetings of the 7th of October. The Coordination Team discussed the renewal agenda and prepared the PES Council in Warsaw. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Social Europe Network, Brussels, 12 October 2010

The ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES Social Europe Network on the 12th of October 2010. The network discussed the revision of the posting of workers directive, pension reform and the employment and social pact. ECOSY Secretary General presented the ECOSY statement about the Youth on the Move flagship initiative. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Coordination Team meeting, Brussels, 25 November 2010

The ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES Social Europe Network on the 25th of November 2010. The Coordination Team prepared the PES Council in Warsaw, including the discussion of the draft resolutions and policy papers. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Council, Warsaw, 1-3 December 2010

At the PES Council in Warsaw, ECOSY was represented by its President, Secretary General, Vice Presidents Brando Benifei, Kaisa Penny, Katarina Nevedalova, Network Coordinators Thomas Maes and Sandra Breiteneder and ECOSY Control Commission Member Katarzyna Piotrowska.

Petroula Nteledimou, President of ECOSY, participated in the panel on progressive societies in the PES Council (Warsaw, December 2nd). In her speech, Petroula Nteledimou noted that for Young European Socialists, new progressive societies would be based on three pillars: First, a welfare society made for everybody, without any space for discriminations; second, the active participation of the people; and third, inclusion and solidarity.

ECOSY Vice President Kaisa Penny responded on the same issue, stressing the importance of gender equality and the full integration and emancipation of migrant communities. ECOSY Vice President and MEP Katarina Nevedalova took part in the panel on a European employment and social progress pact for fair growth. Nevedalova presented the ECOSY campaign Talking About my Generation, stressing the necessity to make tackling youth unemployment the top priority of Europe.

ECOSY Vice President Brando Benifei spoke in the afternoon of the first Council day about the selection of a top candidate and Thomas Maes called the Council's attention to unfair clauses included in the European Partnership Agreements.

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ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca closed the PES Council with PES Women President Zita Gurmai, PES President Poul Nyrup Rasmussen and SLD leader Gregorz Napieralski.

PES Social Europe Network, Brussels, 8 February 2011

The ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES Social Europe Network on the 8th of February 2011. The network discussed the single residence permit and economic governance of the euro zone. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Coordination Team meeting, Brussels, 17 February 2011

The ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES Coordination Team meeting on the 17th of February. The Coordination Team discussed the upcoming progressive societies convention, to take place before the next PES Council. Minutes of the meeting were made available to all member organisations.

PES Leaders meeting, Athens, 4-5 March 2011

ECOSY President and Secretary General attended the PES leaders meeting in Athens. The leaders discussed the revolutions in the Middle East, economic governance of the euro zone and the possibility of Eurobonds. The leaders debated a draft policy paper on values.

b. PES Women

ECOSY has enjoyed a long standing cooperation with PES Women, organising common activities and supporting each other in PES. ECOSY and PES Women issue a joint newsletter twice per year and attend each others' activities. Since December 2009, the ECOSY feminist network coordinator has a permanent seat in the PES Women executive.

PES Women Statutory Meeting, Brussels, 16 September 2009

The PES Women statutory meeting taking place in Brussels on the 16th of September 2009 decided to prepare a gender charter for the new EP mandate. A call for candidates for the PES Women congress in Prague on 5-6 December was open.

PES Women Statutory Meeting, Stockholm, 13-14 November 2009

The last PES Women statutory meeting before the PES Women Congress took place in Stockholm, Sweden on 13 and 14 November 2009. The PES Women discussed the position of women in the economic crisis, the preparations of the PES Women Congress and the resolutions towards the PES Congress. ECOSY was represented by

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Janna Besamusca, Secretary General. As a result of the meeting, ECOSY and PES Women tabled a common amendment to the PES congress resolution nr. 2 which argued to include youth and women in the reflections of the High Level Group on the future of Social Democracy and to allow them to be represented there as well.

PES Women Annual Conference, Prague, 5-6 December 2009

On the 5th and 6th of December, ECOSY President, ECOSY Secretary General and ECOSY Vice President Kaisa Penny joined the PES Women annual conference organized in Prague. The ECOSY Secretary General was a speaker on the panel about feminism in the 21st century. ECOSY was accorded a permanent seat in the PES Women executive.

PES Women executive meeting, Brussels, 27 January 2010

On the 27th of January, the ECOSY Secretary General joined the PES Women executive meeting to prepare a common action with the S&D Group, GPF and GPFYF at the UN Commission on the Status of Women 15 year evaluation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

PES Women Statutory Meeting, Brussels, 3 February 2010

On the 3rd of February, the ECOSY President and Secretary General joined the PES Women statutory meeting in Brussels that adopted the proposal to campaign during the CSW under the slogan "my body my rights". From the 4th until the 12th March the joint action at the CSW was executed, as reported under the ECOSY activities chapter of this report. ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou contributed to the PES Women publication for this event.

PES Women Executive meeting, Brussels, 14 April 2010

On the 14th of April the ECOSY Secretary General (morning) and ECOSY President (afternoon) joined the PES Women executive meeting preparing the PES Women Statutory Meeting that will take place on the first and second of June in Madrid.

PES Women Statutory Meeting, Madrid, 1-2 June 2010

On the 1st and 2nd of June, ECOSY Secretary General represented ECOSY in the PES Women Statutory Meeting that took place in Madrid, Spain. PES Women adopted a declaration for the elimination of violence against women and discussed the issue of the Burqa.

PES Women Statutory Meeting, Brussels, 22 October 2010

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On the 22nd of October, ECOSY Secretary General joined the PES Women Statutory meeting in Brussels.

Joint ECOSY - PES Women Newsletter 25th November 2010

On the 25th of November, the ECOSY Feminist Network and the PES Women published a common newsletter for the elimination of violence against women.

PES Women annual conference, Warsaw, 3-4 December 2010

After the PES Council, ECOSY participated in the PES Women annual conference. ECOSY Feminist Network Coordinator Sandra Breiteneder chaired the debate about sexual education.

PES Women Executive Meeting, Brussels, 13 January 2011

ECOSY was represented by Vice President Katarina Nevedalova

PES Women – FEPS conference 100 years 8th March, Brussels, 28 February 2011

ECOSY Feminist Network Coordinator joined the PES Women conference and statutory meeting from the 28th of February until the 1st of March 2011. The participants discussed the history of the left wing women’s movement and what is necessary to keep to movement strong and young.

PES Women conference, Athens, 3 March 2011

ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou represented ECOSY in a conference preceding the PES leaders meeting in Athens.

c. Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D)

ECOSY Secretary General maintained strong contacts with the President and several members of the European Parliament EMPL committee that voted in favour of writing an own-initiative report on youth employment with a special focus on internships. ECOSY worked with the Employment and Social Affairs committee members to advocate for the end to unpaid internships and joined the hearing on the Turunen report.

ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova has established contacts to further the establishment of the Intergroup on Youth.

The S&D Group in the EP should be thanked for their kind support in the organization of the 5th and 6th ECOSY Winter Universities, the ECOSY Economic Crisis expert

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group meeting, the ECOSY fringe meeting on youth unemployment at the PES Congress and the ECOS Youth Employment Conference.

PES Group Electoral night, Brussels, 7 June 2009

ECOSY Secretary General attended the electoral night organised by the PES Group in the European Parliament, where PES activists were invited to as well. The meeting started with the video conferences with Martin Schulz and Zita Gurmai and included the active participation of Poul Nyrup Rasmussen and Anna Colombo.

Joint hearing FEM-LIBE, Brussels, 28 January 2010

At the request of PES Women President Zita Gurmai, ECOSY joined the hearing of the FEM and LIBE committees on the European Protection Order.

S&D Conference Women and the Peace Process, Brussels, 14 April 2010

ECOSY attended the S&D conference on Women and the peace process on the 14th April.

S&D Round Table, Brussels, 12 May 2010

ECOSY Secretary General, ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevadalova and ECOSY Expert Group member Jelena Milinovic joined the S&D Round Table on winning back the youth vote. The participants of the round table discussed models of citizenship and the role of social media in today's politics.

S&D Round Table, Brussels, 30 June 2010

ECOSY President and Secretary General joined the S&D Round Table on foreign policy on the 30th of June, after attending the FEPS general assembly. Participants discussed the role of the UN in conflict prevention and the conflict in the middle east.

S&D Young Leaders Seminar, Brussels, 15-18 November 2010

ECOSY President and Vice President Brando Benifei joined the S&D Young Leaders seminar from the 15th until the 18th of November.

S&D Round Table, Brussels, 8 December 2010

ECOSY Secretary General participated in the S&D Round Table about a social-democratic alternative in the context of globalisation and permanent change. The participants discussed the austerity politics, the role of the state and the market and the feeling of insecurity in the European population broadly.

d. Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

Since its establishment, ECOSY has had a fruitful relationship with FEPS, involving the active participation in each others' events and the contribution of articles to each others' publications. FEPS was represented amongst others in the ECOSY expert group meeting on the economic crisis, the 5th and 6th Winter Universities and the ECOSY Youth Employment Conference. FEPS should be thanked for its support to the 9th ECOSY Congress, the ECOSY employment conference and the 10th ECOSY Congress.

Coordination meeting FEPS Secretary General, Brussels, 19 October 2009

ECOSY Secretary General had a very fruitful meeting with FEPS Secretary General on the 19th of October in FEPS offices about the future cooperation between the two organizations. Dr. Stetter expressed his wish to involve young people in the FEPS discussion via ECOSY- Young European Socialists. ECOSY and FEPS Secretary General discussed potential future common projects, especially at the ECOSY Summer Camp in July 2010.

FEPS Fringe Meeting on Education, Prague, 7 December 2009

On the 7th of December the ECOSY Secretary General joined the FEPS fringe meeting on education at the PES Congress as a speaker. ECOSY stressed the importance of universal access to education.

FEPS General Assembly, Brussels, 30 June 2010

ECOSY President and Secretary General attended the FEPS General Assembly on the 30th of June, where Massimo D'Alema was elected president of FEPS.

FEPS Next Left focus group, Brussels, 2010-2011

The ECOSY Secretary General attended the FEPS conference on the renewal of social democracy and the focus group meeting on the same topic, the FEPS-S&D Climate Change conference on the 7th of April 2010 and the book launch of the FEPS Next Left "The leaders' vision for Europe's future" on the 28th of April 2010. On the 8th June and 28th of October, ECOSY Secretary General attended the FEPS Next Left focus group meetings.

FEPS Bureau Meetings, Brussels, 2009-2011

ECOSY President represented ECOSY in the FEPS Bureau Meetings, with the exception of the 23rd of February 2011.

e. PES Group in the Committee of the Regions (CoR)

ECOSY maintains good relationships with the PES group in the Committee of the Regions. The CoR was represented in, amongst others, the 5th ECOSY Winter University and the ECOSY Youth Employment Conference. On matters of youth policy, the CoR consults ECOSY.

Jury meeting photo competition, Brussels, 15 June 2009

ECOSY Secretary General was invited by the Socialist Group in the Committee of the Regions to take place in the jury judging the entries in the "Europe in my everyday life" photo competition that was open in the months before and just after the European elections. On the 15th of June the jury met and awarded the first to fifth prize.

Jury meeting photo competition, Brussels, 25 October 2010

ECOSY promoted the photo competition "in search of solidarity", organized by the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions. On the 25th of October, ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca took part in the jury of the CoR photo competition.

f. Global Progressive Forum (GPF)

During the 9th mandate, the main focus of the GPF has been on its work inside the Europeans for Financial Reform coalition in which the ECOSY Secretary General represents the GPYF, reporting back to the IUSY Secretary General and the IUSY and ECOSY GPYF coordinators.

The EFFR has set up working groups to prepare concrete actions such as on the 29th of September and for a European Day of Action, to be announced later. Another working group is rooted in the content based work of the alliance and follows closely the developments in the G20 and the European Parliament. The EFFR has also set up meetings with the Robin Hood coalition and will do several common actions with them.

Campaign launch EFFR, Brussels, 21 September 2009

ECOSY participated actively in the preparation and launch of the GPF campaign on Europeans for Financial Reform, called "regulate global finance now!". ECOSY Secretary General attended the steering committee meetings in Brussels and took part in the press conference that launched the campaign on the 21st of September 2009.

Coordination Meeting Secretary Generals, Brussels, 5 October 2009

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On the 5th of October ECOSY Secretary General had a meeting with GPF Secretary General Javier Moreno Sanchez. Secretary Generals discussed the EFR campaign, the calendars of the organization and the participation of the GPF in the ECOSY Summer Camp. At the common request of ECOSY and IUSY, Moreno Sanchez confirmed that he was committed to reviving the progressive Secretary Generals meetings.

World Day for Decent Work, Brussels, 7 October 2009

On the World Day for Decent Work, 7th of October, the Decent Work Decent Life alliance handed over the signatures of the Global Call to Vice President of the European Parliament Pittella. Solidar set up the “decent work game” in the lobby of the European Parliament where several socialist MEPs including Pervenche Berès and Alejandro Cercas showed their commitment to improving working conditions all over the world.

GPYF meeting on FTT, Helsinki, 5-7 February 2010

The GPYF organized a debate on the financial transaction tax during its meeting in the ECOSY Networks Seminar that took place from the 5th until the 7th of February in Helsinki, as reported under the ECOSY activities chapter of this report.

GPF – FEPS conference on the FTT, Brussels 15 March 2010

On the 15th of March, the ECOSY President and Secretary General joined the conference on the financial transaction tax that was co-organised by the FEPS and GPF.

FTT debate AK, Brussels, 14 April 2010

On the 14th of April the ECOSY President and Secretary General attended an FTT event of the Austrian chamber of labour in Brussels.

European action day for the FTT, Brussels, 24 April 2010

On the 24th of April ECOSY joined in the day of action for the financial transaction tax online. An action organized by ANIMO and MJS Belgium was cancelled due to the fall of the Belgian government.

g. Socialist International Women (SIW)

The participation of ECOSY in the SI Councils during the 9th mandate was mostly inside of the IUSY delegations and is therefore reported under relations with IUSY.

Secretary Generals Meeting ECOSY-SIW, London, 27 May 2009

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On 27 May, after the ECOSY Campaign Study Visit to the UK, ECOSY Secretary General met with the Secretary General of the Socialist International Women, Marlene Haas, to discuss the possibility under the Spanish presidency to push for a strong Beijing+15 declaration, geared towards the fulfilment of the gender Millennium Development Goals.

SIW Council, Andorra La Vella, 16-18 June 2010

The ECOSY Feminist Network Coordinator participated in the SIW council meeting in Andorra.

h. SOLIDAR

A strong cooperation between ECOSY and SOLIDAR continues to exist. SOLIDAR was represented at all major ECOSY events including the Winter Universities and the Youth Employment Conference. Underneath, events are reported where ECOSY was represented at SOLIDAR activities.

Together with SOLIDAR and FEPS, ECOSY organized the EU4U conference from the 8th until the 10th of July in Linz, Austria. SOLIDAR is one of the main members of the EFFR and therefore in regular contact with ECOSY.

United for Europe conference, Brussels, 29 April 2009

ECOSY Secretary General attended the Solidar “United for Social Europe” conference that took place in the European Parliament on 29 April 2009. The conference brought together care and social workers who benefit from a European legislation in their work and are willing to fight for the higher standards in European legislation.

SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards, Brussels, 3 February 2010

The ECOSY President, Secretary General and ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova joined the annual SOLIDAR silver rose awards on the 3rd February.

SOLIDAR Silver Rose awards, Brussels, 1 February 2011

All participants from the 6th Winter University joined the SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards on the 1st of February 2011.

i. Trade Union Movement

ETUC Euro-demo, Brussels, 15 May 2009

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ECOSY Secretary General with ECOSY Member Organisations MJS Belgium and ANIMO Belgium and PES, PES member parties PvdA, PS Belgium, PS France and SP.A participated in the ETUC Brussels euro-demonstration for more and better jobs and workers' rights under the motto "we are not paying for your crisis" PES and PES Group

ETUI Conference on social Europe, Brussels, 14-15 September 2010
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On the 14th and 15th of September, ECOSY Secretary General attended the ETUI conference about Social Europe. In a contribution from the floor, the ECOSY Secretary General called on the participants to join the efforts to ban unpaid internships.

6. Office and communication

a. Employment

The general employment policies instated in the 7th and 8th mandate have been continued. ECOSY staff receives additional health care insurance to the Belgian public health insurance as well ticket restaurants and per diems. In accordance with regulations, employees receive a recuperation day per Saturday or Sunday worked.

Between April 2009 and April 2011, the ECOSY office has functioned with the Secretary General and one Political Officer. In the beginning of 2010 ECOSY political officer Kathryn Dillon left ECOSY to work for the British Labour Party. Petrus Herpoele, from Belgium, was hired as ECOSY Political Officer. In October 2010, Petrus Herpoele accepted a job in Burundi for the Belgian ministry of development cooperation. Aldo Miguel Perez Enriquez was hired as the ECOSY Political Officer.

b. Newsletters

In November 2009, with the ECOSY Feminist Network Newsletter on the international day for the elimination of Violence Against Women, the monthly ECOSY Newsletter was reinstated. The ECOSY Presidium in cooperation with the network coordinators adopted a schedule of newsletters and statements for the year of 2010 that includes 12 newsletters. For the first five months of 2011, a schedule was published in the end of 2010. All the newsletters are published on the ECOSY website and promoted via facebook. The ECOSY facebook group was changed into an ECOSY facebook fan page in order to be better able to communicate news from ECOSY to the grassroots members and a Twitter account was made ECOSY_ORG.

In the 9th mandate, the following newsletters were published:

- Change for Europe: 15 million new jobs by 2014. End poor working conditions for young people (published 1st of May 2009)
- Change for Europe: More social security; high quality public health care, education and life-long learning (published 10th of May 2009)
- Change for Europe: A Sustainable life style. Polluters pay extra green taxes. Environmental responsibility is awarded (published 19th of May 2009)
- Change for Europe: Better integration and tackling the root causes of migration (published 28th of May 2009)

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- Change for Europe: No unnecessary bureaucracy. Build a citizen's Europe. Take decisions together with young people (published 3rd June 2009)
- GPYF Summer Festival Newsletter (published for the IUSY Festival 2009)
- Feminist Network Newsletter on Violence Against Women (published 25th of November 2009)
- Migration and Integration Newsletter on international migrants day (published 18th of December 2009)
- Holocaust remembrance Day (published 27th of January 2010)
- World Day for Social Justice (published 20th of February 2010)
- Joint PES Women – ECOSY newsletter on International Women's Day (published 8th of March 2010)
- Labour Day (published 1st of May 2010)
- International Day against Homophobia (published 17th of May 2010)
- Newsletter on enlargement (published 25th of May 2010)
- International Youth Day (published 12th of August 2010)
- Students Newsletter (published 30th September 2010)
- United Nations Day (published 24th October 2010)
- Joint PES Women – ECOSY newsletter on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (published 25th November 2010)
- International Migrants Day (published 18th of December 2010)
- Talking About My Generation: The right to work (published 1st of February 2011)
- Talking About My Generation: Re-claim education (published 1st of March 2011)
- Feminist Newsletter (published 8th of March 2011)

Brando Benifei, ECOSY Vice President

Portfolio: foreign affairs – Europe speaking with one voice
Seconding: education, health, energy and youth policy
Co-chair of the Bureau Commission on foreign affairs and development cooperation

May 2009:

- Organised electoral campaign activity for European elections in Liguria Region for the Democratic Party
- Intervened in an electoral campaign debate in Vigevano with MEP Patrizia Toia
- Intervened in a debate in Milan State University about European integration with representatives from other Italian and European political youth organisations
- Intervened in an electoral campaign debate in Sanremo with Prof. Piero Graglia, Democratic Party candidate for MEP seat and biographer of Altiero Spinelli
- Organised and intervened in an electoral campaign debate in La Spezia with Giacomo Filibeck, former ECOSY president, Andrea Orlando, MP and Democratic Party National Spokesperson and MEP Antonio Panzeri
- Organised and intervened in a two-days seminar on Europe's future in Gorizia and Nova Gorica jointly hosted by Giovani Democratici of Friuli Venezia Giulia region and Mladi Forum Slovenia. Among the speakers there were Luciano Vecchi, PES Vicepresident, Piero Fassino, Democratic Party International Leader and MEP Debora Serracchiani
- Participated in the meeting with Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso in

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Brussels together with other Presidium members and leaders of LYMEC and YEPP

June 2009:

- Intervened in an electoral campaign debate in the main square of Sestri Ponente suburb of Genova, with MEP Francesca Balzani, MEP Sergio Cofferati and Claudio Burlando, President of Liguria Region
- Intervened in an electoral campaign debate in Rimini with MEP Debora Serracchiani
- Attended the JUSOS National Congress in Munchen, together with IUSY Vicepresident Federica Mariotti, Giovani Democratici International Secretary Francesco Parisi and Giovani Democratici National Secretary Fausto Raciti
- Attended the first in-person meeting of the ECOSY Presidium in Brussels

July 2009:

- Attended IUSY World Festival and coordinated two debates on economic regulation and on America and Europe after Obama election
- Intervened in the founding assembly of the Giovane Europa Giovani Democratici section in Pisa, pro-european thematic group made of students from the 3 Pisa Universities, together with Fausto Raciti, Giovani Democratici National Secretary
- Appointed European Secretary of Giovani Democratici

August 2009

- Attended Fatah Congress in Bethlehem
- Attended SSU Congress in Uppsala
- Intervened in a debate in Cormano (Milan) on youth unemployment in Europe with MEP Patrizia Toia

September 2009

- Intervened in a debate on Lisbon Treaty in Milan Democratic Festival with MP Sandro Gozi, former staff leader of European Commission President Romano Prodi, MEP Gianluca Susta and representatives of local branches of PS France, MoDem and USA Democrats Abroad
- Intervened in a debate on Universal Erasmus campaign in Vietri, near Naples, with European Parliament Vice- President Gianni Pittella and IUSY Vicepresident Federica Mariotti
- Intervened in a debate in Pisa on the role of Europe in the world stage with former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato
- Coordinated a debate with former Iran President Abholhassan Banisadr in the National Political School of Democratic Party in Cortona, near Siena

October 2009

- Organised and intervened in a debate on the relationship between local government and European Union in La Spezia with Laura Canale, director general of European affairs for Liguria Region, Carlotta Gualco, director of In Europe Foundation and Andrea Casu, Local Government Responsible for Giovani Democratici
- Organised and intervened in a debate on European immigration policy in La Spezia with Khalid Chaouki, Immigration Policy responsible for Giovani Democratici

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November 2009

- Participated in ECOSY Bureau Meeting in Stockholm
- Attended the training seminar for young political leaders of Europe, Israel and Palestine, hosted by European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek

December 2009

- Participated as member of ECOSY delegation to the PES Congress in Prague. Spoke in the congress plenary, about fight against discrimination and immigrant rights.
- Participated in IUSY European Committee, held in Copenhagen during COP15 meeting

January 2010

- Organized and intervened in a debate in Milan on Ukrainian elections in cooperation with Annaviva, a ngo dedicated to the memory of Anna Politkovskaja (www.annaviva.com), and the “Young Europe” Milan State University Thematic Section of Giovani Democratici- Democratic Youth of Italy. Discussed the implications for the EU of a closer relationship between Ukraine and Russian Federation in case of Yanukovich's victory.
- Intervened in a seminar on EU Budget with MEP Francesca Balzani, Shadow Rapporteur on the Budget for S&D Group, in Genova.
- Had a meeting in Rome with Thione Niang, Chair of the Committee for International Relations of the Young Democrats of America. Discussed possible fields of cooperation for next years between YDA and ECOSY.

February 2010

- Intervened in a round table organized by the “Center In Europe” association about immigrant rights and EU immigration policy, with Anna Colombo, S&D Group Secretary General and with Alessandra Ballerini, human rights expert and lawyer. Pushed for a stronger coordination of immigration policies and praised the European Court of Justice role.
- Participated in the meeting of members of Young Labour Israel with members of Fatah Youth and other palestinian non-party political organizations, organized by the Swedish Falcon Movement in Rome, with the objective of preparing a bigger meeting in Sweden for young leaders of both Israel and Palestine. Organized a visit of Democratic Party headquarters for them and discussed the situation in the Middle-East region.

March 2010

- Participated in ECOSY Winter School, chairing many sessions of the program, notably Maria Joao Rodrigues panel on financial crisis and Howard Stein's on reform of global financial institutions.
- Intervened in a debate in the Hungarian Parliament in Budapest about the future of European progressives.
- Participated in the double electoral campaign exchange of both the Paris federation of MJS France to Turin in Italy and the Giovani Democratici Federation of Turin to Paris. Intervened in a debate organized in the PS France 2nd arrondissement headquarters about the future of the European Union and the role of the political parties
- Participated in the IUSY Congress as delegate of Sinistra Giovanile, which changed its name into Giovani Democratici.
- Intervened in a debate in Benevento on EU and the local governments,

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organized by Giovani Democratici of Campania Region for the electoral campaign of the regional elections. Among the speakers there was Andrea Cozzolino, S&D MEP. Spoke about the opportunities for the young generations coming from the various forms of cooperations between Regions and EU.

April 2010

- Participated in the European Youth Forum Council of Members in Brussels together with ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou. Participated in a workshop on climate change and discussed about the differences among EU countries and the necessity for still many of them to educate the citizens on the issues of recycling and energy efficiency.
- Intervened in the seminar organised by JEF Europe together with JEF France in Paris about the Union for the Mediterranean. Spoke about the risks of strengthening intergovernmental approach instead of a communitarian one without a clear decision on the duties and aims of the Union for the Mediterranean, in relation to the Euro-Mediterranean partnership programme.

May 2010

- Participated as member of the jury together with MEP Sergio Cofferati and others in a high school contest on European integration for students of Liguria region schools in Italy.
- Organized and intervened in a debate in Milan on Bologna process, supporting the candidature of Matteo Bianchi for member of National Council of University Students
- Attended ECOSY Bureau Meeting in Toledo

June 2010

- Attended Jusos Congress in Essen
- Participated in FEPS Seminar on EU-Latin America relations in Rome

July 2010

- Organized and intervened in debate on young people living conditions in Europe with ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca, Vicepresidents Johan Buser and Amalija Koren, Students and Feminist Coordinators Thomas Maes and Sandra Breiteneder inside Giovani Democratici National Festival "Nessun Dorma" in Torre del Lago
- Organized and intervened in debate on transatlantic relations with MEP Leonardo Domenici and Thione Niang, Chair of Young Democrats of America International Committee inside Giovani Democratici National Festival "Nessun Dorma" in Torre del Lago
- Intervened in a debate on new media and internet legislation in Italy and EU in La Spezia
- Democratic Party Festival, together with former Communications Minister Paolo Gentiloni
- and MEP Sergio Cofferati

August 2010

- Attended SSU Electoral Camp in Stromstad

September 2010

- Organized and intervened in Giovani Democratici European Summer School in Genoa with many S&D Italian MEPs, former president of European Parliament

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- Enrique Baron Crespo and ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou
- Intervened in debate on Treaty of Lisbon in Milan together with former advisor to European Commission President Romano Prodi MP Sandro Gozi and Italian Federalist Movement National Secretary Giorgio Anselmi

October 2010

- Attended and intervened in Democratic Party National Training School on Labour policies in Cortona; Giovani Democratici organized a simulated "trial" against the misuse of the concepts of "merit" and "equity" to hide social injustices
- Organized and intervened in ECOSY Employment Conference in Rome, attended by around 100 activists from non-Italian ECOSY member organisations and a delegation of Young Democrats of America
- Wrote the editorial for ECOSY UN Day Newsletter

November 2010

- Attended the training seminar for young political leaders of Europe, Israel and Palestine, hosted by European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek
- Attended FEPS Seminar on "Next Left" in Rome with FEPS President Massimo D'Alema and former Austrian Chancellor Alfred Gusenbauer
- Attended ECOSY Bureau meeting in Brussels

December 2010

- Attended Italianeuropei seminar in Rome on Brasil economy after Dilma Rousseff election with Prof. Franklin Serrano
- Attended and intervened in PES Council in Warsaw, with a speech in favour of open procedure for selecting candidate for President of European Commission
- Intervened in Giovani Democratici Winter School on Economic Crisis in L'Aquila
- Intervened in a seminar in Genoa on pensions and retirement in Europe, with MEPs Sergio Cofferati and Pervenche Beres

January 2011

- Intervened in a debate on European policies for culture and arts in Offida in Italy
- Intervened in the founding meeting in Rome of the Italian network of supporters of "Spinelli intergroup" of MEPs in favour of European federalism

February 2011

- Attended Young Democrats of America Winter Convention in Las Vegas, together with ECOSY President Petroula Nteledimou, ECOSY Secretary General Janna Besamusca and IUSY Secretary General Johan Hassel; a memorandum of understanding between ECOSY and YDA was discussed in detail and put on schedule for approval by YDA International Committee
- Intervened in "Spinelli intergroup" presentation in Genoa, together with MEP Sergio Cofferati

March 2011

- Coordinated some panels of ECOSY Winter University 2011, taking place in European Parliament in Brussels
- Organised and intervened in a debate on European Federalism in Verona, together with representatives of Italian political party youth organisations from different political families (liberals, greens, European left)

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- Intervened in the founding meeting of the association "Labour Friends of Italy" in London, promoting cooperation between UK Labour Party and Italian Democratic Party, together with Democratic Party Deputy National Secretary Enrico Letta, MP Barry Gardiner and Young Labour National Chair Susan Nash

Christophe Schiltz, ECOSY Vice President

Portfolio: future of Europe – EU institutional, constitutional and legal affairs
Seconding: social Europe for everyone – social, economic and employment policies
Co-chair of the Bureau commission on constitutional and legal affairs

- ECOSY statement on the approval of the Lisbon Treaty (Czech Senate)
- ECOSY Presidium phone conference, 14 June 2009
- ECOSY Presidium meeting, 7 July 2009, Brussels
- Labour Youth Ireland meeting – Panel discussion on the Lisbon Treaty, participation as panelist, 15 August 2009, Cork

ILY had a national meeting during which they determined their position in the run-up to the 2nd referendum on the Lisbon Treaty and invited two outside speakers for each the "Yes" and the "No" side. I spoke for the "Yes" side (the others speakers were Declan Walsh, Lecturer in EU law UCC in favour, with Roger Cole, Peace & Neutrality Alliance and Mark Khan against). Labour Youth decided to campaign for a yes vote in the Lisbon Treaty referendum.

- Presidium phone conference meeting, 6 September 2009
- PES financial and economic network meeting, 13 October 2009, Brussels

The network meeting of the PES on financial and economic issues focussed on financial reform and regulation. Many speakers and attendees, quite a few speeches, not a lot of substance, no concrete outcome.

- Bureau meeting in Stockholm, 20-22 November 2009
- PES Social and Employment ministers breakfast meeting, Brussels, 30 November 2010

The meeting took place in the morning before the EU EPSCO Council of ministers meeting in order to coordinate the PES ministers' positions. The discussion focussed mostly on a declaration about the exit strategy and how it was too early yet to talk about such a strategy.

- Presidium meeting, ..., 2010
- PES Social Europe Network, 2 February 2010

The discussions of this network meeting focussed, like most of the other meetings, on the EU2020 strategy and the preparation of the Spring European Council.

- PES Social and Employment ministers breakfast meeting, Barcelona, 29 January 2010

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The meeting took place in the morning before the informal EU EPSCO Council of ministers meeting in order to coordinate the PES ministers' positions. Just like the following meetings, the presidency focussed on the preparation of the EU2020 strategy. Priorities for the PES should be jobs creation, investment in new skills, young people, equal opportunities, strong social protection.

- PES Social and Employment ministers breakfast meeting, Brussels, 8 March 2010

The meeting took place in the morning before the EU EPSCO Council of ministers meeting in order to coordinate the PES ministers' positions. The discussion focussed mostly on the preparation of the Spring European Council and thus the Europe 2020 strategy. The PES ministers decided to focus on priorities such as push job creation, social inclusion and cohesion, an active industrial policy, new skills, better governance (also on local and regional level), EU targets with specific national targets.

- Conference on the Posting of Workers and Labour rights, Oviedo, 17-18 March 2010

I attended this conference on the posting of workers which was more of a general academic conference where different speakers from the trade unions, universities, employers associations talked about the topic. There weren't really that many new opinions or proposals put forwards. Most of the speakers repeated their traditional positions.

- IUSY World Congress, Stockholm/Bommersvik, 26-28 March 2010
- PES Economic and Finance Network, Brussels, 7 April 2010

I attended this PES network meeting which focussed on the current financial, economic, social and employment crisis. Most of the discussions were about two topics. The first was the exit strategy and how to react to conservative forces trying to start the exit strategy as early as possible. The network was strongly in favour of being very careful to not start the exit too early in order to strengthen growth that is starting to show and to sustain employment policies in the different member states. The second was a presentation and a discussion of the Global Financial Transaction Tax.

- Presidium phone conference, 5 May 2010
- ECOSY Bureau meeting, Toledo, Spain, 14-16 May 2010
- Juventude Socialista Portugal Congress, Lisbon, Portugal, 17 – 18 July 2010
- PES Economic and Finance Network meeting, Brussels, Belgium, 30 September 2010
- ECOSY Youth Employment Conference, Rome, Italy 15 – 17 October 2010
- PES Social and Employment ministers breakfast meeting, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 21 October 2010
- ECOSY Bureau meeting, Brussels, 26 – 28 November 2010
- ECOSY Presidium meeting, 18 – 19 February 2011
- ECOSY Congress 2011, Bucharest

Kaisa Penny, ECOSY Vice President

Portfolio: equality, social justice, solidarity and a fair migration policy
Seconding: Europe for its people – a people's union, a people's budget and JHA
Co-chair of the Bureau commission on employment, social, economic and financial affairs

Report of Activities

The two years of this mandate have been tasking for the whole organisation and have also created additional issues for the Presidium to work with. That said I have been honoured to have given the trust of our MO's to work on the compromise reached in the aftermath of the last Congress. Below you will find collected the relevant events, meetings and contributions made in my portfolio during the length of the mandate as well as some more detailed account of few of the larger entities of work. As ever, I would be happy to answer any further questions on any issue relating to this work.

Presidium meetings:

- Presidium phone conference on the 14th of June 2009
- Presidium Meeting in Brussels on the 7th of July 2009
- Presidium phone conference on the 6th of September 2009
- Presidium Meeting in Brussels on the 31st of October – 1st of November 2009
- Presidium Meeting in Brussels on the 21st of February 2010
- Presidium phone conference on the 3rd of May 2010
- Presidium Meeting in Brussels on the 18th to 20th of February 2011

Events participated in as ECOSY Vice President:

- During the European election campaign 2009 participated in number of events, panels and discussions in the role of the ECOSY Vice-President, for example in the JEF-Finland's national panel discussion.
- In April 25th to 26th 2009 SDY-Finland and SONK organised a Campaign launch seminar which was also part of the "29 Debates".
- UK Campaign Study Visit representing the Presidium with the Secretary General Janna Besamusca, 23rd to 26th of May 2009.
- PES Activists event in Dublin 11th -12th of September 2009.
- "Future Academy" training as a speaker with a topic of "the Future of the European Socialists", Kauniainen, on 16th of October 2009.
- PES Women Conference, December 2009 in Prague
 - o An intervention about the need of gender sensitive education.
- PES Congress, December 2009 in Prague
 - o I addressed the plenary during Climate Change discussion
- SONK's and WEA Finland EU-School
- ECOSY Network Seminar in Helsinki, 5th to 7th of February 2010
- ECOSY Expert Group on Active Citizenship in Brussels
- IUSY Congress 26th-28th of March 2010, in Bommersvik, Sweden
- CSDY Congress 22nd of May 2010
- SDY-Finland Congress 11th to 13th of June 2010
- Jusos Congress 19th to 20th of June 2010
- JS Portugal Congress 16th to 18th of July 2010

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- PES Seminar on "How to Select Top Candidates", Brussels, 23rd of September 2010
- PES Women Executive Committee, 29th of September 2010
- PES Progressive Societies Advisory Committee meeting, Brussels, 1st of October 2010
 - o Advisory Committee coordinates the ideological work started in the PES Congress 2009, ECOSY is invited to participate and an active role in this work is obviously in ECOSY's interest
- IUSY European Committee, Rome, 14th to 15th of October 2010
- ECOSY Youth Employment Conference, 15th to 17th of October 2010
- Networks Seminar, 5th to 7th of November 2010
- PES Council, Warsaw, 2nd to 3rd of December 2010
 - o Intervention in a discussion on the future of European societies with the topic of migration and socialist policy of inclusion
- FNSU board meeting in Bommersvik, 20th to 21st of January 2011
- ECOSY Network Seminar in Vienna, 11th to 13th of February 2011
- ECOSY Winter University in Brussels, 2nd to 3rd of March 2011
- ECOSY Drafting Committee meeting in Brussels, 4th to 6th of March 2011
- IUSY Presidium Meeting in New Delhi, 11th to 13th of March 2011
 - o Introduced ECOSY's plan for the IUSY Festival contribution
- In addition to these there is a number of other events/seminars in Finland where I spoke in a role of ECOSY VP

IUSY Festival 2009:

During IUSY Festival in Zanka, Hungary, I participated in three different events as a speaker as well as contributed to the ECOSY tent by discussion paper on migration. During the Festival we also participated in a joint Presidium meeting of IUSY and ECOSY.

The seminars I spoke in were:

- African Regional Seminar
- Feminist Working Group workshop on reproductive rights
- Student Working Group workshop on Universal Erasmus

Communications:

Articles, statements and resolutions and declarations are important part of the work of ECOSY Presidium. I have attempted to contribute to the socialist and European debate through statements on current affairs and events, and through writing widely on the issues of my portfolio in different articles. List of the most relevant contributions can be seen here:

- ECOSY Statement on EPP blocking the parental leave vote, May 2009
- ECOSY Statement on European Social Partners' agreement on parental leave, June 2009
- ECOSY Statement on the World AIDS Day, 1st of December 2009
- ECOSY Newsletter on the International Migrants' Day on 18th of December 2009, Editorial and article "Forgotten Triumphs"
- ECOSY Newsletter on World Day for Social Justice on 19th of February 2010, Editorial
- Article "Baby steps towards gender equal parenting" on ECOSY/PES Women Newsletter on International Women's Day, 8th of March 2010

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- Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 21st of March 2010
- Article on the ECOSY Newsletter on the International Labour Day 2010
- Article in the ECOSY Newsletter on the International Day Against Homophobia 2010
- Article in the ECOSY Newsletter on the International Youth Day 2010
- Article in the ECOSY Student Network Newsletter 2010
- Article in the ECOSY Newsletter on International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women 26th of November 2010
- Article in the ECOSY Newsletter on the International Migrants' Day, 15th of December 2010
- Article in the ECOSY Newsletter "Right to Work", 1st of February 2011
- Article in the ECOSY Newsletter on the 100th anniversary of the International Women's Day, 8th of March 2011

Working Group on ECOSY Political Culture:

The Working Group was established with the WG on Statutory Reform to review ECOSY practices and rules in light of the events of the spring 2009 leading up to the Congress and Round Table in the IUSY Festival the same summer. I had the honour to chair this working group and to see to the completion of its work as well. The Working Group met first time in Dublin 11th-12th of September 2009. In Dublin, the WG discussed the issues and problems at hand and moved to draft a proposal for the Bureau on general guidelines of practices and conduct for the future. The first draft was written by Tomas Petricek, the Rapporteur for the WG. The group had a positive and constructive discussion both in Dublin and also during the second meeting in Brussels on the 30th-31st of October 2009. During the second meeting the Working Group finalised the draft of a "Code of Conduct – Rules and Procedures of working methods in ECOSY". This draft was presented for the Bureau and adopted unanimously. The Working Group also discussed an agreement that became the transitory organisation until the next Congress.

ECOSY Network Seminar:

ECOSY Networks have been part of my portfolio during this mandate. We have had a great team of coordinators, so the thank yous for the work done should mostly be directed to them. We organised three network seminars during the mandate, and the networks met during each Bureau meeting as well.

First Network seminar of this mandate was organised in Helsinki, Finland on 5-7th of February 2010. In this seminar three of the ECOSY Networks participated, these being: Feminist, Student and GPYF. We had number of great speakers (including PES Women President Zita Gurmai and ECOSY Veteran, SDP Parliamentary Group deputy leader Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), good number of active participants and overall very successful programme and seminar.

The second Network seminar of this mandate was organised in Werftpfuhl, Germany on 4th to 7th of November 2010. In this seminar two of the ECOSY Networks participated, these being: Queer and Pool of Trainers. During this seminar we for example developed tools to perform training on sexism, homophobia and discrimination in ECOSY events. This has already proven useful during this mandate.

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The third network seminar was hosted in Vienna by the Renner-institut and included the feminist and student networks and the pool of trainers. The Networks seminars are a valuable part of the ECOSY work both in developing policy and coordination and also in training and recruiting new activists.

Expert Group on Active Citizenship:

Expert Group was established at the end of year 2009 and started work at the start of February 2010 with a working weekend in Brussels. We have 15 members and two Chairs in the group and within this a wide knowledge and experience in the variety of areas.

Expert Group started work on both more theoretical issues of reviewing ECOSY policy and making suggestions for the next Congress, as well as on more practical side of campaign planning. The work started well, and we also asked for help from the MO's to collect a database of all materials relating to groups topics. I also brought in other VP's and Networks as the topic crosses over portfolios and it is important to have all relevant people involved.

The second expert group seminar was held in London on 11th to 13th of March 2011. The group went further into the topics and started drafting the discussion paper to be presented for ECOSY later this spring. Expert group got deep into the topics from the start and it is clear that the issues relating to youth activism, extremism, civil liberties and apathy are important and more work is needed in this field in the future, in which form is less relevant.

Nils Hindersmann, ECOSY Vice President

Portfolio: social Europe for everyone – social, economic and employment policies

**Seconding: sustainable development, international solidarity and foreign aid
Co-chair of the Bureau commission on employment, social, economic and financial affairs**

Portfolio

After the Congress in Brussels the main focus of my work was campaigning for Social Europe with a socialist majority in the European Parliament. We all remember that the election result was unsatisfactory.

After the election it was clear that the socialists will be in opposition during the next 5 years in the European Parliament. In addition among the member states is a clear majority of conservative governments as well. Thus it became more complicated to change Europe towards a real Social Europe.

Development in my Portfolio 2009-2011

Europe 2020 strategy

With the Spring Council in 2010 the member states decided about the future of the Lisbon strategy. There were two important outcomes of this Council. First the objectives of the Lisbon Strategy have not been met and secondly this strategy will be prolonged with small changes. The new strategy is called Europe 2020 and is still

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based on a framework of guidelines. Hence the political implementation of the objectives is still the weakness of the new strategy.

Although there is a new focus on sustainable development in the guidelines many means or measures will not achieve more sustainability. The economic strategy is still not aiming at a stable and demand driven growth and the employment strategy is still not based on the idea of creating better jobs in Europe. Precarious working conditions will not be tackled by the new Europe 2020 agenda. Thus it is highly questionable if the aim of a more sustainable Europe by 2020 can be achieved with these measures.

Employment

The economic crisis has led to rise of unemployment rates all over Europe. A few member states left the economic crisis behind and have even achieved positive employment effects on the labour market. The majority of the EU member states are still suffering from the crisis and it is especially young people and women who are affected. In many member states the youth unemployment rate is higher than the average unemployment rate. Another problem is that young people who still have a job are therefore suffering from precarious working conditions.

So far the European Union has failed in creating economic circumstances that create more macro-economic demand, reduce unemployment rates and improve working conditions. Quite the contrary the European Union was so far unable to create effective common macro-economic governance. After months of discussion the member states finally decided to create a European Stabilisation Mechanism (ESM). This was already too late to prevent Greece and Ireland from deep debt crisis caused by financial market speculations. Reforms of the financial markets are not enough to prevent Europe from a new major economic crisis. We need profound changes in the economic and financial governance of the European Union.

Activities:

Change for Europe Campaign 2009

During the European election campaign I took part in various activities, rallies, discussions with young people, news paper interviews etc. The focus of the campaign was on more and better jobs as well as more social security.

ECOSY Study visit, Brighton, UK

In May 2009 I took part in the ECOSY study visit to the UK. Together with our British comrades we campaigned on the street and exchanged campaigning techniques in workshops.

PES Activists Forum in Dublin, Ireland

In September 2009 I took part in the PES Activists Forum in Dublin. Many discussions and workshops with a focus on the future strategy of PES after the elections took place. This activity was also helpful for our Irish comrades in their campaign to adopt the Lisbon Treaty in the referendum.

Expert Group meeting on economic and financial crisis

The expert group meeting took place in Brussels in early October 2009. With the meeting we prepared a statement with which we contributed to the PES debate about the economic and financial crisis. The importance for us as socialists is to

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make sure that the financial markets are better regulated in the future and that there will be a new European employment strategy.

“Talking about my generation campaign” 2010

With the Bureau in Toledo we decided to have a campaign with a clear focus on improving working conditions and the employment chances of young people. During the summer 2010 various activities in our member organisations took place. The main event of the campaign was the employment conference in Rome in October 2010. The conference brought together young people from trade unions, our member parties and young activists fighting for decent working conditions of young people all over the world.

Campaigning in Sweden, September 2010

Our Swedish comrades invited me to their final campaigning weekend in Goteborg. We campaigned during the last 48 hours before the election. The activities were a flashmob in the shopping centre, a big rally with Mona Sahlin and a party on the street in the city center of Goteborg.

Pedro Delgado Alves, ECOSY Vice President

Portfolio: Europe for its people – a people’s union, a people’s budget and JHA

Seconding: future of Europe – EU institutional, constitutional and legal affairs

Co-chair of the Bureau commission on constitutional and legal affairs

Overview of the mandate

As the current mandate of ECOSY’s political life comes to an end, a balance of the organization’s challenges during the past two year is imperative. ECOSY faced the most tremendous crises of its history, which revealed both a need for institutional reform and for the signalling of changes to its political culture.

As an organization composed of multiple member organizations with very different traditions, working methods and legal and statutory frameworks to their activities, ECOSY needed to once again find a suitable common denominator to its procedures in order to overcome the significant challenges posed in the aftermath of a turbulent 9th Congress and in the context of a major challenge to the European project itself and to the role of socialists in Europe in the context of the current economic crises.

Tackling this problem alone, along with the needed diagnosis of the causes for the PES electoral defeat in the European elections of June 2009, would be sufficient to keep any presidium of ECOSY busy for most of its mandate. In having to address both concerns simultaneously, the outgoing Presidium expects at least to have been able to point some paths for the upcoming members of ECOSY’s bodies:

- In what regards the organization itself, by successfully having established two working groups (on political culture and on statutory reform) which have presented a consensual framework for the Congress to make changes to the internal functioning of the organization;

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- In what regards the current European debate, by setting a course of action in the main area of focus for youth policies in the present moment: youth unemployment.

However, the deeper ideological reflection on the future of the European Union and of the PES and ECOSY's attitude towards it (and, on what regards the PES, on the need for its own structure to be reformed) still remains to be effectively launched and concluded and should represent a priority for the near future.

In a sense, the outgoing mandate was decisive, in that it brought clarification and the overcoming of identity issues within ECOSY itself, allowing for its successors to make good use of the now reinvigorated and reformed procedures and practices. In a nutshell, the internal challenge is overcome, the external ones may once again be dealt with vigorously.

Activities

16-19/04/2009

9th ECOSY CONGRESS (Brussels, Belgium)

9-10/05/2009

Coordination and Participation at the JS Campus on European Issues, held in Lisbon. The event comprised several panels on European issues (Universal Erasmus, gender equality, financial crisis, reform of the CAP, foreign and defense policies, environment and sustainable development) and counted on the participation of speakers such as Petroula Nteledimou (ECOSY President), Joel LeDroff (Rainbow Rose), Maria João Rodrigues (Advisor to the PES), several MEPs (Edite Estrela, Capoulas Santos)

10/05/2009

Intervention at the presentation event of the Electoral Program of Socialist Party for the European Elections (with front-runner Vital Moreira, Mayor of Lisbon António Costa and PS Secretary-General José Socrates)

12/05/2009

Party political youth organizations meeting with Commission President José Manuel Durão Barroso, Commission Vice-President Margot Walstrom and Commissioner Kuneva (together with other Presidium members) with delegations from YEPP and LYMEC to promote the fight against abstention among young Europeans;

June 2009

Candidate in the European Parliament list of the Socialist Party, involving several campaign events:

- Presentation of youth program in Porto
- Conference in Funchal, Madeira
- Campaign debates in Paredes, Coimbra, Braga, Águeda, Lisbon, Cascais, among other places)

12-14/06/2009

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Attended Congress of JS – Azores in Angra do Heroismo, Terceira Island
(participation of international guests from Canary Islands in the framework of Macaronesian cooperation strategies)

14/06/2009

Presidium phone conference

07/07/2009

Presidium meeting (Brussels, Belgium)

July 2009

- Joined Coordination Council of the New Frontiers Forum (Conception of the program of the Socialist Party for parliamentary elections)
- Participation as speaker at the launching conference of the New Frontiers Forum and in the New Frontiers Forum dedicated to youth in Lisbon
- Co-Drafting of the Youth Program of the Socialist Youth

18-21/07/2009

IUSY Festival in Zanka:

- Participation as speaker in panels on Latin American issues and sustainable development,
- Joint IUSY-ECOSY presidium meeting
- ECOSY round table
- Presentation of ECOSY portfolio at the respective tent

August 2009

JS Summer Fest in Torres Vedras:

- Coordination of political programme;
- Charing of panels on Financial crisis, Employment, Equality, Sustainable development and environment, electoral Program of the PS
- Coordination of international guests from JSE, JMPLA, JPAIV

06/09/2009

Attended Programmatic Convention of the PS

06/09/2009

ECOSY Presidium phone conference

19-27/09/2009

Parliamentary Election Campaign (several debates and activities in the country)
Joint event with Youth of the MPLA (Angola) and JPAIV (Cabo Verde) in Lisbon

27/09/2009

Parliamentary elections in Portugal

September 2009

Candidate for local assembly of Alvalade, in the city of Lisbon (local election)

11-13/09/2009

Chaired ECOSY statutory reform committee meeting in Dublin
Attended PES Activists Forum in Dublin

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01/10/2009

ECOSY Presidium Meeting (Brussels, Belgium)

10/10/2009

Local elections in Portugal

20-22/11/2009

ECOSY Bureau Meeting (Stockholm, Sweden)

06/12/2009

Meeting with Saharawi activist Aminetu Haidar in Lanzarote, Spain, as she conducted a hunger-strike protest to be allowed to return to Western Sahara.

21/02/2010

ECOSY Presidium Meeting (Brussels, Belgium)

9-10/07/2010

FEPS and Respublica Foundation International Conference on *Social Democratic Solutions to the Economic Crisis* (Lisbon, Portugal)

16-18/07/2010

JS Portugal Congress (Lisbon) – Elected Secretary-General of the organization

15-17/10/2010

ECOSY Employment Conference (Rome, Italy)

03/11/2010

ECOSY Presidium Phone Conference

26-28/11/2010

ECOSY Bureau Meeting (Brussels, Belgium)

12-13/02/2011

ECOSY Networks Seminar (Vienna, Austria)

18-20/02/2011

ECOSY Presidium Meeting (Brussels, Belgium)

04-06/03/2011

ECOSY Drafting Committee Meeting (Brussels, Belgium)

Joan Conca, ECOSY Migration and Integration Network Coordinator
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During the last mandate, I have been in charge to coordinate the ECOSY Migration and Integration Network. During the three network meetings that were held in the different bureau meetings that took place during this mandate, we have been discoursing about the best ways to tackle the migration issue and also how to integrate the migrants into our societies, we also faced one of the biggest issues in the last years, the rising from the far right parties. This last topic was agreed to be introduced in the Network with the co-chair of this Network, Samuel Tarry.

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In the first bureau meeting in Stockholm, I was elected as Network coordinator by the Bureau, and in our first meeting we settle down which were the main issues to talk about during this period. In the second bureau meeting in Toledo, we had a broad discussion about the most effective measures in order to control the migration phenomenon. We talked about the actual European policies, and also we made an overview of the different countries policies and situation about migration. The discussion also took us on how to improve the quality of live on the countries were this people is coming from. On the last bureau meeting took place in Brussels, the idea was to discuss about the integration of migrants, and how this problems is affecting to the increase of far right parties through Europe.

As well during this period we were able to release two newsletters for the International Migrants Day. For this I want to specially thank the ECOSY Vice President, Kaisa Penny and ECOSY Secretary General, Janna Besamusca, and all the people that who contributed with different articles.

In resume it is been a period were we have been discoursing and getting to know about the reality of this issue, unfortunately an due to a family problem we had to cancel the network seminar, which would have been the best way to really go in deep on those topics even so it is been a great experience that has allowed me to have a clear idea about the situation of migrants around Europe and the different ideas on how to make their lives better.

Marianne Muona, ECOSY European Youth Forum network coordinator

EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM (YFJ) NETWORK REPORT

During the period 2008-2010 Europe faced a massive rise in **youth unemployment**. Young people were excessively hit by the financial and economic crisis and more than 5.5 million or on average 21% of young people in the EU under 25 were unemployed in 2009-2010. Moreover, the labour force participation sank: more than a million young people have disappeared from the labour market.

Youth unemployment was one of the key concerns that the European Youth Forum expressed during the mandate 2009-2010 and especially in the EU2020 Strategy lobbying process. In the EU2020 lobby the YFJ joined the Spring Alliance to put forward a social agenda for the post-Lisbon period. The Spring Alliance was created by the leading European civil society organisations: Social Platform, ETUC, European Environmental Bureau and Concord.

The key demand in the terms of youth employment and the **EU2020 Strategy** was the implementation of a **European Youth Guarantee** – that the inactivity of young people should never exceed four months: after that the young person should have the right to be offered a job, an apprenticeship or further education or training. This demand was also discussed and agreed upon in the European Parliament's Intergroup on Youth.

Even if the EU2020 Strategy addressed youth issues to certain extent, especially through the Youth on the Move flagship initiative, it can be questioned if any elements that would really improve the situation of young people were put forward, or if the idea is to cut the money used on the educational and youth mobility

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programmes through repacking them under one initiative. Moreover, special measures to support the European Youth Guarantee properly in the EU2020 Strategy are lacking.

The YFJ also coordinated together with its members a large-scale, trans-national project aimed at developing best practice on how to create entrance to the labour market and decent working conditions for young people. The Youth Employment Action website (www.youthemploymentaction.org) was launched on May 1, 2010, International Labour Day.

During 2009-2010 the European Youth Forum pursued an initiative to develop a **European Quality Charter on Internships** that will lay down basic principles to assure the rights of young people. This was done in partnership with the EU Commission, OBESSU, ESU, CTR, Generation Precaire, MEPs Emilie Turunen and Eider Gardiazabal and the European social partners: ETUC, Business Europe, UEAPME. The EU Commission will conduct a study on internships in 2011. Cooperation on youth employment matters has also begun with Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

The YFJ pursued its efforts in the field of non-discrimination focusing on the initiative related to the draft **EU Directive implementing the principle of equal opportunities (anti-discrimination directive)** in the fields outside employment. More specifically, the YFJ organised with other anti-discrimination networks a meeting in Germany with the aim of developing strategies and common actions among European and German civil society organisations, tackling the persistent opposition of the German government to the introduction of a new piece of equality legislation at the EU Level.

One of the key issues during the European Youth Forum mandate 2009-2010 was the process towards a **European Youth Rights Convention**. The idea is to strengthen rights-based approach to youth policy in order to empower young people to take an active role in our societies. This is most needed because of the demographic challenge: young people are already a minority in the society – in 20 years the situation is going to be even worse. This is why all young people must be empowered to participate in the labour market, education and training and civil society. A rights-based approach is needed to achieve this and it must encompass both civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights.

The European Youth Forum was active in initiating the process towards a European Youth Rights Convention in 2009. The YFJ worked especially closely with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe that is in the process of drafting a report on rights-based approach in youth policy.

One of the successes that ECOSY contributed to during the mandate 2009-2010 was the establishment for the **Intergroup on Youth in the European Parliament** that opened the door for further cooperation with the Parliament. This was a result of an intense lobbying process by the European Youth Forum and committed MEPs, such as ECOSY Vice President Katarina Nevedalova. The European Parliament took the decision to establish an intergroup on youth in December 2009, following the support expressed by three political groups (ALDE, SD, EPP). The first meeting of the intergroup on youth took place in February 2010.

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ECOSY was represented in the YFJ Bureau/Board 2009-2010 by Marianne Muona, former ECOSY Vice President. ECOSY continued to have even a stronger representation in the YFJ Board after the General Assembly in November 2010, when Katarina Nevedalova, ECOSY Vice President 2009-2011 and MEP, was elected as the YFJ Vice President for a two-year mandate 2011-2012.

Michael Heiling, ECOSY Pool of Trainers Coordinator

After my election as new ECOSY PoT Coordinator at the Bureau in May 2010 in Toledo, Spain, the first task was to bring together motivated and experienced trainers from the ECOSY MOs in order to set up a pool for the current mandate and to provide a basis for upcoming mandates.

Now the ECOSY PoT consists of 19 trainers from several member organisations, providing a large range of expert knowledge in training, who could already put their work and knowledge into practice during the MOs summer events and in the ECOSY Winter University, who could already design workshops for our campaign on youth unemployment and for the IUSY World Festival and who could also further develop their skills and exchange knowledge at the ECOSY Pool of Trainers Seminars in Werftpfuhl, Germany and Vienna, Austria.

The workshop toolkit for the campaign "Talking about my generation" was elaborated in early summer 2010, so that several trainers could use and evaluate the methods and the workshops on MOs summer events. The toolkit, consisting of six workshops according to the cornerstones of the campaign that the ECOSY Bureau agreed on in Toledo, was published at the youth employment conference in Rome and is since then available for MOs that want to discuss the campaign topic with their activists in interactive workshops. ECOSY PoT will be happy to produce further ideas on workshops in upcoming ECOSY campaigns.

At the Network Seminar in Werftpfuhl, Germany (4-7 November 2010) ECOSY Pool of Trainers could for a first time come together, discussing approaches to non-formal and informal education and enlarging and exchanging skills in methods and workshop planning. Furthermore the Trainers were able to receive special units in gender-sensitive and LGBT-sensitive education. The Seminar conclusions drawn by the participants are attached to this network report.

The Network Seminar in Vienna, Austria, which took place from 11 to 13 February was another important step in order to consolidate the Pool of trainers and to strengthen it in its developing process. In the seminar two major issues were discussed and tackled: The first one was a discussion on the role of the Pool of Trainers in ECOSY and the upcoming tasks. In a second session the Pool of Trainers could already develop workshop toolkits for the IUSY Summer Camp on the interconnection of Socialism and Feminism, Sustainability, Social Rights and Welfare State Models as well as on Integration and Immigration.

The ECOSY Winter University in February in Brussels was a good opportunity for the ECOSY Pool of Trainers to theory into practice. ECOSY Pool of Trainers was involved in the planning process of the Winter University which provided a well-balanced mixture of interactive workshops, games, plenary discussions, panel discussions,

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round tables and expert talks to the participants. Four members of the ECOSY Pool of Trainers were involved in the planning and moderation of trainings and workshops.

For the upcoming mandate ECOSY Pool of Trainers will have to face a number of challenges, to which it is looking forward. As agreed on the Pool of Trainers Seminar in Vienna, the next steps will be the following:

- ECOSY Pool of Trainers will be present at the IUSY Festival and will support the Festival with the workshops that were already developed. Furthermore the Festival will also be used for further network meetings and knowledge transfer.
- The step to the new mandate is definitely a crucial one for the ECOSY Pool of Trainers. This is why further seminar should be used for knowledge transfer. Current trainers should prepare specific topics together with new interested trainers, using team-teaching and providing "learning-by-doing"-frameworks. ECOSY Pool of Trainers does not have the intention to be an Expert Network, but a space where knowledge in training and moderation is shared and further developed. In order to be successful and sustainable ECOSY Pool of Trainers will have to use progressive and participatory models of education and apply it to itself and to ECOSY.
- As one concrete measure, ECOSY Pool of Trainers will establish a "method database" to which Trainers can contribute with knowledge about moderation techniques, games, theories and other education tools. This should serve further ECOSY generations as a platform of knowledge but will always have to be "work in progress".

Furthermore ECOSY Pool of Trainers envisages to strengthen the cooperation within the socialist family, with the newly-created IUSY Pool of Trainers and the International Falcon Movement – Socialist Education International.

Annex 1:
Seminar Conclusions PoT-Seminar, Werftpfuhl, 4-7 November 2010

Education to empower people is one of the core values socialist organisations are built upon. As ECOSY – Young European Socialist we are promoting this idea everyday.

In a knowledge-based society, such as that in which we live, education is one of the most important values. Not only the traditional understanding and concepts of formal education will shape the future of our society but informal and non-formal educational processes will also take on an increasing importance.

In this seminar we could not only exchange tools and methods but also learn more about socialist concepts of education, about gender-sensitive and LGBT-sensitive training methods, workshop frameworks and group learning processes. The setting of the seminar in a small group with everybody participating did contribute to the learning outcomes.

We believe that non formal education and trainings are one of the best tools for the promotion of the idea of obtaining an equal and inclusive society and for enabling

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people to empower themselves through development of skills and knowledge to actively participate in our world and make it a better one.

The process of learning and empowering should be an integrative part of socialist and social democratic youth organisations. These processes should also be a cornerstone of ECOSY, being the organisation for young socialists in Europe.

As ECOSY Pool of Trainers, we want to contribute to that goal. We can offer to do trainings for both ECOSY and Member organisations, assisting the process of non-formal-learning and designing workshops where help is needed. To ensure that the expertise is shared and further developed, we must educate ourselves also on a theoretical level and with new working methods and find ways to promote these methods within our organisation and the member-organisations.

To achieve this goal, we will need possibilities to exchange, to come together to educate ourselves, to put our work into practice on ECOSY Seminars and to include new trainers in the Pool of Trainers.

This seminar has been a good possibility, to get in contact with each other and member organisations, to educate ourselves, for already working on practical methods with other networks and to define further steps in the cooperation with networks and member organisations. It is evident, that this exchange and this work can not be carried out solely on a virtual basis – so we will also be in need for follow-up seminars in the upcoming mandates of ECOSY.

Miki Dam Larsen, ECOSY Queer Network Coordinator

Report of activities, 23/11/09 – 10/03/11

- December 2009: Met with Janna and Carmen Fischer to discuss the future work and exchange experiences and expectations (during the COP15 summit in Copenhagen)
- February 2010: Preparing Seminar in Vienna for the Queer Easter together with Falcons/IFM-SEI.
- March/April 2010: Queer Easter in Berlin/Kurt Löwenstein Haus. Was part of the team facilitating the seminar. Had meetings with participants from ECOSY-member organizations concerning their expectations of the Queer Network and our strategy for cooperation.
- April 2010: Youth Conference in Jerez in Spain: went on behalf of the Danish Youth Council to discuss youth unemployment.
- May 2010: Organising lobby in connection with Baltic Pride in Lithuania, which resulted in a last minute permission.
- May 2010: participated in ECOSY Bureau meeting in Toledo, Spain.
- June 2010: Conference on "*Health and well-being of young people*" Luiss University, Rome. Lobbied for non-moralistic and informative health campaigns – all of our recommendations were adopted in the final paper.
- June 2010: Joint meeting in New York with IUSY LGBT-coordinator.
- October 2010: ECOSY employment conference in Rome, Italy.
- October 2010: EU Youth Conference in Leuven, Belgium. Participated on behalf of the Danish Youth Council promoting non-formal education and youth participation.

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- November 2010: organised Queer-Feminist Network Seminar in ECOSY Network Seminar in KLH Werftpfuhl, Germany, together with Feminist Network Coordinator Sandra Breiteneder.
- February 2011: hosted feminist network session at ECOSY Network Seminar in Vienna, Austria.
- February 2011: Participated in EU-China Youth Year in Beijing on behalf of the Danish Youth Council.
- March 2011: 10th ECOSY Congress Drafting Committee in Brussels, Belgium.
- March 2011: participated in Queer Easter preparation meeting in Dublin, Ireland.

Sandra Breiteneder, ECOSY Feminist Network Coordinator

During the last mandate the Feminist Network participated in two Network seminars. In the first one in Helsinki we discussed the topics Gender Mainstreaming, migration and housework and prostitution with guest speakers. In the second one we had a workshop on feminist campaigning. Together with the Queer Network we developed methods on tackling sexism and homophobia in our organisations. We also wrote four feminist newsletters during the mandate and worked on a close cooperation with PES Women.

ACTIVITY REPORT

- 20-22 November 2009: elected at ECOSY Bureau meeting in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 25 November Newsletter International day against Violence against Women together with IUSY Feminist Working Group
- 6-8 December 2009: participated in ECOSY delegation at the 8th PES Congress in Prague, Czech Republic. Meeting with Zita Gurmai MEP, President of PES Women, in order to establish closer cooperation between both organisations.
- 11-13 December 2009: participated in IUSY European Committee meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 5-7 February 2010: hosted Feminist Network session at ECOSY Network Seminar in Helsinki, Finland.
- 21 February 2010: participated in extraordinary ECOSY Presidium Meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
- 8 March: ECOSY Feminist Network – PES Women Newsletter International Women's day
- 5- 13 March: UN Conference on the Status of Women, New York (USA)
- 26-28 March 2010: IUSY World Congress in Stockholm and Bommersvik, Sweden. Took part in IUSY Feminist Working Group meeting.
- 7-9 May 2010: hosted international Guests at SJÖ Antifa seminar, Weißenbach am Attersee, Austria.
- 13-15 May 2010: participated in ECOSY Bureau meeting in Toledo, Spain.
- 21-23 May 2010: participated as guest at CSDY congress in Zagreb, Croatia. Visited Youth Day celebration in Kumrovec, Croatia.
- 29 May 2010: participated as guest at Mladi Forum congress in Domžale, Slovenia.
- 16-18 June 2010: participated SI Women Council in Andorra la Vella, Andorra
- 18-20 June 2010: participated as guest at Jusos congress in Essen, Germany.
- 7-11 July 2010: hosted International guests SJÖ Vienna Summer Academy, Mariazell, Austria.

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- 15-18 July 2010: participated in Mladi Forum Lolipop festival in Adlešiči, Slovenia. Hosted workshop on “Fight against Sexism”.
- 19-22 July 2010: participated at Animo summer camp “Sun, Sea & Socialism” in Oostende, Belgium.
- 28-30 July 2010: participated in GD summer camp in Torre del Lago Puccini, Italy. Spoke in panel on Youth employment.
- 29 August-5 September 2010: participated in SJD-Die Falken international summer school in Werftpfuhl, Germany.
- 7-10 October 2010: hosted international guests while SPÖ municipal election campaign in Vienna, Austria.
- 15-17 October 2010: ECOSY employment conference in Rome, Italy. Spoke on panel on discrimination.
- 1-2 November 2010: hosted international guests at SJÖ education seminar in Velden am Wörthersee, Austria.
- 4-7 November 2010: hosted Queer-Feminist Network Seminar in ECOSY Network Seminar in Werftpfuhl, Germany.
- 12-14 November 2010: participated ECOSY Social Balkans Seminar in Velenje, Slovenia.
- 26-28 November 2010: participated in ECOSY Bureau meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
- 25 November 2010: Ecosy Feminist Network –PES Women Newsletter International day against Violence against Women
- 3 December 2010: participated in PES Women Council in Warsaw, Poland and moderated panel on sexual education
- 3-4 December 2010: hosted international guests in SJÖ congress in Sankt Pölten, Austria.
- 27 December 2010-3 January 2011: participated in SJD-Die Falken international winter school in Werftpfuhl, Germany.
- 11-13 February 2011: hosted feminist network session at ECOSY Network Seminar in Vienna, Austria.
- 18-20 February 2011: participated in ECOSY Presidium Meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
- 27 February-29 February 2011: participated in 6th ECOSY/S&D Group in the EP Winter University in Brussels, Belgium.
- 4-6 March 2011: 10th ECOSY Congress Drafting Committee in Brussels, Belgium.
- 8 March: ECOSY Feminist Network Newsletter International Women’s day
- 9-14 March 2011: participated in Queer Easter preparation meeting in Dublin, Ireland.

Thomas Maes, ECOSY Students Network Coordinator
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During the 9th mandate 2009-2011 the ECOSY Students’ Network has oriented its work around four lines of activities:

- follow-up of the Bologna process
- higher education financing models
- higher education governance, student democracy and involvement in national Student Unions
- student organising and establishment of political organisations at higher education institutions.

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A survey of the situation in different countries concerning these four lines has been conducted via contributions from Member Organisations at the physical meetings of and associated with the network. These meetings were held during the ECOSY Bureau meetings in Stockholm (where I was elected), Toledo and Brussels, during the ECOSY Network Seminars in Helsinki and Vienna, and in the framework of the 5th and 6th ECOSY/S&D Group in the EP Winter Universities in Brussels. Also in the framework of the two ECOSY/S&D Winter Universities several higher education-related sessions were held: speakers included then ESU Chair Ligia Deca, ESU Vice-Chair Allan Päll, OBESSU Board Member Jessie Seal, EP Vice-President Gianni Pittella MEP, MEPs Chryssoula Paliadeli, Luigi Berlinguer and Katarína Nevedálová (also ECOSY Vice-President). At the ECOSY Network Seminar in Vienna the students' network piloted an interactive roleplay training on student organising, which was further developed at the 6th ECOSY/S&D Winter University and is being improved continuously.

The students' network also submitted (with the help of all the ECOSY student member organisations) resolutions towards the ECOSY Bureau meetings in Toledo and Brussels and towards the 10th ECOSY Congress.

In addition, the ECOSY students' network provided services, speakers and assistance to cooperating organisations as well as to member organisations: we were pleased to be invited to and participate in the ESU board meeting seminar, and the students' network participated in national students' network meetings in Italy and Spain. We also explored possibilities to assist in the preliminary stage of the set-up of a regional students' network in the Middle East.

Outside the scope of the students' network I participated in all ECOSY activities since the Bureau meeting in Stockholm (in a coordinating capacity at the ECOSY Social Balkans seminar, the 10th ECOSY Congress Drafting Committee and the ECOSY Expert Group on Active Citizenship meeting in London), in a number of member organisations' national congresses (in Croatia, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Germany and Austria) and made further steps towards the reconstruction of the tight cooperation between ECOSY and the international educational activities at the Kurt Löwenstein educational centre of SJD-Die Falken. I was also happy to represent ECOSY at the PES Balkan Conference in Sarajevo and on the PES delegation to Turkey in January 2011.

ACTIVITY REPORT

- 20-22 November 2009: elected at ECOSY Bureau meeting in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 6-8 December 2009: participated in ECOSY delegation at the 8th PES Congress in Prague, Czech Republic. Took part in a preparatory meeting with Zita Gurmai MEP, President of PES Women, in order to establish closer cooperation between both organisations.
- 11-13 December 2009: participated in IUSY European Committee meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. Set up coordination with IUSY Students' Working Group Coordinator Christos Myronidis.
- 20 December 2009: field visit to several occupied universities in Vienna, Austria.
- 28 December 2009-3 January 2010: participated in SJD-Die Falken International Winter School in Werftpfuhl, Germany.

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- 5-7 February 2010: hosted students' network session at ECOSY Network Seminar in Helsinki, Finland.
- 21 February 2010: participated in extraordinary ECOSY Presidium Meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
- 23 February 2010: attended hearing on "Europe's Universities: Challenges and Responses" in the Culture and Education committee of the EP.
- 28 February-4 March 2010: participated in 5th ECOSY/S&D Group in the EP Winter University in Brussels, Belgium. Hosted panels on the Laval and Viking cases, on education ("Delivering a knowledge-based society") and on following up the Bologna process. Participated in drafting the event's final declaration.
- 15 March 2010: attended FEPS conference on the financial transaction tax in Brussels, Belgium.
- 26-28 March 2010: headed Animo delegation to IUSY World Congress in Stockholm and Bommersvik, Sweden. Took part in IUSY Students' Working Group meeting.
- 30-31 March 2010: participated on behalf of ECOSY in PES Balkan Conference and FEPS/EFDS fringe meeting on EU enlargement in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- 1 May 2010: hoisted ECOSY flag at May Day parade in Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2-4 May 2010: participated in 58th ESU (European Students' Union) board meeting seminar in Madrid, Spain. Took part on behalf of ECOSY as speaker in panel discussion on "The future of financing higher education: a looming disaster?" Established relations and cooperation with ESU executive and several national student unions.
- 7-9 May 2010: participated in SJÖ Antifa seminar, Weißenbach am Attersee, Austria. Co-hosted workshop on the Belgian political situation and right-wing extremism in the Benelux countries.
- 13-15 May 2010: participated in ECOSY Bureau meeting in Toledo, Spain.
- 21-23 May 2010: participated as guest at CSDY congress in Zagreb, Croatia. Visited Youth Day celebration in Kumrovec, Croatia.
- 28-30 May 2010: participated as guest at Mladi Forum congress in Domžale, Slovenia.
- 5-6 June 2010: participated as guest at JS in de PvdA congress in Utrecht, Netherlands.
- 13 June 2010: hosted international guests at election night for Belgian (extraordinary) federal elections, Brussels, Belgium.
- 18-20 June 2010: participated as guest at Jusos congress in Essen, Germany.
- 1-4 July 2010: participated in European Social Forum in Istanbul, Turkey. Hoisted ECOSY flag at closing demonstration.
- 7-11 July 2010: participated in SJÖ Vienna Summer Academy, Mariazell, Austria. Hosted workshop on Belgian political history and colonialism.
- 15-18 July 2010: participated in Mladi Forum Lolipop festival in Adlešiči, Slovenia. Hosted workshop on Keynesian economic governance.
- 19-22 July 2010: hosted international guests at Animo summer camp "Sun, Sea & Socialism" in Oostende, Belgium.
- 23-25 July 2010: participated in JSE Student Network opening event in Granada, Spain. Spoke in introductory panel on student organising in political student organisations and student unions.
- 27-30 July 2010: participated in GD summer camp in Torre del Lago Puccini, Italy. Spoke in panel on student organising.
- 29 August-5 September 2010: participated in SJD-Die Falken international summer school in Werftpfuhl, Germany.

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- 29 September 2010: hoisted ECOSY flag at European Trade Union demonstration in Brussels, Belgium.
- 7-10 October 2010: joined SPÖ municipal election campaign in Vienna, Austria.
- 15-17 October 2010: ECOSY employment conference in Rome, Italy. Hosted panel on employability as a criterion in higher education.
- 1-2 November 2010: participated on behalf of ECOSY in SJÖ education seminar in Velden am Wörthersee, Austria. Hosted workshop on youth employment in Belgium and European macroeconomic governance tools.
- 4-7 November 2010: participated in ECOSY Network Seminar in Werftpfuhl, Germany. Participated in Pool of Trainers session.
- 12-14 November 2010: coordinated ECOSY Social Balkans Seminar in Velenje, Slovenia. Hosted workshop programme, workshop and panel debate on social policy and the economical crisis.
- 20-21 November 2010: hosted international guests at Animo congress in Leuven, Belgium.
- 26-28 November 2010: participated in ECOSY Bureau meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
- 1-3 December 2010: participated in ECOSY delegation at the PES Council in Warsaw, Poland.
- 3-4 December 2010: participated as guest in SJÖ congress in Sankt Pölten, Austria.
- 27 December 2010-3 January 2011: participated in SJD-Die Falken international winter school in Werftpfuhl, Germany.
- 12 January 2011: attended S&D Group in the EP round table "Support for European Social Democracy: Trends and Challenges". Represented ECOSY.
- 26-29 January 2011: participated in PES delegation to Turkey in Ankara, Diyarbakir and Istanbul on behalf of ECOSY. Established contact with youth organisations of PES member parties CHP and BDP.
- 11-13 February 2011: hosted students' network session at ECOSY Network Seminar in Vienna, Austria.
- 18-20 February 2011: participated in ECOSY Presidium Meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
- 27 February-3 March 2011: participated in 6th ECOSY/S&D Group in the EP Winter University in Brussels, Belgium. Hosted interactive trainings on European socialism and social democracy and on student organising and panels on reclaiming education, on student mobility and Bologna reform, and on migration and climate change.
- 3 March 2011: hosted international guests at Animo international working group session on uprisings in North Africa in Brussels, Belgium.
- 4-6 March 2011: coordinated 10th ECOSY Congress Drafting Committee in Brussels, Belgium.
- (planned) 10-12 March 2011: participated on behalf of ECOSY in Queer Easter preparation meeting in Dublin, Ireland.
- (planned) 12-13 March 2011: coordinated ECOSY Expert Group on Active Citizenship meeting in London, UK.
- (planned) 18-20 March 2011: participated in 10th ECOSY Congress preparatory visit to Bucharest, Romania.
- (planned) 26-27 March 2011: hosted international guests at Animo congress in Antwerp, Belgium.