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FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Reflecting on the first 6 months since the election to the Presidency of FEPS, it is satisfying to be able to see the overview of how all the different projects come together with all our partners who serve this platform for debate.

Now three years since its creation, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies is advancing strongly in contributing to a Progressive political debate at national, European and international level. It has been successful in positioning itself in the progressive European political landscape and is now recognised as a place of reference for thought, reflection and intellectual research. Being an integral part of the network of national Progressive political foundations and think tanks, FEPS has well established projects concerning different debates across most of the Member States in the EU. This is of course thanks to the commitment of the member Foundations. FEPS is also more widely known on an international level too, thanks to the projects in cooperation with the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Colombia University in New York and several other think tanks in the USA, India, South America and South Africa.

In terms of how it is framing its rhetoric, **the Progressive**

movement is in a transitional period, due largely to how the movement feels and how it is currently perceived in the political arena across Europe. The financial crisis seemed to allow the ideal opportunity to change the economic model. The need was apparent to benefit the economy by putting more emphasis on equality, social welfare and well-being, in addition to implementing more regulation to establish a less precarious financial system. It provoked a lot of debate on socio-economic issues, and the Progressive movement, not least, was expecting a dramatic change to take place, in ensuring that it would not be the citizens who have to pay back the bankers' and stockbrokers' irresponsible spending. Just a few months after the start of the crisis, campaigns such as **the Financial Transaction Tax (FTT)** were very well supported. However, back to the reality, now it is unfortunate to see, that instead of this hopeful opportunity, we are now witnessing a more right-wing, more nationalist sentiment across Europe. During 2010, the effects of the financial crisis were seen to be taking its toll. In particular in Greece, Portugal, Ireland and Spain seemed to suffer most from the so-called 'austerity measures'. For which, no other alternative policies to solve the crisis were considered. It is a constant struggle to affirm our values and concepts, which are based on democracy, the rights of the individuals and social justice.

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER

The strength and added value of FEPS as a policy instrument can be found in its ability to provide a realm where the connection between national and European debates takes place, where people's experiences can inspire and enrich one another, and where intellectual synergies can be fulfilled. This was particularly noticeable during the first half of 2010, when the **expansion of the "Next Left"** project took place and the network enlarged. Moving on from reflecting on the state of the social democratic rhetoric across Europe and going towards a deep debate on our values. **Chaired by Alfred GUSENBAUER**, former Chancellor of Austria, the Next Left focus group is home to high-level political discussions of the strongest members of our network and political family. The Renewal of Social democracy has also been high on the agenda of the member national Foundations and think tanks and the PES.

In my inaugural speech at the General Assembly last June 2010, I outlined two main arteries that FEPS should pursue. The first being **the project for Europe** and the second being **our worldview**. These lines are still being followed as you can see in the pillars of the activities. In a multi-polar world we cannot remain inward-looking in our political debate. We must take into account more, other actors in our political debates. Also it is clear to the rest of the world that Europe continues to operate as a sum of its national governments and not as a unified political body. The inadequacy of its political and economic instruments has become apparent. We recognise that **"together we are stronger"**, this needs to be made a reality.

The activity report illustrates the many activities which FEPS is carrying out. Bringing this into one document makes us aware of the magnitude of debate necessary over the five pillars and this illustrates so clearly just how closely the **different layers of debate are connected** to one another, the intra-linking of different policies is evident.

I would like to underline my gratitude to the whole **team at FEPS** for their incredible work over the last year and also their strong commitment, which I have noticed since becoming "part of the team" for one year too. In particular I would like to thank **Ernst STETTER**, General Secretary, for his intuitive guidance on the project to which FEPS was created.

This document is really just a short summary of the debates which FEPS is involved in. In no shape or form does it demonstrate the true importance of any of the projects. For this I would like to encourage you to participate in these projects in true synergy with the **PES and the S&D group in the European Parliament and the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions** and to bring in your own experiences and knowledge in order to contribute to the Progressive debate in order to be able to better communicate our values. FEPS is tackling those challenges.

The Europe of tomorrow will be judged on its ability to meet the global challenges of today.

Massimo D'ALEMA
President of FEPS

INTRODUCTION

The European Foundation is now well established and has been carrying out activities with its members and partners successfully for an extended period now. This has meant that the activity planning of FEPS has advanced extensively and is also much more established. You will see a copy of the detailed working plan 2010 illustrating the working pillars of FEPS. As you can see the overall title is **“Towards a Progressive Europe”** as this is the main objective of its existence. Then there are the two main working lines, **“Working Together for Europe”** and **“Working together in a Globalised World”**. FEPS recognises that Europe as a region in a globalised world, is heavily influenced by political circumstances elsewhere so the activities reflected this. Within these activities have been separated into five political themes:

- **Next Left**
- **Framing the European Debate**
- **European Coherence**
- **Sustainable Economy**
- **New Global Solidarities**

The activities are detailed according to this working plan throughout this activity report. For more information on the publications it is recommended to consult the website www.feps-europe.eu.

Activities in very close collaboration with the national political foundations and think tanks within Europe have continued in 2010. Their support is invaluable in implementing activities across the member States which in turn enables **to foster more exchange and connection between national and**

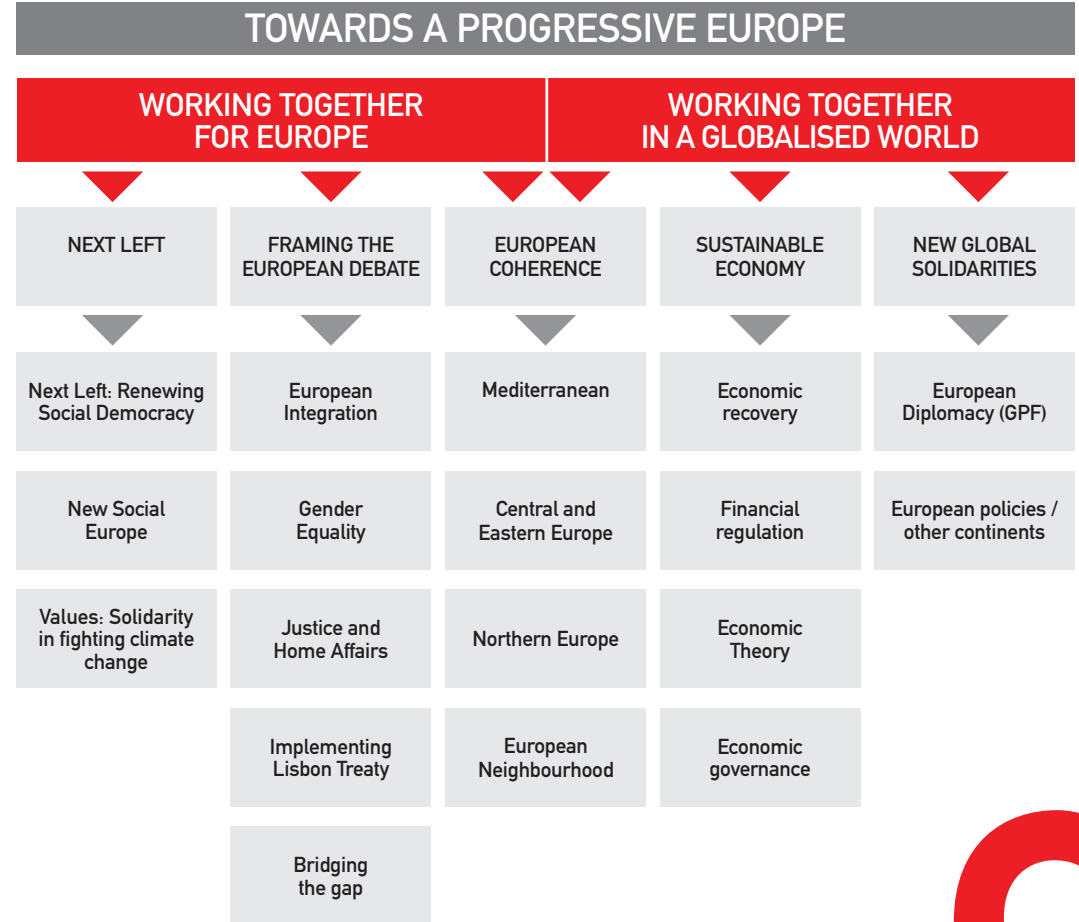
European political discussions and to act as a platform facilitating mutual work on the European level.

Indeed FEPS always participates and is involved in its member activities of its Brussels partners as much as possible also, for example Ecosy meetings, PES and their network meetings, conferences and meetings in the European Parliament with the S&D group or the Committee of the Regions with the PES group.

In addition, close international partnerships in **Africa, India, Latin America and the USA** have been strengthened in order to reflect the **changing global axes**. This year has seen a continuation of close relations and activities with European institutions and international affiliated organisations.

On the 30th June 2010, **Massimo D'ALEMA**, former Prime Minister of Italy was elected the first President of FEPS at the General Assembly. He illustrated his aims and objectives to the members during the General Assembly of which he wishes to bring to FEPS. One of the priorities which were distinguished for FEPS firstly was to develop the communication strategy and improve visibility for the European Foundation. Outlining a long term strategy for the Foundation it was clear that a strong vision for Europe, building a financially and socially sustainable society for the citizen's to live in and to have a strong, unified political body within the EU was important. Equally on a worldview, a less Eurocentric, more multi-lateral approach to global political affairs is sought. This was demonstrated in the activity programme of the second half of 2010 and beyond.

2010 DETAILED WORKING PLAN



GENERAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives of FEPS are defined in **Article 4.4 of the adopted statutes**. It is stated that FEPS is to pursue international aims in respect of the principles on which the European Union is based, namely the principles of freedom, equality, solidarity, democracy, respect of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as Respect of the Rule of Law.

FEPS aims to develop **progressive thinking** and strengthening the socialist, social democratic, labour and democratic progressive ideas in the European Union and throughout Europe.

In addition, as a European political foundation close to the Party of European Socialists (PES), and the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, FEPS has embedded its action plan into the promotion and fostering of its European social democratic values.

To accomplish its objectives, the actions of FEPS have always sought to fulfil the following objectives:

- **promoting debate**, at national, European and global levels;
- **developing new ideas** to face the new European challenges;
- **strengthening the relations** between national- and European-based foundations;
- **driving more synergies** and complementarities within the European – and global – progressive family in all its components, using FEPS as the platform to foster them, in particular between the different members of FEPS;
- putting forward again the objectives of a **new model for society** and the promotion of the European idea;
- Keeping **regional/transnational dimensions** of the activities of FEPS to avoid Brussels-centric thinking, not forgetting the local level of political struggle;
- Holding equality as a principle in all activities, be it gender or geographical origin.

The political **circumstances that occurred in 2010**, in particular for the progressive movement, have influenced the unfolding of the initial activity plan that FEPS presented when applying. The **consequences of the financial and economic crisis**, on the one hand, but also **national political situations**, on the other have weighed significantly in the priorities of FEPS, be it in terms of research programmes or in terms of activities with partners. Being a political foundation whose asset is to be able to **react to opportunities**, FEPS adjusted its activity plan accordingly.



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NEXT LEFT

The Next Left pillar is the driving force of the Progressive movement which is currently taking place in Europe and across other continents. The three sections in this pillar of the activities address the central values which give impetus for debate to inspire the political process of the political left.

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RENEWAL OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

Since its creation, FEPS always considered it fundamental to question the **core values** of the progressive movement and how they emerge with the evolution of society. The results of the latest national elections across Europe and the European elections in 2009 prove that such reflection was necessary more than ever as Europe's citizens are increasingly questioning the **ability of social democracy to give them clear and concrete answers**.

Where do the **core values** such as **internationalism, equality, social justice and emancipation** stand today? What is the **ideological identity** of political partisans nowadays and how does democracy, illustrate **solidarity** and **social justice**. Activities under this theme began in 2009 but it soon became marked that the discussion needed was actually much deeper than previously envisaged and the project also received so much interest that it became one of the main working pillars of FEPS. As the title suggests, the intellectual focus was not on crises and looking back but rather on new ideas and solutions for the progressive left.

The support of the **Karl Renner Institute** from Austria, as well as of former Austrian Chancellor **Alfred GUSENBAUER** who kindly took the chairmanship of the "Next Left" focus group, has been instrumental to the success of this research programme. It also gave the added-value to FEPS as the **'multiplier'** effect became very apparent with this project. Following the attention that FEPS research and other intellectual processes taking place across Europe and Latin America brought, a seminar was held at **Brown University, Rhode Island, USA** under the auspices of **Alfred GUSENBAUER** and **Ricardo LAGOS**, former President of Chile. The meeting was under the general theme of the Next Left debate and entitled 'Globalised Solidarity'.

Notable activity in this pillar in 2010:

Next Left, volume II Book Launch | Leader's Visions for Europe's Future | 28th April | Brussels

*The book, a collection of speeches of social democratic, progressive and labour (party) leaders was launched with a high-level public debate in Brussels. Speakers on the panel at the conference debate with over 100 participants, were **Caroline GENNEZ** (President of SP.a), **Alfred GUSENBAUER** (former Chancellor of Austria, Chair of the FEPS Next Left Focus Group), **Zita GURMAI** (PES Women President, FEPS Vice President and MEP), **Stephen HUGHES** (Vice President of the S&D Group in the EP and MEP) and **Marita ULVSKOG** (VP of the S&D Group and MEP).*



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General activities in 2010:

9 Next Left National Round Tables across Europe:

Next Left: Causes for the Next Left | 16th January | London | with the support of the Fabian Society

Next Left: Crisis policies and crisis of politics | 5th March | Sofia | with the support of Institute for Social Integration

Next Left – the post election conference | 15th May | London | with the support of the Fabian Society

What's next? Next Left | 4th June | Barcelona | with the support of Rafael Campalans, Fundacion and Ideas

Next Left: Welche Zukunft für die soziale Demokratie in Europa? | 29th June | Berlin | with the support of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Next Left: The Flourishing Society – What is the vision for Ireland? | 12th July | Dublin | with the support of TASC

Next Left: Insecurity, fairness and the new social democracy | 27th September | Manchester | with the support of the Fabian Society

Next Left: Renewing social democracy. Contributions to a European-wide debate | 4th November | Rome | with the

support of Italiani Europei, Fondazione Socialismo, Istituto Gramsci and FES)

What Next for the Left | 18th November | Gent | with the support of the Gerrit Kreveld Stichting
This translated to the involvement of over 1100 high-level participants from across the member states of the EU.

4 Next Left Round Tables in Brussels realised with the support of the Karl Renner Institute:

Responding to our Changing Society | 16th March

Our Values in a Changing World | 8th June

A progressive socio-economic paradigm for Europe | 28th October

Mobilising for International Solidarity | 17th November
Involving altogether more than 150 experts and resulting in over 50 papers submitted to become articles of the Next Left vol. III.

FEPS Next Left Fringe Meeting at the PES Council | 3rd December | Warsaw | with the support of the Renner Institute.

Speakers were 4 former heads of state and a PES member party leader with the participation of 55 high-level politicians.

3 meetings of the FEPS Young Academics Network, with the support of Renner Institute:

12th-14th March | Establishing meeting

9th, 10th, 11th July | Developing research guidelines

29th November – 1st December | Advancing the research
Bringing together 35 young researchers from 22 countries

Publications:

Next Left book, volume II | Leader's Visions for Europe's Future | 28th April | Brussels

A collection of groundbreaking speeches of 28 social democratic, progressive and labour (party) leaders. Organised into 6 chapters: Time for a New Direction; Enduring values, Enduring Virtues; Breaking Down Neo-Liberal Myths; Together, We are Stronger; Jobs, Welfare and Prosperity; Beyond the Nation State; the book provides a great contribution to a pan-European debate on the renewal of social democracy.

Next Europe, Next Left | Queries magazine, issue n° 1 | February-March |

The first issue of the new publication, the articles were

distributed into the following categories: Future of Social Europe, Changing European Society, Green Agenda for a Sustainable Europe, Europe of Democracy and Civic Participation and International Responsibility of Europe in a Global Age.

What comes before, what comes next? | Queries Magazine, issue n° 3 | October-November |

This issue commemorates the late Tony Judt and his work. Ill Fares the Land, his last book, touches upon the mission that a renewed social democracy must embark upon in order to reverse the negative processes corroding our societies, through respecting all the achievements of past generations and being optimistic about the chances for the progressives to succeed in the future. Therefore it directly links with the Next Left project of FEPS, writers contributed from Europe and the Americas. The articles were grouped into the following topics: In Memoriam, Stimulus to Dialogue, Courage for Change and Lessons for the "Next Left".

Desk Studies:

Models of (s)electing a top candidate | June 2010 | Written by Dr A. SKRZYPEK

A research on possible mechanisms of nominating, selecting and deciding on whom and how the person could become so called "top candidate" for the next European elections.

Social democracy for Youth | May 2010 | Written by Dr A. SKRZYPEK



NEW SOCIAL EUROPE

In this pillar there were two important activities; the first one being the ongoing activity with Solidar on Together for Social Europe. The second one being the research of the perception inequalities, carried out with the Jean Jaurès Foundation.

Together for Social Europe | March | with the support of Solidar

The project which began in 2008 continued through 2009 and finished in 2010. Focusing on selected social realities in the five fields of social services, social/active inclusion, migration/integration, decent work and volunteering, under the project a series of activities were organised. The project aims to improve European decision-makers' knowledge of the social realities of people coming from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Publications:

Investigation into Inequalities | 18th June | with support from the Jean Jaurès Foundation, ItalianiEuropei and the Brookings Institute

A comparative study in 12 countries on the perception of inequality which was tackled as a survey carried out by IFOP (Institut français d'opinion publique). Exactly 7203 interviews took place in spring 2010 and different questions were asked on issues such as pay, access to education, healthcare and housing to try to find out if people feel that they live in a fair society.

SOLIDARITY THE REASON TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change in general is such a broad topic of debate which is why this section of activities was integrated into the Next Left theme of the programme in order to give more reflection on the basic progressive values that we hold and how these values are positioned today in critical debates at national, European and International level. Several crucial topics of the moment have been covered but always keeping the main issue of the fundamental need for social justice and climate justice. The main point being that the climate change is happening. It is also affecting and will affect the most vulnerable groups in our society, hence the value chosen to head the debate's theme was Solidarity.

Activities:

Regular conferences in the European Parliament in Brussels under the auspices of Jo LEINEN MEP.

Solidarity: The reason to fight Climate change | 7th April

The Lack of Global Governance - What Consequences for the World's Natural Resources? | 17th October

Environment Task Force | 7th July | Organised by IPD and Brooks World Poverty Institute | An expert round table of economists and environmental experts including Joseph STIGLITZ and Nicholas STERN.

Publications in 2010:

Financing Climate Change. Tools to Fund Adaptation and mitigation Initiatives | April | Sony KAPOOR, Managing Director Re-Define, Ryan HOGARTH and Thais NARCISO, Research Associates at Re-Define, Additional contributions by Linda OKSNES, Bertelle PRESTA and Anne GIBSON

Climate Change and Social Justice | May | Louis LEMKOV,

Environmental Policy as Social Policy | June | Michael MÜLLER



FRAMING THE EUROPEAN DEBATE

This theme came about to discuss ongoing deep debates about the role of the EU, its processes and policies.

Notable activity in this pillar in 2010:

Americans and Europeans: Together towards equality | 15-16th October | Paris, France |

The two-day conference had two main topics: **Fighting against gender-based violence** and **Facilitating women's access and success in the workplace** as well as its balance with family life.

The first day focused on the different types of gender based violence which exist, also differentiating between personal and professional conflict situations and how this issue is perceived in European and American society. What strategies and which services are available and if they are used. It was also investigated if there is a link between downturns in economy, poverty, overall development and violence against women.

The second day sought how to promote gender equality in the field on employment. Such as how to fight gender stereotypes to promote women's progress in male dominated professions, how to involve men in the emancipation process in order to achieve a better work-life balance and the effect which the crisis has had on female unemployment figures. The specific tools were underlined to overcome double discrimination of certain groups of women (e.g. gender minorities, ethnic and national minorities, migrants) on the employment market in the two continents.

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EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

The research project which began in 2009 entitled “Facing the test of global financial and economic crisis : Will the EU rise to the challenge and deepen integration ?” coordinated by Dr Christian DEUBNER, came to a close in 2010 with two meetings. This project fed into the activities under sustainable economy also but the main objective was to assess how the financial crisis had affected decision making and integration processes in the EU.

In addition, after success of the project carried out in 2009 with the support of the Institute for World Economics of Hungary and under the leadership of Professor András INOTAI, further research was continued in 2010. It aims at answering the question of **how the “new member States” that joined the EU in 2004 and 2007 can influence the process of European integration.** As this was the largest EU enlargement it is significant to see how patterns of decision making have changed.

The Re-Structuring of European Banks. The Challenge to EMU Governance, and Lessons to Learn |

21st January | Brussels | Project coordinated by Dr C. DEUBNER

Co-ordinating National and European Growth Stimuli in an Economic and Monetary Union |

4th March | Brussels | Project coordinated by Dr C. DEUBNER
At this meeting there was also an key presentation from Maria João RODRIGUES on “Instruments and institutions for EU-wide coordination, of growth stimulation and of wind-down in Member States and at EU level.”

The impact of the 10 new Member States on EU decision-making: The experience of the first years |

3rd March | Budapest, Hungary | Mid-term assessment of the project

Publications 2010:

The impact of the 10 new Member States on EU decision-making: The experience of the first years |
June 2010 | Coordinated by Prof. András INOTAI

Will Europe keep its Farmers? Putting the reform of the CAP into perspective | September 2010 | Book | Written by Henri NALLET | Published with the support of the Jean Jaurès Foundation
As financial support for sustaining the agricultural policy becomes very costly, farmer’s incomes are plummeting. Henri NALLET with an economist background puts the historical steps of the building process over the last half century into perspective and suggests various recommendations for continuation. As this is one of the most important pillars of the European budget and European policy, is set to be an important debate in EU affairs across the spectrum in the coming years this is mirrored in the activity plan and will also be an ongoing project for the next years. With the changes that the

Lisbon treaty brings, there expects to be significant changes to the EU budget, this will affect the employment and social aspects of a large section of EU citizens. Therefore the book was published this year on the future of CAP and the future of farmers. Copies were also sent out to all our members and also distributed to all the MEPs who form the S&D group in the European Parliament.

Facing the test of Global Financial and Economic Crisis: Will the EU rise to the challenge and deepen integration? |

December | Executive summary of the project coordinated by Dr C. DEUBNER
This paper is partly an outcome of the meeting held over the course of the project in 2009 and 2010. The intellectual preparation was done during this time but the paper was finally published online and presented at a debate to the Brussels public at the beginning of 2011.

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GENDER EQUALITY

Gender equality will always be at the core principles of FEPS. This is demonstrated throughout the activities and institutional affairs. As 2011 will witness the 100 years anniversary of International Women's Day it was inevitable that a special focus should be given to this significant moment in history. Therefore in 2010 the Foundation devoted one issue of the **Queries Magazine** to this debate. This was a collection of articles which centred around the following themes: Gender sensitive, progressive Europe, A commitment that arises from a century struggle, Stronger from the past, encouraging experiences and the next agenda for changing society. Other activities looked into the current situation of women in the Labour market, the balance of personal and professional life of women and human rights issues related to gender imbalances. Using also **social medias and the internet**, an online public debate was launched in order to target new audiences and include different groups of people to participate in activities, putting the communication strategy into practice and positioning it at the root of the activities.

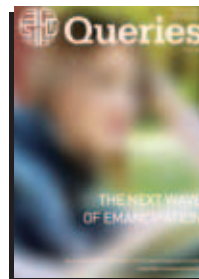
The situation of women on the labour market – the long-term consequences of the crisis | 27th March 2010
| Paris, France | with the support of the Jean Jaurès Foundation

The current situation and the future of Progressive feminism | 1st October | Online debate launched in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the International Women's Day



The next wave of emancipation | **Queries Magazine** issue n° 2 | July 2010

The issue outlines the project on women's movements, the history of feminism and the continuous struggle for equality. The articles were grouped into the following categories: Gender sensitive, progressive Europe, a commitment that arises from a century struggle, Stronger from the past, encouraging experiences and the next agenda for changing society



JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

FEPS Jurist Network held regular meetings throughout the year. The network also grew in numbers and each time the meeting focused on a different topic. In light of the debates in the European Parliament concerning the access to personal data related to financial transactions generated by SWIFT/PNR, the Network offered a deeper analysis on the issue of the **protection of private data** in the first half of the year. Rather than an approach based solely on the concerns for security issues, the members of the Network aimed to come up with a progressive proposal seeking the right balance between security and the safeguarding citizens' rights. The project will continue into 2011 with the plan of a paper, following the European Parliament debates.

The members contributed to the establishment of the **European Citizens Initiative (ECI)**. The meeting and the study prepared on the ECI was a useful tool for reasoning for the rapporteurs in the European Parliament to introduce progressive amendments to the text before voting. The study, which aimed to offer legal proposals for creating a user-friendly, accessible ECI, was also widely commented and appreciated by representatives of the European institutions, politicians, Non-Governmental Organisations and of course the citizens.

FEPS Jurists Network meeting on the analysis of the Stockholm Programme | 29th January 2010 | Brussels, Belgium

FEPS Jurists Network meeting on the Reform of the European Data Protection Directive | 23rd April 2010 | Brussels, Belgium

FEPS Jurists Network meeting on the legal aspects of the European Citizens' Initiative | 17th September | Brussels, Belgium

Publications in 2010:

European Citizens' Initiative | 15th October 2010 | A reflection of the discussions within the FEPS Jurists Network, written by Judit TANCZOS

IMPLEMENTING THE LISBON TREATY

With the Lisbon Treaty now in place, the popular debate of the Citizen's Initiative was covered in more detail within this pillar and in the global solidarities pillar but in particular within the Jurists network, in order to assess what the initiative actually brings about.

The Lisbon Treaty and the European Citizens' Initiative |

15th April | European Parliament, Brussels | with Fondazione Socialismo

BRIDGING THE GAP

The creation of the European Foundations initially was to contribute to European public policy issues by involving relevant stakeholders and representatives of civil society and youth groups. This closing of the divide between the European institutions and the citizens which goes in both directions is one of the fundamental reasons of existence of the Foundation. This idea is disseminated across the activity structure but appears most notably in activities of training young people, engaging young people in European political affairs by using new media tools and representing the European progressive debate at important national party events.

Work in the 21st Century | 17th October | Rome, Italy | with the support of Ecosy | Conference

European Social Democracy: The Path Back to Power | 29th September | Manchester, UK | Fringe debate at UK Labour party annual Conference, co organised with the EPLP (European Parliamentary Labour Party)

EU4U | 8th – 10th July | Linz, Austria | with the support of Solidar

This project was designed to develop innovative ways of engaging young people in debates on Social Europe.

Establishing a social networking infrastructure. By addressing the broad topic of "Social Europe" it should start from reflection and work on various aspects of social realities to be addressed by all European societies in one way or another, such as poverty and social exclusion, unemployment, precarious working conditions and

working poor, discrimination and xenophobia, as well as migration and integration. The two-day conference used new innovative communication tools. Facebook, Twitter, Webstreaming. A group of 50 participants attended the meeting physically and also more participants online from around Europe.

Working meeting with Gauche réformatrice européenne |

25th May | Discussing the future of member Foundation GRE

Summer school "Education and dissemination and skills of European issues at local level | 21st – 23rd May |

28th – 30th May | 18th – 20th June | with the support of the Fondazione Socialismo

Several two day training workshops in three destinations in Italy, the north, the centre and the south.

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EUROPEAN COHERENCE

This area is divided into geographical regions in order to focus on different problems which those area face being within Europe or on its doorstep.

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MEDITERRANEAN

The Mediterranean basin encompasses the region which includes one of the main global North/South divides and is at the cultural, political, religious crossroads between the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. The idea of the working group is fundamentally to revitalise the perception of the Mediterranean. Discussions incorporated the economy, peace and security, migrations, religions, democracy, institutional affairs and more besides.

Notable activity in this pillar in 2010:

Mediterranean Strategic Dialogue | 29th October | Brussels

The final meeting in the year of the focus group and the reflections which took place over the course of the year were gathered together and presented in an executive summary document. The project aims to revitalise the perceptions that we, as Europeans, have on this region and also to improve the dialogue between the EU and the Mediterranean region and to maintain the idea of a Union for the Mediterranean. The Focus group has around 30 members and the project will be prolonged into 2011.



General activities in this pillar in 2010:

First meeting to define a working programme with the Southern Foundations | 8th March | Barcelona | The project is with the support of Rafael Campalans, IDEAS, IDEAT, Res publica, Italiani Europei, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Re public

First Reflection Group meeting | 26th April | Brussels

Reflection group and Foundations meeting | 22nd July | Barcelona



CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

There is strong cooperation with the Foundations in this region but usually not concentrated in a political topic which affects this sole geographical region. Support is rather through participation in other activities, FEPS networks and the Bureau.

NORTHERN EUROPE

This region which includes some of the wealthiest economies and well-running social systems is often the focus of keen analysis in various political arenas.

5th Research and Policy Days: Culture and Politics in the Age of Egoism | 4-5th November | Helsinki, Finland | with the Kalevi Sorsa Foundation

Nordic economies after the Crisis | October | Meetings in Stockholm and in the USA | with the support of the Kalevi Sorsa Foundation

EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

Being on the doorstep of Europe but not included as a member state can be frustrating. FEPS believes that we must involve these actors as much as possible in political debate. In particular to the East of Europe, these countries are in accession discussions and their political situation is directly affected by what happens in the EU and similarly, the EU is directly affected about political situations in these countries. Therefore it is worthwhile to have an equal debate with all actors.

Conference on EU enlargement and the current state of play | 30th March | Bosnia, Sarejevo | with the support of the European Forum and the Alfred Mozer Stichting

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SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

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Since its creation, FEPS considered of crucial importance that the progressive movement regains influence on economic theory and prioritised the development of a strong conceptual corpus for a **progressive economic theory** focusing on social justice and solidarity as part of economic policies.

Following our previous assessment of the roots of the crisis, FEPS developed several investigations and projects based on the need to **rebalance income distribution** in the whole economy. Indeed, a major cause of the crisis lies in the **rise of inequalities**, which lead to an increase of profit invested in the financial activities in the lack of aggregate demand. While it was said that unemployment could only decrease through a decrease in real wages and financial deregulation, FEPS maintains rather that the development of major economic imbalances was made possible thanks to the deregulation of markets.

In the aftermath of the financial burst, the consequence of **irresponsible private financial behaviours** (given the macro-environment), many States engaged in huge rescue plan and bail-out schemes, transforming a private disease into a public one. While the system was still able to afford credit in the economy, losses have been nationalised and past profits are staying in private hands. There is here an economic issue very much linked to a social issue which could make think that the two areas are distinct, which does not seem to be the case. Hence, **social policies can be considered as economic policies**.

FEPS was very committed towards the debate on the implementation of a financial transaction tax, responding, together with the **Europeans for Financial Reform coalition**, to the IMF financial taxation consultation. In March 2010, a conference focusing on the feasibility and regulatory aspect of such a tax was organised in Brussels, with very high level experts in this field. Research has also been conducted to analyse how other major actors in the financial sphere were regulating their activities, especially in the United States. Within the collaboration framework with the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (Columbia University), FEPS also produced a survey on the impact of the Basel III agreement on the stability of the financial sector.

However, as market deregulation did not lead to the same outcome in the different regions of the European Union, or of the globalised world. Indeed, one of the lessons of the crisis is the need to assess **macroeconomic interconnections between European Member States**. Some experienced huge surpluses while others were in deficit. Such a situation should call for a more ambitious and integrated Europe, raising the need for a fiscal harmonisation and a European industrial policy for key sectors. That is the message FEPS tried to disseminate through its member foundations network by organising regular work seminar. FEPS prolonged its fruitful collaboration with the **Economic Council of the Labour Movement in Denmark (ECLM)**, producing forecasts for Europe on the bases of the Commission plans and alternative progressive scenarios for short, middle and long terms. In addition, FEPS conducted research and studies building a comprehensive and systematic theoretical framework, based on rigorous assessments of the impact of the crisis on the European integration process, to analyse the economic governance of the European Union.

FEPS also attended the meetings of the **Geneva Group**, an informal group composed of social democratic key policy-makers at global level (**Pascal LAMY at WTO, Dominique STRAUSS-KAHN at IMF, amongst others**) who gather to set common progressive strategies and agenda in the field of economic policies. In this respect, FEPS organised, in the few days preceding the IMF/World Bank Autumn meetings, a very high level conference to which attended, among others, JOMO K. S., J. STIGLITZ, P. LAMY, J. A. OCAMPO, Y. V. REDDY and S. GRIFFITH-JONES, on Global Economic Governance.

Notable activity in this pillar in 2010:

Global Economic Governance Conference | 7th & 8th October | Washington, USA | With the support of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Colombia University. *A two-day conference which took place at the Brookings Institute with very eminent Economists and political figures from around the world, such as J. STIGLITZ, P. LAMY, Y. REDDY, J. Kwame SUNDARAM, J. YIFU LIN, S. GRIFFITH JONES, D. SILVERS and J.A. OCAMPO. The discussions focused on institutional issues for global governance, macro-governance, trade, finance and development. The conference closed with a public debate on 'Global Economic Issues for World Development'. This conference was part of the Economic Governance project.*

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ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Visit of Wiardi Beckmann Stiftung | 14th January | Brussels | Delegation to FEPS office

Economic Network | 11th March | Dublin | Participation of FEPS at TASC's regular network meeting

Green Stimulus seminar | 10th June | Dublin | with the support of TASC

The Crisis and Financial Reforms | 28th May | Madrid

Progressive Tax System conference | 28th May | Riga

Industrial Policy and Development: the Political Economy of Capabilities Accumulation | by Dosi, Stiglitz, Cimoli | 22nd February | South Center, Geneva, Switzerland | Participation at the high level book launch.

Financing Market and State | 3rd March | Brussels | Debate at ECOSY Winter University | Intervention on the panel by Matthieu MÉAULLE

New Social Risks in the Nordic Societies | 10th June | Stockholm | 30th September | Helsinki | Preparatory meetings with the support of SAMAK, Friedrich EBERT Stiftung ECLM, Kalevi Sorsa, Tankesmedia

Assises de la Rénovation | 19th June | Grenoble, France | With the support of the Jean Jaurès Foundation

What social democratic solutions can we have to the current economic situation? | 9th & 10th July | Lisbon | Conference with the support of Respublica

European Recovery, the Franco-German relationship and European integration | 15th September | Brussels | FEPS seminar

Towards Recovery | 22nd & 23rd October | Dublin | Participation at a TASC conference

Roots of the crisis | 10th November | Columbia University, New York | Presentation by Matthieu MÉAULLE at a PhD seminar

Roots of the crisis | 30th November | City University of New York | Presentation by Matthieu MÉAULLE

Publications in 2010:

Fiscal tightening will jeopardise recovery | March | A study with the support of ECLM

A 2020 Strategy | April | A study published in the frame of the collaboration with ECLM

The Euro-zone Crisis and Reforming Economic Governance | May 2010 | A study by Maria João RODRIGUES, Professor of European Economic Policy at the European Studies Institute, ULB

Ways out of the crisis | June | A study published as part of the collaborative project of FEPS and ECLM (Economic Council of the Labour Movement, Denmark).

Greece: Recovery, austerity and international imbalances | June | A study by Dr M. MEAULLE

Improving Eurozone Economic Governance | 15th September | by Sony Kapoor, Managing Director at Re-Define. FEPS paper in the framework of the seminar on “European recovery, the Franco-German relationship and European integration”.

Europe 2020 Strategy and the National Reform Programmes. A Progressive Guide | 17th October | written by Maria João RODRIGUES

The Financial, Economic and Social Crisis: Recommendations and Initiatives to be taken | November | A paper by Pervenche BERÈS, MEP with the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats.

Pension reform “An Economic Aberration” | 5th November | by Dr M. MEAULLE & Dany LANG | (France) Press article MediaPart

FINANCIAL REGULATION

Fighting for a Financial Transaction Tax - how and why? | 15th March | Brussels | With the GPF

The growing awareness that much of the financial market activity is socially useless has put the spotlight on speculators. The question people are asking is simple; “what do the speculators contribute to society?” The FTT resonates with people as a popular tax. The practical implementation of the FTT was addressed. What should be taxed? What is the right size for the tax? How can such a tax be collected? Is the financial tax too complicated to put in place? How can tax evasion be addressed by the FTT? How has it been put in place in other parts of the world? What lessons to draw from past experiences? The event took place in the EU Quarter in Brussels, on the eve of political deliberations on financial regulation in ECOFIN. The conference brought together a wide range of progressive politicians and experts, from NGOs, trade unions, international institutions, European and national parliaments. Speakers from all over the world were invited and attended in order to stress the global scope of the campaign.



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Preparation meeting to discuss the Basel III research paper | 8th September | London | With Stephany GRIFFITH JONES and Sylvia GOTTSCHALCK from NIESR (National Institute of Economic and Social Research)

Publications in 2010:

Financial Transaction Taxes: Necessary, Feasible and Desirable | March | A study by Sony KAPOOR, Managing Director of Re-Define

The Second Life of Mr. Volcker: The shifting ground in banking regulation within the United States | February | A study by Stefano PAGLIARI, Visiting Scholar at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue in Columbia University, New York

Europeans for Financial Reform Coalition: Response to the IMF Consultation | Document prepared by FEPS for the Europeans for Financial Reform campaign of the Global Progressive Forum

A Revenue Package for the European Union | September | A paper by Remi BAZILLIER of the Université d'Orléans

Towards Basel III: regulating the banking sector after the crisis | Report from the conference held at the Bibliotheque Solvay, in Brussels on 12th October, 2009

Reforming the US financial architecture: the regulation of derivatives, ratings agencies and hedge funds | January | A study by Stefano PAGLIARI, Visiting Scholar at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue @ Columbia University, New York.

ECONOMIC THEORY

The Monetary Analysis of the Economy | 15th & 16th April | Grenoble | Conference

ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

Quelle gouvernance pour l'Euro ? | 5th July | Paris | Seminar participation

Delegation to North America | In Vancouver for the annual meeting of the ITUC (International Trade Union Confederation) | In Washington to meet the Economic Advisor of the Vice-Presidency of the United States. J. BERNSTEIN | 21st – 25th June | with the GPF (Global Progressive Forum and the PES (Part of European Socialists)

Industrial Policy and Development: The Political Economy of Capabilities Accumulation. | 22nd February | South Centre, Geneva, Switzerland | Edited by: Mario CIMOLI, Giovanni DOSI and Joseph E. STIGLITZ. Book Launch



Publications in 2010:

FEPS Comments on the 'EU Budget Review' | December | Comment by S. VAN HUMMELEN

Global economic governance: in search of a new policy framework | 7th October | by Roy CULPEPER, Former President, The North-South Institute, Ottawa, Canada-U.S. Visiting Chair, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC (2011).

Macro governance | 7th October | by Marcus MILLER, University of Warwick

Papers in 2010:

Turning the financial sector from a bad master to a good servant; the role of regulation and taxation | 7th October | by Stephany GRIFFITH-JONES, Financial Markets Program Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue (Columbia University) and Damon SILVERS, lawyer and associate general counsel for the AFL-CIO, with Matthias THIEMANN.

The unsettled global trade architecture | 7th October | by Martin KHOR, Director of the South Centre, and Jose Antonio OCAMPO, Professor at Columbia University and co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue.

NEW GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

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As Europe is heavily influenced by events not only in Europe but also around the world, FEPS recognises the need to **include other regions within this dialogue**. Events in Europe also heavily influence other global regions too and it is equally important to include representatives from other global regions in the debate, whether it is the economy after the financial crisis or development policy in order to include opinion from other continents.

Notable activity in this pillar in 2010:

After the Crisis – A Progressive Agenda for Africa | 10th -13th May | Cape Town, South Africa | with the support of Africa Forum, GPF, IDEAS, Jean Jaurès, Solidar, Renner Institute, Olof Palme International Centre | *Aware of the **increasing inequality between developing countries** – particularly in Africa – and the developed world and being concerned about the political, economic and social impact on the majority of the people – especially poor and vulnerable people – as a result of global imbalances due to the perverse transfer of resources and policies of liberalisation which have impacted negatively on the Millennium Development Goals: The aim of the conference was to confront the questions and issues on the progressive values in the two continents, often considered as very similar in the development of their integration schemes.*

The joint decision to establish a regular dialogue between partners from both continents to be held annually with a topic of particular relevance will be upheld in 2011. The four day gathered together different policymakers from Europe and Africa. The conference aimed to look at reshaping global economic imbalances and reorienting development policy to make it more equitable.

*The **'New Social Contract'**, was adopted at the close of the conference which highlighted the main reflections in 20 concise points of how the participants agreed to commit themselves collectively and individually to the New Social Contract. It includes resolutions such as creating a new mindset towards the global financial system, discussing the common values of which to base cooperation and political reflexes. Above all, a Call was made for intergenerational solidarity in all areas.*



EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY

The role of the **EU in the rest of the world** is heavily analysed from the inside and from the outside. EU foreign policy enormously influences many policy areas. The changes that the **Lisbon Treaty** brings by creating the new position of High Representative for Foreign Affairs, whilst at the same time linking directly with the role of vice-President of the European Commission, which will bring about the establishment of a **European diplomatic service** are very significant changes within the EU and will change how European diplomacy is used, and perceived in its neighbourhood and around the world.

European Security | 15th October | Stockholm | Fringe event to the Palme Days, with Olof Palme Center Beijing, Shanghai & Guangzhou, China | 5th -12th July | *Participation of FEPS in a delegation to visit partners in China with notable representatives from the Socialist family of organisations based in Brussels. High level meetings between politicians and young leaders, contact building & representation visit to increase cooperation with partners in China and several field trips to learn and observe about the politics, history, culture, industrial growth and more of the country.*

Publications in 2010:

For a Progressive EU External Action. Strategic Partnerships, a New Global Economic Agenda | 20th December |
Research paper written by Maria João RODRIGUES

EUROPEAN POLICIES AND OTHER CONTINENTS

The incoming President of FEPS, Massimo D'Alema highlighted the need to work with other world powers right at the beginning of his mandate when he was elected. In an ever more multi-polar, globalised world, international governance it is important to cooperate with other continents. Emerging economies are regions of fast changing ideologies which can be very interesting to feed reflection in Europe on debates such as the Renewal of Social Democracy. Also as always, when observing structures and processes in other countries it's important to involve those actors and to visit those regions in order to really understand current political situations and to have a balanced debate.

General activities in this pillar in 2010:

The relationship between the EU and Latin America: priorities, challenges and opportunities | 24th -25th June | Rome | with the support of ItalianiEuropei

An international meeting on the relationship between the EU and Latin America. Several round-tables discussing topics such as the economic crisis, regional dialogue between the two continents and global governance. The conference aimed to reinforce ties, in particular as difficult regime falls have created more modern societies similar to Europe we face the same problems, share similar values and should work together more closely. The role of Latin America in a globalised world was discussed and areas such as trade policy and terrorism were high on the agenda.

African Progress | 18-20 July | Madrid | Follow up on the conference held in Cape Town. Organised by IDEAS to which FEPS participated

India-EU Forum on Effective Multilateralism | 11-12 October | Brussels | To coincide with EU-India Summit. Two-day meeting of politicians, academics, and think tank representatives.

Social Progressive Forum | 11th & 12th November | Santiago de Chile

With the support of the Chile 21 Foundation, the Jean-Jaurès Foundation et the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung at the fifth annual Progressive Forum which this year's theme was, "Renouveler la politique: crise et recomposition du progressisme" a debate was organised which analysed the current situation of progressives in the Latin American continent and each should learn from one another.

COMMUNICATIONS

As new communication tools are constantly appearing FEPS aims to stay a breadth with these and to integrate new ways of communicating into its activity plan. The basic tools such as the website, FEPS facebook page and twitter are still being used regularly which compliment the debates which are taking place in a slightly different style.

In 2010 the **FEPS Scientific magazine "Queries"** was launched. The idea for the name of the magazine was to encompass the reason of existence of the European Foundation, therefore as we are on a continuous quest to stimulate questions and inspire answers, this name accommodates this notion very well and stands out as a title. The online magazine is a **fluidbook** which allows the reader to access the magazine online but in the format of a real magazine, only without holding it in your hand, it is on the screen. This is more ecologically friendly as it doesn't have to be printed or selected pages can be printed. It can also be downloaded as a pdf document and printed at home so is also fast, cheap and practical to distribute. In total 3 issues were released over the course of the year.



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The **EU4U** for you project with Solidar offered an extremely fresh and new style of doing conferences. Whilst a traditional panel style discussion was taking place in the conference room to an audience of around 100 persons, it was also filmed live and streamed directly on the website specifically designed for the conference over the internet. This meant that people who were not able to attend the conference in person were still able to watch the debate either at the moment it happened or later at a time that suited them. Then behind the panel of speakers, there was a blog screen where the audience, either people in the room or people outside could post comments about the topic or about the discussion which was taking place. This was extremely interactive and really boosted the atmosphere in the room. It also meant that there was much more participation from the audience as people who usually may not comment or ask a question felt it easier to do so on the blog.

During 2010 the idea of a **personal online blog** for the Secretary General of FEPS was established and worked on. This allows for commenting on topics or events which may not necessarily be part of the FEPS activity plan but are still important to be visible on a European and international political level and a way of communicating ideas in a different format. The blog was worked on and planned in 2010 to be first launched in 2011.

The overall communication strategy is still largely assisted by the international PR agency **Ogilvy**. The strategy is regularly being analysed and improved and new methods introduced. The continuation also of the design branding for events and publications has largely helped towards the success of FEPS.

The **Internet website** of FEPS (www.feps-europe.eu) is still the main reference tool of the Foundation. Regularly publishing, in English and French, the intellectual production of the Foundation as well as all information related to its activities and events.

The **Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/pages/FEPS/178074824775?v=wall) allows more interactive opportunities and is a reference point to the Foundation in the ever growing social network. Its still gaining more fans every day (more than **1,062 “fans”** in May 2011). This is often used to announce or follow up shortly on debates and links directly to the website where more detailed information is provided.

The FEPS **Twitter page** (twitter.com/FEPS_Europe), is often used for debates also and most events now have a hashtag (#) so the public may follow and comment on FEPS activities. The page in May 2011 has 315 followers.

The **Netvibes** page is still running (www.netvibes.com/feps). The page is updated automatically and this RSS feeds aggregator tool shows at one glance the news of all its member organisations that are equipped with this technology, giving quicker and easier access to such information not only to the broader public, but also for FEPS members themselves.

However, **traditional communication tools** are still effective. For example, 2000 copies of the Next Left book volume II were printed and these were sent in original format directly to political foundations and parties, academics, non-governmental organisations and other interested parties all over Europe and partners in other continents. On the website, an online shop was also opened so people could order and purchase it online.

INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS



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In the frame of its institutional obligations as they are set in its statutes, FEPS has held in 2010 a certain number of meetings of its decision-making bodies and held a number of coordination meetings, in particular with its privileged partners and members, namely the national political foundations.

Institutional events in 2010:

- 28th January – 21st September | Brussels | **Coordination meetings** between FEPS and its member national foundations and think tanks;
- 14th April – 30th June – 13th September | Brussels | Meetings of the **Bureau of FEPS**;
- 30th June | Brussels | **Annual General Assembly** of FEPS.

During the year 2010, FEPS welcomed **2 new political foundations and think-tanks** as new members and now counts up to **41 member political foundations** and think tanks, of which 5 observer members, to which must be added the 33 PES-member political parties, the Party of European Socialists, the S&D Group in the European Parliament, the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions, PES Women and ECOSY. FEPS therefore counts **74 member** organisations.

Notably, the **Scientific Council** was established in 2010, this means that the all the institutional structure of FEPS have now been finalised and set-up in accordance with the statutes. Following the Statutes of FEPS, which states that the members of the Scientific Council should be “national political foundations or their representatives, think tanks or their representatives, academics or other intellectuals”, the suggested members are the chairs/presidents of the advisory boards of the FEPS national foundation members completed with other personalities close to FEPS. It has around 40 members and meets once or twice a year.

THE PEOPLE OF FEPS

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MEMBERS

National political foundations & think tanks

 Karl Renner Institut (Austria) |  Gauche réformatrice européenne / Stichting Gerrit Kreveld / Institut Émile Vandervelde / Solidar (Belgium) |  Institute for Social Integration (Bulgaria) |  Novo Društvo / New Society (Croatia) |  Masarykova Dílnacká Akademie (Czech Republic) |  SAMAK / Economic Council of the Labour Movement (Denmark) |  Johannes Mirkeloni Keskus (Estonia) |  Kalevi Sorsa Säätiö (Finland) |  Fondation Jean Jaurès / Europartenaires (France) |  Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Germany) |  Institute for Strategic and Development Studies ISTATEM / Re-Public (Greece) |  Demos / Tancsics Alapítvány (Hungary) |  FASC (Ireland) |  Fondazione Italianeuropei / Fondazione Instituto Gramsci / Fondazione Socialismo (Italy) |  Freedom and Solidarity Foundation (Latvia) |  Robert Krieps Foundation (Luxembourg) |  Fondazzioni IDEAT |  Wardi Beckmann Stichting / Alfred Mozer Stichting / European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity (Netherlands) |  Foundation for Fundamental Rights (Poland) |  Fundação Res Publica (Portugal) |  Ovidiu Sincai Institute Foundation (Romania) |  Kalander Foundation / The CEE network for gender studies (Slovenia) |  Fundación Ideas / Fundación Pablo Iglesias (Spain) / Fundació Rafael Campalans |  The Olof Palme International Center / Arbetarrörelsens tankesmedja (Sweden) |  The Policy Network / The Fabian Society (United Kingdom)

 Full member parties of the Party of European Socialists, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions, PES Women and Ecosy are also members of FEPS.

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THE FINANCES OF FEPS

EXPENDITURE

Eligible expenditure	Budget	Actual
A.1: Personnel costs	700,000.00	881,321.43
1. Salaries	645,000.00	833,143.81
2. Contributions	30,000.00	37,540.74
3. Professional training	10,000.00	2,681.15
4. Staff mission expenses	10,000.00	0.00
5. Other personnel costs	5,000.00	7,955.73
A.2: Infrastructure and operating costs	180,000.00	168,047.78
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	80,000.00	87,670.58
2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	40,000.00	27,280.54
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	20,000.00	19,452.30
4. Stationery and office supplies	15,000.00	10,288.80
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	15,000.00	21,270.51
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	5,000.00	0.00
7. Other infrastructure costs	5,000.00	2,085.05
A.3: Administrative expenditure	640,000.00	488,570.25
1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases)	15,000.00	4,031.36
2. Costs of studies and research (TOTAL)	600,000.00	472,659.76
3. Legal costs	5,000.00	3,494.03
4. Accounting and audit costs	10,000.00	5,785.10
5. Support to affiliated organisations and subsidies to third parties	5,000.00	2,600.00
6. Miscellaneous administrative costs	5,000.00	0.00
A.4: Meetings and representation costs	663,001.00	706,951.27
1. Costs of meetings of the political FOUNDATION (TOTAL)	600,001.00	659,586.56
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	50,000.00	42,492.11
3. Representation costs	5,000.00	4,691.25
4. Cost of invitations	3,000.00	181.35
5. Other meeting-related costs	5,000.00	0.00
A.5: Information and publication costs	217,000.00	138,609.98
1. Publication costs	110,000.00	110,558.48
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	14,000.00	0.00
3. Publicity costs (Ogilvy)	65,000.00	23,514.00
4. Communications equipment (gadgets)	5,000.00	4,537.50
5. Seminars and exhibitions	18,000.00	0.00
6. Election campaigns ¹	0.00	0.00
7. Other information-related costs	5,000.00	0.00

A.6: Expenditure relating to contributions in kind	130,000.00	147,239.48
A.7: Allocation to "Provision to cover eligible expenditure to be expenditure to be incurred in the first quarter of N+1" 3		
A. TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	2,530,001.00	2,530,740.19
B.1: Non-eligible expenditure		
1. Allocations to other provisions	0.00	3,868.70
2. Financial charges	0.00	9,203.85
3. Exchange losses	0.00	0.00
4. Doubtful claims on third parties	0.00	0.00
5. Others (to be specified)	0.00	0.00
B. TOTAL NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	0.00	13,072.55
C. TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,530,001.00	2,543,812.74

1: Not applicable to political foundations at European level

REVENUE

Eligible expenditure	Budget	Actual
D.1 Dissolution of "Provision to cover eligible costs to be incurred in the first quarter of N"¹	–	–
D.2 European Parliament grant	2,150,000.00	2,150,000.00
D.3 Membership fees	0.00	0.00
D.4 Donations	10,000.00	0.00
4.1 above 500 EUR	10,000.00	0.00
4.2 below 500 EUR		0.00
D.5 Other own resources	240,000.00	218,073.20
D.6 Contributions in kind	130,000.00	147,239.48
D. REVENUE (to cover eligible expenditure)	2,530,000.00	2,515,312.68
E.1 Additional other own resources	0.00	355.39
E. REVENUE (to cover non-eligible expenditure)	0.00	355.39
F. TOTAL REVENUE	2,530,000.00	2,515,668.07
G. REVENUES / EXPENDITURE (F - C)	-1.00	-28,144.67

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

FEPS is registered as an international not-for-profit organisation under the Belgian law ("association internationale sans but lucratif", aisbl).

It was created by a modification of the European Council and Parliament Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 related to the statutes and the financing of the European political parties. This modification (EC) 1524/2007 includes specific elements about political foundations at the European level affiliated to their respective European political parties. FEPS is hence close to the Party of European Socialists (PES) and the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, but remains an independent organisation. As a political foundation at the European level, FEPS is forbidden to take part in any electoral campaign and cannot allocate any means to this end.

FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK: CO-FUNDING

FEPS is co-funded by the European Parliament on an annual basis since September 2008, which means that 85% of its total yearly budget comes from an annual grant from the European Parliament. 15% of the budget must come from own resources, mainly brought in by the members and partners of FEPS supporting the activities implemented with their support. At present, FEPS does not receive any kind of membership fee from its members.

Provisional budget 2011

For the year 2011, FEPS allocated a total provisional budget grant of **3.325.000€**, of which the European Parliament grant represents **2.749.750€**

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The poster features the 'Call to Europe' logo at the top left, which consists of a red square containing a white silhouette of a head with sound waves. To the right of the logo, the text 'Call to Europe' is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below the logo and text is a grid of six photographs showing diverse people of various ages and ethnicities shouting or calling out with their hands near their mouths. At the bottom of the poster, the website 'www.fepe-europe.eu/call-to-europe' is listed, followed by the dates '29 and 30 JUNE 2011' and the location 'Bibliothèque Solvay, EU Quarter Brussels'. Below this, the event is divided into three sessions: 'Wed. afternoon Session I: International Europe', 'Thu. morning Session II: Next Social and Economic Europe', and 'Thu. afternoon Session III: Political Europe'. The bottom of the poster includes logos for the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Movement Europe, and the European Movement International.



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