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FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



2016 was the springboard for the post-truth era. It will likely be noted as a turning point in European and international relations. It was the year of the Brexit vote and the Trump election, in the shadow of further terrorist attacks.

With new media changing the way news is produced and delivered, it is having visible effects on our political society. This is against a backdrop of ever growing inequalities. Progressive parties are struggling to communicate complicated messages to the public and we find ourselves more and more often up against simple messages, easy to communicate but, when one delves further into the issue, do not offer realistic solutions.

In these times of turmoil, people are turning inwards and looking down. Inequalities are continuing to grow and it doesn't look like this will be adequately addressed in the near future.

Yet globalisation will keep developing. Protectionism and Nationalism are on the rise but we know that this does not provide the answers people need. The mission of Progressives is to offer a better solution.

The nature of jobs is changing rapidly in our societies, labour rights are something we have fought to uphold for centuries but some standards seem to be wiped in an instant with the introduction of new technologies.

Young people in particular are the ones having to adapt to these changing circumstances. They also have different concerns than the generation before them. More importantly they will be the next generation of voters who will decide our political futures across Europe. Consequently FEPS' annual **Call to Europe VI** conference in Brussels was on the topic of **'Millennial Dialogue'**.

It reached out to a direct audience of around 600 people. The detailed reports of the discussion alongside video interviews and various animations brought the discussions to life and to a wider audience. The initiative continues and has now reached nearly all continents across the world.

Going into the eighth year since the financial and economic crisis, generations of young people continue to be deeply affected by the consequences. There also seems to be a growing gap between these young people and traditional party politics. Established parties are failing to attract younger voters and there is a gap in the broader understanding of this demographic among political practitioners and a need to re-engage. Some assume that there is a lack of interest in politics among young people, however our research through **Millennial Dialogue** is proving this wrong. Analysing the concerns of young people, surveys have been carried out across most of Europe and the initiative is growing.

The results are surprising and are providing the backbone of our further research work on this initiative to continue into a larger dialogue in 2017.

The notion of digital revolution on the labour market came into the debate and will also impact this new interconnected generation. Extending its own network, with with Uni Europa, the University of Hertfordshire and IPSOS Mori, FEPS launched some qualitative studies in the UK, Sweden, Germany, Austria and the Netherlands, which revealed, for the first time, the true size of the so-called gig economy. Also linked to our core research work on **Next Social Europe**, the transition towards a digitalised economy, largely based on online labour exchanges for paid work, is eroding traditional employment models and is weighing heavily on working conditions and labour standards in Europe. As under current legal conditions and lacking a coherent legal framework, no formal employment relationship is established in the case of crowdsourcing, the practice usually leads to the circumvention of standard employment regulation (e.g. dismissal regulation and health and safety legislation) and collective agreements. This may lead to a deterioration of working conditions and social protection (no income security, no sick pay, no pension contributions).

In August, FEPS participated in the World

Social Forum which took place in Montréal. We also proposed a **New Social Contract: The Just Transition**. Internationally, the EU remains a key player with other countries looking to see how it will transition to a decarbonised society. Yet in our own countries many people fear the upcoming transformations. Solidarity and trust are key values of the Energy Union and are essential in addressing climate change in a just manner. That is because while the transition to a low-carbon economy is a collective challenge, it also has a great potential for creating new jobs, enticing innovation and generating growth. The idea of a ‘Just Transition’ is an important element if we want to succeed in moving away from fossil fuels whilst investing in the clean and innovative technologies that create sustainable jobs and regional development.

Intent on advancing global solidarities, our research agenda and activities included initiatives targeted at providing an intellectual bridge between the EU and its strategic partners across the world. In September, FEPS and Carnegie India organised a conference on advancing the European Union-India relationship and initiating a dialogue on the strategic partnership to formulate specific and potentially common interests. We worked actively towards a stronger transatlantic alliance, organising our 4th annual FEPS-IPD conference at the Brookings

Institution on promoting more progressive fiscal rules, while also enhancing our cooperation with the Center for American Progress, the National Democratic Institute and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. We also deepened our cooperation with the China Center for World Contemporary Studies, in particular on the issue of the ‘One Belt, One Road’ initiative, exchanging a number of delegations between Europe and China throughout the year.

Strengthening our efforts to provide progressive solutions for the issues of today and tomorrow, the New Global Construct Progressive Convention initiative was organised in cooperation with Fondation Jean Jaurés. Bringing together a high-level group of international academics, policy experts and former policy-makers, we held an inaugural meeting in Genval, Belgium, devoted to an analysis of the major trends and dynamics shaping the future and how this can be incorporated in a forward-looking progressive international agenda for the years to come. A second meeting under this project has already taken place in South Africa in February 2017, and a third concluding one is scheduled to take place in Toronto later this year.

Our work continues to go hand in hand with that of **the PES, the S&D group and the PES in the Committee of the Regions, Young European Socialists**

and PES Women. Also from across Europe with our member political foundations, think tanks and close networks.

As always I would like to express my gratitude to the whole of the **FEPS team** for their outstanding hard work and commitment. In particular to **Ernst Stetter**, Secretary General, who has been as committed as ever to furthering a Progressive Europe.

This document provides a short summary of our work programme, it does not demonstrate the full magnitude of our reflections, nor the true expertise of our ever-growing network.

A more inclusive Europe will strengthen and uphold our values of democracy.

By continuing to reinforce Europe and uphold progressive values we will better foster the lives of the people.

Massimo D'ALEMA
President of FEPS



I. MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE



The Millennial Dialogue is a long-standing research project of FEPS, which started in December 2014 as a strategic polling to better understand the values, aspirations and issues that the Millennial generation has with regard to politics and political systems. Since then, and until 2016, the Millennials research expanded beyond Europe's borders and provided insights into young peoples' expectations and views on the topic in 23 countries. The Millennials project is not only the most multi-layered, multilateral and multiplied research project with regard to young people and their engagement with politics but is also a reference point for the progressive family, FEPS member foundations and partners all over the world.

From its initial aims of being a progressive, participatory and positive platform for young people to express their views, to establishing a solid network that aims to strengthen Millennials' political participation in progressive politics, the Millennial generation was the focal point of FEPS annual flagship conference Call to Europe VI in June 2016. The consolidation of the research project, the continuous expansion and the strong communication on the importance for progressives to engage this generation was brought about with the FEPS paper "The Future Starts Now!" that summarises the recommendations on how to bridge the gap between progressives and this generation.

Surveys completed in 2016: Italy, Turkey, Romania, France, Ireland, South Africa, Senegal, Mozambique, Spain and Australia.

Forthcoming surveys in 2017: the Netherlands and potentially the Philippines, Japan and South Korea.

DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PROGRESSIVE FAMILY AND THE MILLENNIALS GENERATION

Amy McDonald, one of the iconic singers of the Millennial Generation, sang that *you don't know a thing about the youth of today, stating your opinion, making it ring in my head all day...* Would that indeed be the case?

For over a decade now, after each and every election an old and somewhat worn-out story is being repeated. It features disenchanted, depressed and disengaged young people, who have turned their back on the political system. They *ignore* political appeals, they *distance* themselves from the campaigns and they *fail* to appear at the ballot boxes. Their absence within the framework of institutionalised political conversation makes them a target of political prejudice. Paradoxically, the more they abstain and the less they express, the more vigorously they are beleaguered with speeches, which are build on a claim of describing who they are. From “*Generation X*” to “*Generation Z*” – all the labels contain perhaps a grain, but only a grain of the truth. What is missing among serious journalistic diagnoses, robust sociological research papers and political speeches is the voice of the youth itself. And this is what FEPS together with partners wanted to change – by launching in 2014 an initiative called “Millennials Generation Dialogue”.

The project was designed to serve a 3P rule – being positive, participatory and progressive.

- It is to be “**positive**” because it is to change the terms on the current debate. There has been enough of complaining, blaming and shaming of young people for the fact that they do not attend the polling stations or for the fact that they do not subscribe to the political organisations. The ambition of the “Millennials Dialogue” is not about resonating claims, but about asking what prompts resentment of the younger generation. The aim therefore is to listen, to learn and to change.
- It is to be “**participatory**” because it is to give the floor to the representatives of the youth. There has been enough of building stereotypes, alongside which the younger generation look homogenous in terms of appearance and individualistic, if not egoistic in terms of their attitudes. There is a grave mistake to think that one can see them, their dreams and their challenges as one uniformed cluster. The ambition of “Millennials Dialogue” is not about providing a “one model fits all manual”, but about presenting the detailed self-portrait of this age group in the richness of their diversity. The aim therefore is to ask the youth to express themselves, to extract what inspires them and to include their demands.



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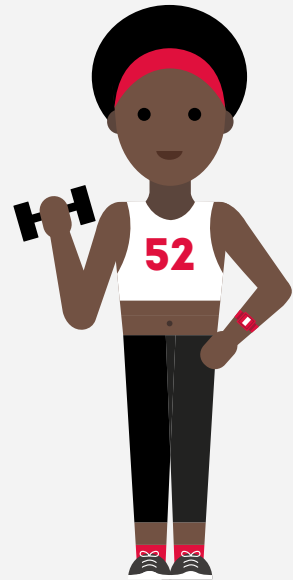
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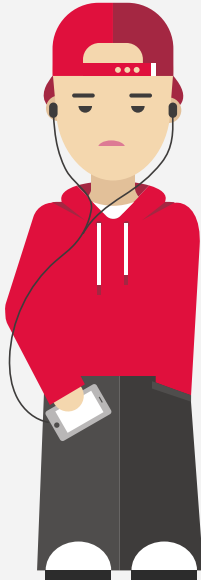


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MILLENNIAL



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- It is to be “**progressive**” because it is to support the social democratic family in acquiring a new connection with the younger generation. There has been enough of complaining that the youth does not make a link between the progressive initiatives, such as the Youth Guarantee and the political parties within the progressive family. It has been noted that to the contrary, the appeal of the centre left programme is not strong enough to compete with the one of the radical and protest parties that attract the younger voters these days. The ambition of the “Millennials Dialogue” is not about regretting the shift, but about enabling the younger generation to state what they expect social democracy’s mission to be about. The aim therefore is to frame the agenda jointly, to make a feasible plea and set the new criteria of the delivery by the centre left.

In that spirit, until June 2016 there were: over **20 thousands young respondents** involved in the survey, which resulted in receiving **almost half a million survey responses**. Following that, almost **10 thousands posts** were placed within the newly created virtual community and already **11 EU countries-specific reports** were launched providing the summary of what has been learnt so far. The Millennials Dialogue has featured a number of events on both the sides of the Atlantic, in both Americas, and also in Africa – and is awaiting to journey further to reach the shores of Australia and India. The project has been enthusiastically welcomed and recognised as an innovative one, attracting even more partners within the EU and beyond, which allowed it to cover the majority of the European States and go global.

THE ISSUES THAT MATTER



EQUALITY



JOBS



HEALTH



EDUCATION

MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE COUNTRY-SPECIFIC REPORT LAUNCHES

FEPS together with its partners organised a series of seminars, youth roundtables and discussions with young progressive leaders, academics and experts to flesh out the findings of the Millennial Dialogue country-specific reports.

Millennial Dialogue report launch Turkey

11 February 2016

Istanbul, Turkey

Partner: PTI

Millennial Dialogue report launch Romania

26 February 2016

Bucharest, Romania

Partner: FSD

Millennial Dialogue report launch Hungary

1 April 2016

Budapest, Hungary

Partner: Policy Solutions

Millennial Dialogue report launch South Africa

20 May 2016

Johannesburg, South Africa

Partner: FES South Africa, GPF, S&D Group, MISTRA, CEEI, IAI

Millennial Dialogue at YES Summer Camp

19-24 July 2016

Sicily, Italy

Partner: YES

Millennial Dialogue report launch Mozambique

16 September 2016

Maputo, Mozambique

Partner: CEEI

Millennial Dialogue report launch Senegal

16-17 December 2016

St. Louis, Senegal

Partner: FJJ, IAI

Some partners chose not to launch the Millennial Dialogue country specific reports or deferred the launch to 2017. This was the case for Spain, Belgium, Italy and Australia.



Millennial Dialogue Romania



Millennial Dialogue Summer Camp



Millennial Dialogue Senegal

CALL TO EUROPE VI: MILLENNIALS AND POLITICS



17-18 June 2016, Brussels, Belgium, 6th edition of the annual FEPS Brussels conference

With PES, S&D Group, YES, European Youth Forum, Think Young, Fondazione EYU, Fondation Jean Jaurès, Fabian Society, Kalevi Sorsa, IEV, Renner Institute, Policy Solutions, Stichting Gerrit Kreveld, Olaf Palme International Center, Solidar Foundation, Táncsics, CEEI.

The Call to Europe VI ‘Millennials and Politics’ conference was for the first time entirely dedicated to young people and was inspired by the two-year project, the Millennial Dialogue. The event brought together more than 100 young politicians, experts and leaders from the progressive family alongside young representatives of civil society and over 400 participants.

The highly interactive and unique format of the Call to Europe conference engaged the already existing Millennial Dialogue network to jointly find answers on how the progressive movement could be modernised and fitting Millennials’ expectations and most importantly how social democracy could become an attractive force for this cognitively distinct generation.

The presence and intervention from the first Vice President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans, galvanised participants in the room and in the online world – Call to Europe VI ‘Millennials and Politics’ became the first trending topic on social media in Belgium. Frans Timmermans and other high-level politicians such as Sergei Stanishev, Zita Gurmai, Laura Slimani and others provided much food for thought on how the movement should address and engage this generation.

Call to Europe VI demystified the negative connotations attributed to this generation by offering them a platform to express their views and be heard. Millennials are not lazy or apathetic. Their massive participation and engagement at Call to Europe VI attested that this generation is politically aware and ready to engage in a meaningful discussion with experts. Millennials had the chance to directly address politicians and talk with them about their hopes, dreams and wishes for the future.

Call to Europe VI: Millennials and Politics therefore provided an opportunity to develop a roadmap for progressives to engage with the Millennial generation:

- In what ways can progressives be at the forefront of improving Millennials' trust and engagement in politics and democratic life?
- How to make use of new social medias and enhance the dialogue between Millennials and politicians?
- What are the key policy areas that progressives should focus on to get the support of the Millennial generation.



II. DEMOCRATIC EMPOWERMENT

In 2016, FEPS committed itself to work on the question of “Democratic Empowerment”. Its understanding was a four-fold. To begin with, it was to focus on the question of how to establish a New Social Deal to reconnect politics and society in the still prolonging aftermath of the 2008 crisis. This thread of deliberations encompassed the research and activities looking at the future prospects of a Social Europe (so called “Next Social Europe”), building on the programmatic debate that FEPS, with the support of its members, led since 2009 under the title “Next Left”.

Secondly, making “Democratic Empowerment” one of the leading themes was to signify the attention given to the progressing transformation of contemporary politics. On one hand, it brought the end to so called “permissive consensus”, whereby more and more citizens would lean towards casting their votes in favour of the protest, populist and extreme parties. On the other, it saw a consequently shrinking of the political middle, putting in question potential for growth of so-called traditional parties, as well as the operational frameworks such as grand coalitions.

Thirdly, special attention was also given to the issue of gender equality and gender empowerment. It is evident that the crisis of 2008 has undermined many of the social provisions, prompting a setback in terms of women’s socio-economic emancipation. The impact of those were even made worse, while the conservative and right wing radical parties started entering the governments. There they would forge a retreat from many policies, advocating for more traditional roles for women and facing civic opposition not only across EU, but as the US case has recently shown, across the globe.

Fourthly, in the context of radicalisation and polarisation of political views, there is a valid question regarding the weakening legitimacy of the institutions (both the European and national). This is likely to affect the turnout in the next European elections, as also enhance the trend leading to further fragmentation of the European Parliament. Therefore FEPS took the recently passed European Parliament report on the change of the EU electoral law and looked at the potential avenues that could be pursued for the sake of enhancing the European democracy and

providing Europeans with valid alternatives. Here the focus of attention remained the question of the prospect developments of the Europarties and plausibility of proposal of creating trans-national lists.

NEXT SOCIAL EUROPE

The Next Social Europe has been built upon the fundamentals of the FEPS Next Left Research Programme. In 2016 it therefore featured three main streams of work. The first one resulted from the agreement reached by Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economy and Dr. Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General to embark on a mission to draft a European version of the Stiglitz's famous "Re-writing the Rules of American Economy: An Agenda for Growth and Shared Prosperity". For that purpose a High Level Advisory Group for the Next Social Europe was established, which was supported by Renner Institut and Policy Network.

The second stream constituted of the research on the ideological dimension, which continued to be a reference point for politicians, academics, experts and activists regarding perspectives for a renewal of social democracy in Europe. It has been chaired by Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, former Chancellor of Austria and in 2016 has been particularly supported by Renner Institute (the main partner in the FEPS Next Left Initiative) and Policy Network (who has joined in the efforts especially where the Next Social Europe dimension has been concerned).

And third stream focused on linking the FEPS research outcomes with the on-going political debates. The guiding objective here was to popularise the results of FEPS and its member foundations' research projects, presenting them at the occasions of the diverse seminars in Brussels, as well as elsewhere in Europe. These Round Tables would therefore always see a panel composed of: politicians, academics, representatives of trade unions and civil society; and in the case of those based in Brussels, would be held on a monthly basis.

NOTABLE ACTIVITY IN THIS SECTION: RESEARCH BY THE HIGH LEVEL ADVISORY GROUP ON NEXT SOCIAL EUROPE

In November 2015, Professor Joseph Stiglitz addressed Dr. Ernst Stetter with a request: if FEPS would take on a challenge of working together with him on a book that could become an equiva-

lent to the US bestseller “Re-writing the Rules of American Economy: An Agenda for Growth and Shared Prosperity”. Following the agreement and subsequent preparatory phase, a new High Level Advisory Board on Next Social Europe was established. The primary agenda (and initial index of the manuscript) were drafted and subsequently updated by the Team including: J. Capaldo, C. Dragomirescu-Gaina, D. Gabor, S. Griffith-Jones, I. Ortiz, M. Schratzenstaller-Altzinger, A. Skrzypek, E. Stetter, M. Teachout, and A. Vitteritti. The High Level Advisory Group met in total 3 times in 2016 (respectively in March in Vienna, in April in Brussels and in November in Frankfurt (Offenbach)) and established an aim to finalise a draft of 10 Chapters to be finished by January 2017.



Herewith the “For Growth, Stability and Employment Pact - Re-writing the Rules of European Economy” came into shape, looking at: full employment (Chapter 1: Europe after the crash: imbalances, coordination gaps, incomplete agreement; Chapter 2: Aiming higher - towards an investment that will increase growth and pave way to full employment); Part II: Making markets work for all (Chapter 3: Delivering quality jobs and employment security; Chapter 4: Unprecedented power of the markets can be used for a greater good – if the EU tax regimes are reformed and harmonised; Chapter 5: Financial markets require tighter regulatory framework that will set benchmarks for a Full Banking Union and for a revised progressive Capital Market Union; Chapter 6: Europe has to return to a stakeholders’ capitalism model – which calls for changing the structural reform agenda and new incentives for companies’ investments); Part III: Promoting equity and security (Chapter 7: Restoring the Social Contract in the European Union – needs new Social Agenda, new European Semester and re-reformed social security systems; Chapter 8: Attaining a promise of a decent life – 21st century welfare systems to prevent inequalities, promote prosperity and the care economy; Chapter 9: A more equitable Union is possible – it calls for adequate redistribution and risk sharing, sound budget and prevention against social dumping); Part IV: Europe in a global context (Chapter 10: New generation trade agreements require remodeling – so that they focus on bringing prosperity and progress for all actors and in all parts involved).

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NOTABLE ACTIVITY IN THIS SECTION: 4TH ANNUAL OXFORD SEMINAR

Symposium: 11th – 12th July, St; Catherine’s College, Oxford, UK, with Policy Network and Renner Institute

The 2016 edition of the Annual Oxford Seminar was already 4th in the cycle and was held under the theme “*New Routes to social Justice: Empowering individuals and innovative forms of collective actions*”. The two-day programme featured thematic segments, which were then organised as plenaries and interactive workshops (resembling the FEPS Call to Europe Method developed alongside the format of the “World Café”). There were 25 discussion papers submitted ahead of the event, becoming reference points and ensuring a more focused, structured debate. The themes tackled featured: *Redefining the citizen-state relationship* (Public policy at the digital age: The state as a platform; How tech is changing the citizen state relationship; Creative citizen, creative state: The case for a basic income; Towards flexible and mobile social rights); *The implementation challenge at various levels of governance* (Taking Power Back: People Powered Politics; People-powered policymaking: Lessons from Canada and Australia; The basic income trial in 20 Dutch municipalities); *The empowering state versus traditional social democracy: The politics of pursuing new routes to social justice* (among others with the topic: The politics of public spending: Attitudes in the UK and Europe). The list of speakers, which traditionally already balanced between high level politicians, academics and representatives of think tank world, included: *B. Benjefi, R. Biedron, H. de Boer, C. Chwalisz, N. Colin, G. De Piero, P. Diamond, M. Gerhardsen, G. Gould, A. Harrop, J. Leppanen, M. Kenny, R. Liddle, S. Mahfouz, G. Mulgan, V. Nash, B. Page, S. Parker, A. Painter, N. Pearce, A. Randle, A. Skrzypek, E. Stetter, R. Thillaye, B. Vanherke.*

FURTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT SOCIAL EUROPE SECTION

Facing the Future - Annual New Year’s Conference

16th January 2016, London, UK With the Fabian Society

With keynote speech from leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn. Corbyn opened the day with one of his key public speeches ahead of the EU referendum. This then led onto the usual a day full of plenaries, workshops, conference debates and networking with around 500 participants and the

main political figures of Progressives in the UK. E. Stetter spoke at the workshop dedicated to the EU along with other leading experts and political representatives. There were also ‘Labour Leave’ voices speaking on the panel. The debate was animated and passionate and several concerns raised, in particular relating to the anti-EU sentiment within the Labour movement.

Next Social Europe Lunch Debate – Basic Income: Why and Who?

23rd February 2016, Brussels, Belgium

Speakers: L. Antonucci, M. Torry, L. Groot, A. Jongerius; Moderators: E. Bova, A.Skrzypek

The controversial topic of Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) was the issue that was chosen to inaugurate a cycle of the monthly FEPS Next Social Europe debates with. The panel featured proponents and opponents of BIG, therefore showcasing heated debate. While advocates of BIG would emphasise that this is a matter of the state taking responsibility for its citizens and the question of providing each and everyone with a decent life in those turbulent times, the opponents would answer that the guarantee as a cash transfer can have further disfranchising effects, neither responding to the public demand for more social justice nor keeping the attention focused where it should be (namely on the efforts leading to full quality employment for all). The large audience



gathered in the FEPS seminar room remained divided on the question as well. In the aftermath of the event, FEPS published a brief which featured the inputs by the panellists, as well as by FEPS Next Left researchers and FEPS Scientific Council members: R. Bazillier and D. Tsarouhas.

FEPS Next Social Europe Policy Brief – European Minimum Income

3rd March 2016, Brussels, Belgium, Contribution to the debate at the PES Social Europe Network

The debate on a minimum wage at EU level has taken off about a decade ago, but practical work towards its realisation has been limited. Major EU member states had been reluctant to follow that path, let alone have an EU-wide policy on the subject. When the crisis hit, however, the debate intensified and the need for some form of EU- wide arrangement is becoming increasingly pressing. In his policy brief, D. Tsarouhas argued for why an action is needed and what plausible threshold could be meeting a pan-European consensus. As such, the paper was presented at the meeting of the PES Social Europe Network meeting as an input for the debate.

Next Social Europe Lunch Debate – Growing Precariousness: can we work towards changing the trend?

16th March 2016, Brussels, Belgium

Introduction: E. Stetter, Speakers: S. Simon, C. Courteille, M. Guergoat-Larivière, J. Wickham, K. van Aerden, Moderation: A. Skrzypek, E. Bova

Precariousness has been particularly growing in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis. As a phenomenon it is worrying because its unprecedented scope and because of the fact that it hits those who have been more vulnerable to begin with. What seems particularly striking is that with the deterioration of working conditions, there has been an increase of employees labelled as *working poor* and therefore the number of households that cannot sustain themselves with income from even two full-time jobs. The situation is bound to have long lasting effects, worsening overall living standards, causing exclusion, jeopardising the opportunities for especially impoverished children, and to that end undermine further the already challenged idea, *social deal*. These deliberations constituted a context of the lunch debate which featured further discussions on the measures to fight polarisation of the labour market and prevent impoverishment at work to appear. The core question posed towards the end was in how far the promise of quality employment for all can be pursued politically and made tangible again. The debate gathered an audience of about 40 participants and was summarised in a brief that was issued afterwards.



ETUI Monthly Forum Debate – The Social Reality of Europe after the crisis
17th March 2016, Brussels, Belgium

Speakers: R. Liddle, M. Mir, P. Pochet, E. Stetter.

Within the framework of its monthly fora, ETUI (European Trade Union Institut) invited FEPS and Policy Network to present their joint report 'The Social State of Europe After the Crisis' (authored by P. Diamond, R. Liddle and D. Sage). The publication focused on analysing the socio-economic costs of the crash of 2008. It provided data showing the devastating effects that austerity measures have had, indicating that the results of their applications are to prolong the jeopardising of chances to ensure social progress for all. To that end, the debate at the ETUI was a great opportunity to discuss these and to ponder responsibilities that, in their light, the European social democrats and trade unions should assume to change the situation framed by slow growth, increasing impoverishment and growing unemployment.

Next Social Europe Lunch Debate – EU Taxation: How can it be fair and progressive?
26th April 2016, Brussels, Belgium

Introduction: E. Stetter, Speakers: E. Regner, G. Pirinski, P. Sorin Dandea, S. Wood, Moderation: A. Skrzypek

The question of fairness is frequently defined through the prism of taxation policies. European social democrats have been traditionally arguing for the progressivity of the systems, however in light of recent developments the issue of what should happen when the threshold arrives. In the contemporary reality the rich seem to be getting richer, poor – poorer and the system based on social contributions more and more under founded. It is therefore legitimate to ask in how far the Top 1% ensures sharing their prosperity for the benefit of social progress of all. This relates to another set of issues, among which the priority is the plague of tax havens and tax avoidance. It is being calculated that only by eradicating those, the resources raised could be enough to put adequate the European Social Model in place and equip it with the provisions enabling it to respond to the aspirations of the contemporary societies. Taking the inspiration of the European Parliaments' debate on the EU's own resources, changing the MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework) and the prospects of calling for a battle against tax avoidance, FEPS organised a debate which gathered over 50 attendees and was then summarised (as traditional for the Next Social Europe debates) by a brief.

Next Social Europe Lunch Debate – Youth Employment: Delivering on the promise of a better future for the next generation(s)

24th May 2016, Brussels, Belgium

Introduction: E. Stetter, Speakers: B. Benifei, L. Slimani, M. Mascherini, P. Diamond, Moderation: A. Skrzypek

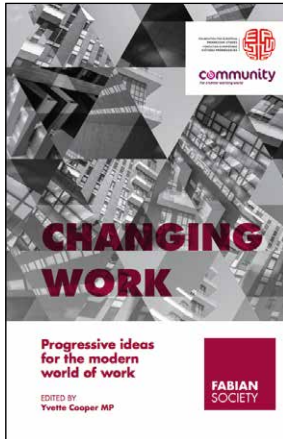
Youth unemployment has reached unprecedented levels, leaving many young people without opportunities and hopes for the future. In some countries even the majority of citizens aged 18 – 30 remain within the NEETs group – neither in employment, education or training. In parallel, the development of the phenomena that are corroding the decent working conditions (such as unpaid internships, zero hours contracts, atypical work contracts and others) mean that even if young people are fortunate enough to find jobs, these are very likely to be precarious. The European Union's answer was so far focused predominantly on delivering on everyone's right to employment, but the so called Youth Guarantee remains too modest in its scope and founding to deliver, which is why PES (Party of European Socialists) has been demanding to amend it, enlarging the age brackets and pouring more finances into that. This overall context was the motivation to organise a lunch debate, which gathered 60 members of the audience ready to discuss both how

to deal with unemployment and insecurity and how to answer to the young generations' aspirations and make the labour markets' evolution serve them.



FEPS – Fabian Society Pamphlet: Changing Work: Progressive Ideas for the Future of Work

Edited by: Y. Cooper, Published in September 2016



The world of work is being rapidly transformed by technological innovation and globalisation. Across Europe, exciting new opportunities, new jobs and new forms of work are emerging. At the same time, the loss of stable patterns of employment is contributing to a growing sense of insecurity and anxiety among today's workforce. This collection of essays explores the ways in which work is changing, what these changes mean for working people and how the labour movement should respond. Leading politicians, academics, trade unionists and other experts consider what the jobs of the future will entail for workers, politics and the state, and how the left can ensure that modern employment benefits everyone. It was edited by Y. Cooper, features a foreword by E. Stetter and A. Harrop, and was developed with the support of C. Teit and A. Skrzypek. It features following themes: What's really happening in the world of work?;

The nature of work; Preparing for the revolution; The precariat dilemma; Rethinking skills policy for the AI era; People are the solution to the productivity puzzle; Towards an economy that works for women; A collective voice in an insecure world; 9 Social democratic co-operation in the digital age; Confronting 'insecurity cubed'; The role of the state in the Uber economy; The future of work outside the EU; with contributions by: Y. Cooper, N. Clarke, S. Franks, S. Harris, Ch. Holloway, A. Painter, J. Park, N. Pickavance, M. Prosser, G. Standing, J. Steinruck, C. Tait, A. Turley.

Next Social Europe Expert's Seminar and Lunch Debate – European Social Model Revisited: Changes and Challenges in the debate on the European Social Rights' Pillar

19th October 2016, Brussels, Belgium

In 2016, it was the 10th anniversary of the voting on the last European Parliament's report on the European Social Model (ESM). Naturally, with the 2008 crisis and all that took place in the aftermath, the question regarding the ESM's state and its future prospects is a very valid one. This conclusion came out of the FEPS Next Left research and particularly was the finding of an article by D. Tsarouhas, Member of FEPS Scientific Council and FEPS Next Left Focus Group. As a thesis it was also seconded by P. De Rossa (MEP and rapporteur on ESM in 2006), whose support in re-launching the debate FEPS was fortunate to be able to count on. But finally, it ended to be just a part of the motivation and was coupled with an interest to discuss in details the European Commission's on-going consultations on the European Social Rights' Pillar, which was to elevate social policies from the 'soft zone' and would be a potential key to unleashing the long promised



Social Europe of a new generation. Because of this two-fold inspiration, a decision was made to organise both a morning expert seminar and the lunch debate. The first looked at the past struggles around the ESM and the recommendations for the future (featuring the presentations by P. De Rossa, D. Tsarouhas, J. Wickham) and at opportunities in the context of ESRP (with inputs by B. Egan, S. Spasova, M. Georgalis). They were joined in a debate by 20 invited experts and representatives of stake-holders in the ESRP process. The conclusions of the closed round by G. Pirinski, MEP, were almost directly followed by the opening of the public part by J. Steinruck, MEP and S&D Coordinator in EMPL. She was also joined in a debate by C. Courteille and L. Slimani. In terms of attendance, the activity was the most popular of the lunch debates – having seen more than 120 registrations. The entire event was inaugurated by E. Stetter and moderated by A. Skrzypek.

FEPS at the FES Gleichheits Kongress – Input to the debate on Predistribution

29th November 2016, Berlin, Germany

On 28th and 29th November FES held its Gleichheitskongress, which featured two days with over 1000 participants taking part in plenary sessions and workshops. A. Skrzypek contributed to the debate on *Pre-distribution – progressive ideas from the UK and Europe*, where she presented the outcome of the FEPS, Policy Network and Renner Institut past symposium in Oxford and the respective publication *The Predistribution Agenda: Tackling Inequality and Supporting Sustainable Growth* (published by I. B. Taurus in 2015).

FEPS – Rafael Campalans Foundation Seminar: Inequalities and Future of Work: What is the mission for the progressive political parties?

16th December 2016, Barcelona, Spain

The evolution of the labour market has remained in the focus of FEPS and its member foundations throughout the year. One of the leading debate's threads was growing inequalities within the labour market, whereby the old polarisation (between so called lousy and lovely jobs) has further enhanced fragmentation and exclusions. Consequently, it led to asking a two-fold question, which became a framework for the seminar in Barcelona in December 2016. First, in how far the situation at hand is the result of liberalisation, austerity and handful of other wrong policy choices and consequently fatal polices put in place in the last 30 years. Identifying the roots of the problem was key to seeing in what way they could be addressed with alternative progressive policies. And second, it was deliberated that a new economy (care, green, digital etc.) does not need



to be synonymous to further threats and gloomy prospects. On the contrary, it was considered how modernity could – if framed properly – become a new era of social progress, inclusive opportunities and growing prosperity. The seminar was opened by J. Montilla and A. Skrzypek, which session was followed by two panels featuring: E. Granados, B. Nowacka, J. Lopez, C. Tait, C. Courteille, R. Bellera. The moderation was facilitated by E. Niubó and A. Skrzypek, with closing words from M. Iceta.

Social State of Europe – ‘Europe’s New Social Reality’

Research concluded by P. Diamond and D. Sage, Publishing date – February 2017



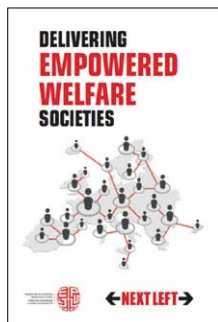
In 2015, the FEPS and Policy Network report ‘The Social Reality of Europe After the Crisis’ identified the growing social, economic and political divergence between the regions of Europe as one of the most important consequences of the crisis, given the shared challenges of weak economic growth and rising inequality. Since the report’s publication, new comparative data suggest that economic recovery remains unevenly distributed across Europe, with particularly low growth in continental, Nordic and southern European countries. Further, despite progress in increasing employment participation, inequality has risen in most EU states since the 2015 report, while poverty levels have barely shifted, despite improved labour market performance. In this context, it is unsurprising that left and right populism continues to thrive

across Europe, with declining trust in existing democratic institutions. Nowhere has the rejection of the centre and of established political parties been more direct than in the UK, where a majority of voters chose to ignore the advice of the three main political parties by deciding to leave the EU. In the search for a new strategy for the centre left, a growing number of policy-makers, politicians, academics, campaigners and thinktanks have advocated the introduction of a universal basic income (UBI): an unconditional, regular payment by the state to every citizen. As an idea, UBI has a powerful allure in the context of profound social and economic disruption, a lack of alternative political visions, and public distrust towards the conventional welfare state. However, this paper poses a question about the extent to which UBI is necessarily the solution to these crises. It asks whether there are effective strategies and policies that could more credibly deal with these challenges. Finally, the report scrutinises the claim that UBI is a panacea for the travails of the centre left in its capacity to tackle the social challenges already identified. The structure of the report is as follows. Chapter 2 reviews recent social and economic trends in Europe since the 2015 report. Chapter 3 outlines the challenges for social democracy and the emergence of UBI as an apparently powerful remedy. Chapter 4 considers how UBI may effectively address some of the most fundamental challenges to European societies. Chapter 5 sets out the social democratic case against UBI and presents a series of policy case studies as alternatives. Chapter 6 draws the arguments together, arguing that a more effective and convincing strategy for the centre left is to strengthen, reform and revitalise welfare states and social policies.

NEXT LEFT - FUTURE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

FEPS Next Left Book – Volume 10 – Delivering Empowered Welfare Societies

Featuring results from the research concluded by the FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Groups in 2014-2015



Foreword: A. Gusenbauer, Editors: E. Stetter, K. Duffek, A. Skrzypek, Authors: D. J. Bailey, O. Bartomeus, R. Bazillier, P. Diamond, C. D'ippoliti, N. Carboni, A. Crespy, J. Halpin, I. Hertner, M. Holmes, A. Krouwel, Y. Kutiyski, E. Kùlahci, R. Ladrech, J. Lievens, R. Mazzocchi, G. Moschonas, M. Nachtigal, G. Pittoors, A. Skrzypek, R. Teixeira, D. Tsarouhas, S. van Hecke, M. Weatherburn, K. Weise, P. Zwicky.

Delivering Welfare Societies is the 10th volume of the FEPS Next Left Book Series. It features an impressive collection of articles, deriving from research conducted by the academics of the FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Groups in the years 2014-2015. The texts included were extensively debated having received 4 peer reviews, while in parallel the core ideas were also tested at the numerous round tables organised across the EU. In their diversity, the contributions unite in proving that not only is there a future for Europe – but also that it can be constructed alongside progressive principles. This well-documented optimistic message is a contribution that this volume hopes to make in times when the EU finds itself at such relevant crossroads. Delivering Welfare Societies starts with the foreword of Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, Chair of the FEPS Next Left Research Programme, who offers his prediction on what may happen on the global and European level in the months to come. This serves as a political framework and reference point for the proposals brought along in the subsequent 4 chapters. These are: *Focusing the Agenda: Equality, Quality Employment and Decent Living Standards*; *Taking the Lead: Seizing the Moment, Taking Responsibility and Devising a New Social Compact*; *Acting through Europe: Solidarity, Politicization and Communitarian Method*; and, last but not least, *Paving the Vision: a Goal To Reach, a Strategy to Unite and a Narrative to Convince*. The Chapters include solid analyses of the political processes and socio-economic trends shaping and shaking the EU at the moment, suggesting the ways through which new trajectory can be contextualised, conceptualised and convincingly presented to the voters. In its richness, Delivering Empowered Welfare Societies

therefore offers a path out of anxiety about the future of Europe and the current ad-hoc, quick fix and emergencies- prompted debates. Its conclusive motto is: the future of the European Union is and will always be there. But it is up to progressives to mobilise themselves and find the courage to believe that among these and many other available ideas there is enough to claim a publically legitimised mandate to be the ones to shape the course of things to come.

FEPS and Fabian Society Pamphlet – Future Left: Can the Left Respond to Changing Society?

Published in April 2016



Right across Europe, mainstream political parties are in retreat. New currents on the left and right are confronting the political establishment and forcing social democrats to face up to some existential questions. *What does a fast-changing economy mean for political movements forged in the workplaces of the industrial age? Can traditional parties reinvent themselves for a more pluralist, less deferential democracy? How can the left nurture new forms of solidarity in a more individualistic society?* This collection of essays is a search for answers. It brings together Labour party politicians and UK and EU policy experts to map some of the long-term trends reshaping our society, our economy and our politics, and to consider their implications for the left. The project realised in cooperation between FEPS and Fabian

Society, is guided by the spirit of the revisionist New Fabian Essays, which stressed in the early 1950s the imperative of each generation having “a new analysis of the political, economic and social scene as a basis for reformulating socialist principles”. It was edited by A. Harrop and E. Wallis, and begins with foreword by E. Stetter. It features articles on the following themes: *The Spirit of Revisionism; The Real Future of Work; The Century’s Challenge; Growing Up; Migration: A Social Democratic Response; Fully Committed?; Building a New Housing Model; Things Don’t Only Get Better; Future-Oriented Public Services; Creating a More Equal Future; Who Are We Now And Who Do We Need To Be?; Collaboration Not Control;* with inputs by: Polly Billington, R. Fiaz, K. Henderson, D. Jarvis, R. Laurence, C. McNeil, L. Nandy, M. O’Neill, H. Redgrave, K. Starmer, M. Stears ,E. Wallis, L. Antonucci, G. Cozzi, A. Crespy, B. Egan, M. Holmes, J. Leinen, P. Magnette, G. Marchl, S. Schmidt, A. Skrzypek, J. Tanczos.

FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Group Meeting

1st – 2nd May 2016, Vienna, Austria

The FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Groups met for the second meeting in the 2015 – 2016 research cycle in the hospitable premises of the Renner Institut in Austria. The programme began with an optional segment, which enabled all the Members willing to do so to join a guided tour through the International Labour Day Manifestation. The official FEPS Next Left deliberations that began on Sunday afternoon were focused on a peer review of the first drafts of the papers that the respective members developed based on the earlier abstracts. These had been discussed and approved at the previous meeting in December 2015. The respective draft papers were presented and discussed in plenaries and in the break out sessions, which were organised alongside the cross cutting themes: *Progressives and the State of Democracy in Europe* (presentations: A. Krouwel, R. Ladrech, M. Holmes), *Progressives and their Ideological Future* (presentations: A. Bielskis, P. Zwicky, D. Bailey), *Progressives and the debate on (In)Equalities* (presentations: L. Antonoucci, C. D’Ippoliti, P. Diamond), *Progressives and the vision for a Social Europe* (presentations: D. Tsarouhas, M. Weatherburn, M. Guergoat-Larivière), *Progressives and the ambition to Politicise Economy* (presentations: R. Mazzocchi, R. Bazillier, E. Poli). The seminar was opened and presided by Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, Chair of the FEPS Next Left Research Programme and featured closing remarks of A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow.



Public Conference – Left in Power 3rd May 2016, Paris, France with Fondation Jean Jaurès and Terra Nova

Together with its partners, FEPS organised a conference which focused on the experiences of the centre left while in governments in the past and now. The conference, which gathered over 2000 participants, was organised alongside 3 plenaries. The first, introduced by Th. Pech, looked at “yesterday” – and as panel was moderate by Alain Bergounioux,

who engaged in a conversation with Jean- Noël Jeanneney and Anne-Laure Ollivier. The second part was entitled “today”, and featured an introduction by Massimo D’Alema, FEPS President. The subsequent debate was moderated by A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow, who was joined on the podium by Marc Lazar, Ernst Hillebrand and Christophe Sente. The synthesis of the debates were made then by Gilles Finchelstein, who introduced the segment “here and now” with the key-note address by François Hollande, President of France.



Public Conference – Democracy in the face of terrorism

8th September 2016, Paris, France with Jean Jaurès and Terra Nova

France and Europe are facing terrorist attacks of unprecedented scale and violence: other countries, elsewhere in the world, are also affected. We have to face up to threat. French and European people are worried and asking questions. Democracy is being targeted. Democracy must respond. The most important thing is at stake: our fundamental values and

our life as a community. The event was co-organised by the Jean- Jaurès Foundation, Terra Nova and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies. Introduced by Gilles Finchelstein, Thierry Pech and Ernst Stetter, the conference was concluded by the President of the French Republic, François Hollande.

FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Group Meeting

18th – 19th September 2016, London, UK

Following the kind invitation of Policy Network, the FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Groups met for the 3rd session of the 2015 – 2016 cycle in London. This offered an opportunity to begin the seminar with a discussion on the outcomes of the Referendum that had taken place in the UK on 23rd June 2016. The focus of presentation of P. Diamond, Co-Chair of Policy Network, followed by the deliberations, was what lessons should be drawn also in the rest of the EU after what happened in Britain. This also remained a cross-reference for further segments of the programme, and here especially the subsequent presentations by M. Weatherburn and D. Bailey. Furthermore, the programme featured the debate inputs by the Next Left Focus and Working Group's members, who in the period between the last meeting in May and September, worked on developing their respective papers into drafts. The working methods envisaged that each author would explain the changes they have made, which then was followed by the review by the two internal reviewers (assigned for the duration of the cycle) and exchange of views among all the members. The paper presentations were grouped, as previously in Vienna, in thematic segments: Progressives and their Ideological Future (inputs by: A. Bielskis and P. Zwicky), Progressives and the State of Democracy in Europe (inputs by A. Krouwel, M. Holmes, R. Ladrech and P. Potocki), Progressives and the Ambition to Politicise Economy (Inputs by R. Mazzocchi, R. Bazillier, E. Poli, M. Skora, K. Wiese), Progressives and the debate on (In)Equalities (Inputs by P. Diamond, L. Antonucci, C. D'Ippoliti), Progressives and the vision for a Social Europe (Inputs by D. Tsarouhas, M. Guergoat-Larivière, M. Nachtigal). The seminar finished with remarks by A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow following her draft paper "Next Left, Next Social Deal."

The European Left's 25% Problem

26th September 2016, Liverpool, UK

FEPS and Policy Network Fringe Meeting at the Labour Party Conference

Across Europe the traditional parties of the centre left seem stuck in the same electoral dilemma – the 25% problem. From Berlin to Madrid, Copenhagen to Vienna, there is still a centre left base, hence no complete electoral collapse. But the left seems unable to reach other parts of the electorate, to appeal beyond the base. And as their appeal shrinks so they turn inward on themselves – satisfying the party comes at a higher premium than attracting new voters. There is a price to be paid – either the purity but impotence of perpetual opposition or, in PR systems, the poisoned chalice of a junior partner in a grand coalition. The core question is therefore if the progressives could break out of the circle, around which the inputs of the panelists (A. Skrzypek, G. De Piero, B. Howlin, S. Kinnock, J. Morris) would focus. The debate was moderated by M. Laza and gathered about 50 members of the audience.

Socialism, Socialists and the State in Western Europe in the 20th Century

7-9 December 2016, Paris, Centre d'Histoire de Sciences Po (CHSP) with Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po, Fondation Jean-Jaurès

This three-day workshop aimed to understand the complex relationship between socialism and the state that took hold in a number of Western European countries. The various sessions tried to combine theoretical reflection, historical framing and contemporary political theory analysis. They brought together young researchers and seasoned scholars and were designed as a step toward the publication of an edited volume. In the closing session with Professor Marc Lazar and Gilles Finchelstein, A. Skrzypek spoke on behalf of FEPS presenting a paper “State and its role in the context of uniting Europe - in the light of the programmatic documents of the PES and its predecessors since 1957”.

Following the successful colloquium, professor Lazar has taken an initiative to ensure publication of the results, which in a format of a book, are to be issued under his editorial supervision by MacMillan Palgrave in 2018.



Next Left Focus and Working Group Meeting

4th – 5th December 2016, Vienna, Austria

The FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Groups met for the fourth time in the 2015 – 2016 research cycle in the hospitable premises of Renner Institut in Vienna. The meeting's introductory session was devoted to a debate on the recent political development in Europe. Evidently, a special focus was on the Austrian Presidential Elections. Here Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, Chair of the FEPS Next Left, offered the input. In this first panel, he was joined by Mag. Maria Maltschnig, new Director of Renner Institut – who took the opportunity to welcome FEPS Next Left FG and WG Members, and to speak about the Institut's plans for 2017 and beyond. Furthermore, the objective of this December seminar was to enable the final peer review of the respective research papers and to derive possible joint recommendations. To that end, the presentations by the respective authors were kept short, giving more space for an exchange among the Members. Consequently, the break-out sessions were used as working groups to look at the conclusive point and how to formulate these into inspiring politically recommendations. It offered a fundament to consider what would be potential themes that FEPS Next Left Research Programme should envisage investigating in the subsequent cycle. It was agreed that inequalities and globalisation would be among them, however there was a relatively large disagreement regarding the scope. Also, the members remained divided over whether to pursue the question of identity politics as a research subject. These and other issues were then postponed to be resolved during the next meeting in spring 2017, whereby there would also be a decision on which working methods the FG and WG would use in the next cycle.

The Crossland Legacy: The future of British Social Democracy

7th December 2016, London, UK with Policy Network

To mark the 60th anniversary of Anthony Crosland's influential tract *The Future of Socialism*, FEPS, Policy Network and the Mile End Institute hosted a half-day symposium on his intellectual and political legacy. The conference was convened by Patrick Diamond and Michael Kenny of the School of Politics at Queen Mary University of London and organised with an ambition to search for new proposals for the centre left in Britain after the three turbulent years that it has just experienced. The list of speakers included: P. Diamond, M. Kenny, D. Lipsey, V. Cable, J. Seaton, J. Crudas, O. Bailey.

DEMOCRATIC MALAISE & GOVERNANCE

FEPS WG on the Transnational Lists and the Future of Transnational Parties

28th April, 2nd June, 28th September 2016 with Renner Institut and FEPS Fringe at the PES Council in Prague on 3rd December 2016



On 11th November 2015, the European Parliament adopted a report by Danuta Hübner (EPP) and Jo Leinen (S&D), which constituted an interesting opening for another kind of a debate about the future of the Europarties and the Europartisan system. The document was entitled “The Reform of Electoral Law of the European Union” and enumerated a number of possible paths for the EU decision

makers to consider in order to make the Union more democratic, more efficient and better equipped with the adequate policy prerogatives. FEPS – Foundation for European Progressive Studies welcomed the adoption of the report, as it is providing an inspiration to frame a new chapter of research and subsequently debate. It was seen as an essential bridge to move from the evaluation of the 2014 European elections experience, looking on how the Report could be implemented in the context of the PES (Party of European Socialists), becoming a fundament for further consolidation and strengthening for the organisation. In that spirit, even before the final vote on the above-mentioned report was taken, a meeting was held in Brussels between Jo Leinen, MEP and Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General. The exchange concerned the ways the report could be followed-up by FEPS and scholars in its network, while setting short and long term objectives for the renewed research initiative building on the FEPS Next Left programme.

The new initiative was chaired by J. Leinen, MEP, and was coordinated at FEPS by A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow, with the support of C. Guedes, FEPS Junior Policy Officer. It gathered academics who deliberated on the questions outlined in the initial research programme’s note “For a more European European Union” – including: *Lessons from the European Elections 2014, Potential for Transnational Lists, Realistic Thresholds, Next Step for the Top Candidates’ process, Adequate representation?, Comprehensive Electoral Campaigns, Digitalization of elections.* Among the members there were: Luciano Bardi, David S. Bell, Alberto Bondesio Martinez, Jesper Dahl Kelstrup, Mario Gavenda, Michael Kaeding, E. Kuhlaci, Robert Ladrech, Marije Laffeber,

Christopher Lord, Laura Slimani, Anna Paczesniak, Fabian Pescher, Friedrich Pukelsheim, Steven Van Hecke.

The three subsequent meetings benefited from the exchange between scholars and experts who have contributed with written inputs. These were incorporated by A. Skrzypek with the support of C. Guedes in the final report, which together with the recommendations, was presented as input for the PES debates at the FEPS fringe meeting at the PES Council in Prague.

Taking into account a great interest that the document and the fringe enjoyed, it was agreed that the initiative would continue, seeing in 2017 both research and the ‘bridging the gap’ seminars organised with the support of FEPS member foundations in the respective Member States. To that end, the findings also offered an inspiration and material for part of the « Progressive Post » magazine (issued in Winter 2016).

MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE

See first chapter.

Radical Left

Throughout 2016 – 2017 in cooperation with CRS

Following the pan-European research project of FEPS and CSR lead by a scholar of CSR Nicola Genga on the topic “*The Radical Left in Europe since 1989*” the partners of the initiative looked into organising a publication throughout 2016 on 3 sessions devoted to analysing in details the change the radical left imprints in the electoral, democratic and the European dimensions.

Populism Tracker Research

Research and information platform 2016-2017 in cooperation with Policy Solutions

The Populism Tracker is firstly a comprehensive and interactive website that provides regular analysis of the populist trends and secondly, it aims at providing recommendations for the European Left to address populism as a wider political phenomena in Europe. FEPS in cooperation with Policy Solutions published regular analysis throughout the year, which were then brought together in a final publication summarising the 2016 populism trends. The final publication in 2016 is called “The State of Populism in Europe 2016”.

Populism Tracker Debate

29th September 2016, Brussels, Belgium, public debate with Policy Solutions



This debate aimed at shedding a deeper understanding as to why populism seemingly galvanises the younger generation of voters – the so called Millennials (aged 15-35, born between 1980-2000) under the title “Politics & Leadership: How are Populist Movements Attracting Millennials and Why?”. The question that served as the basis of the debate was prompted by the striking results of the Millennial Dialogue report on France and Hungary that showed a surge in support towards parties in the extremes of the political spectrum. The event also served as an opportunity for FEPS and Policy Solutions to launch the **Populism Tracker website**.

Right wing populism and the Future of European Politics

20th April 2016, Brussels, Belgium & 29th November 2016, Göttingen, Germany in cooperation with EU Representation of Lower Saxony and EIZ Germany



In many member states of the European Union, right-wing populists and EU-sceptical parties have entered parliament, often as part of government and in open hostility towards the EU. Unsolved problems and continuous crisis of the EU further uplifted the populist phenomena.

With a first conference with experts from various member states in Brussels, the debate on how to battle the populist, extremist and anti-systemic trends was then brought to students and a wider audience in Göttingen University later in the year.

The Far Right in Europe

2nd May 2016, Brussels, Belgium in cooperation with Fondation Jean Jaurès and the French socialist delegation of the S&D Group in the European Parliament

All over Europe and in a number of member states of the European Union, populist forces and nationalist parties from the far right are gaining electoral support by showing a stronger involvement at the various levels of government. Being ever more present at local, regional, national and European level, populism is thriving and is becoming part of a new political narrative based on anti-establishment / anti-status quo.

The expert seminar aimed firstly to analyse and debate the root causes of this phenomena and secondly, the discussions were to inform progressive politicians the potential counter actions that could be made in order to fight populism and populist discourses.

Populism – a challenge to Local Democracy

1st July 2017, Luxembourg city, Luxembourg In cooperation with USLRRE and LSAP

The expert seminar focused on the challenges that populism is posing to local and regional politics and aimed at bridging these challenges to the European level where the phenomena is also seen. The guest speakers brought about their own country-specific experiences and shared best practices that could counter the phenomena.

GENDER EQUALITY

Equal Pay for Equal Work

5th March 2016, Budapest, Hungary, International conference with Táncsics Alapítvány

The conference was opened by the keynote speech of József Tóbiás, President of MSZP (Hungarian Socialist Party), who focused on the systemic active and passive aggression against women in Hungarian society, and on the extremely conservative approach to gender issues taken by the government. The conference was then divided into two panels, centred on the international and national dimensions of the issue. In both cases the roots of the pay gap between men and women were analysed as well as of lower women's employment rates in Europe and Hungary, and instruments to tackle the problem were suggested.

Beijing +20 / 20th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action

22nd April 2016, Barcelona, Spain, Seminar with Rafael Campalans Foudantion



Organised in collaboration with the area of Women Policies of the Catalan Socialist Party, the seminar aimed to analyse which of the objectives defined in Beijing in 1995, when the Platform for Action was launched, have been achieved so far, and upgrade the challenges so as to guarantee the rights of women and more just and egalitarian societies. The seminar was divided into three sessions focusing on: Beijing achievements: analysis of the results; Experiences of public policies on gender equality; Crisis and challenges: neoliberalism, socialism and feminism.

Basic Guaranteed Income, the Social Policy of the Future?

18th May 2016, Budapest, Hungary, International conference with Táncsics Alapítvány

The conference brought together members of the Hungarian Parliament, representatives of trade unions, experts, political analyst and former EU Commissioner László Andor to discuss the concept of basic income, its basically progressive character, and the impact that the introduction of such measure would have on society, employment, criminality, etc. The questions of women's employment, of wages and of the need of a new social model were also thoroughly debated.

III. SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

The legacy of the global financial and EU sovereign crisis are still weighing heavily on economic growth and living conditions. Growth is sluggish, unemployment remains high and different dimensions of inequalities are expanding. FEPS devotes a lot of resources to identifying the underlying cases and evaluate the consequences of such developments in collaborations with universities and research centres from all over the EU.

Under the sustainable economy action, FEPS has been engaged in projects that aim at providing some fresh and challenging ideas on how we can best *reshape, rewrite, and rethink the rules* behind the current EU economic governance framework. Just to give an example: together with Prof. Joseph Stiglitz, and many other renowned academics and policy-makers, we have embarked on a high-level initiative that aims at proposing a new set of rules for the European Economic Governance system. Financialisation, crony capitalism and their consequences on income distribution also feature prominently on our research agenda. We have seen the recent increase in the use of non-standard working arrangements, zero hour contracts, temporary or part-time jobs with precarious provisions with respect to working conditions, health and social security norms.

All FEPS research, articles and debates offer clear and realistic alternatives to the current economic policies on the table. We are regularly engaging with many high-level internationally renowned economists to promote our ideas.

FISCAL GOVERNANCE

4th Annual FEPS-IPD conference at Brookings: FISCAL GOVERNANCE AT TIMES OF SLOW GROWTH 17th – 18th April 2016 with IPD and in collaboration with Global Economy and Development at The Brookings Institution

Keynote speech by Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize, Co-President, Initiative for Policy Dialogue.

The conference was organised with three panels. The first panel focused on short and medium term responses via fiscal policy and rules towards tackling the risk of slowdown in the world economy. This panel was introduced by Homi Kharas, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director for the Global Economy and Development Programme at Brookings Institution. Speakers included: Jose Antonio Ocampo, Co-President of IPD, James K. Galbraith, Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin, Vitor Gaspar, Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department at the IMF, and Amar Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution.

The second panel centred on identifying key issues and problems concerning fiscal rules. The panel was chaired and introduced by Stephany Griffith-Jones, Financial Markets Programme Director at IPD and Emeritus Professor IDS, Sussex University. Speakers included: Joachim Poss, Member of the Bundestag in Germany, Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Former Minister of economic cooperation and development in Germany, Jean Pisani-Ferry, Professor of Economic and Commissioner-General for Policy Planning of the French Government, and Maria João Rodrigues, MEP.

The third panel concentrated on proposing progressive solutions for fiscal reform. It was chaired by Ernst Stetter, Secretary General of FEPS. Speakers included Peter Bofinger, Professor for Monetary Policy and International Economics at the University of Würzburg in Germany, Pervenche



Berès, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group, and Member of the Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Gustav A. Horn, Research Director, Macroeconomic Policy Institute, Hans Böckler Stiftung in Germany, Carlo Cottarelli, Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund.

7th Annual FEPS-TASC Conference 17 June 2016, Dublin, Ireland with TASC

This one-day event, held in Dublin, brought together economists, academics, trade unionists and activists from Ireland, the UK and mainland Europe. The conference was held against a backdrop of risk and uncertainty – about labour markets, inequality, investment, ‘Brexit,’ and globalisation – such that even the way capitalism itself may evolve is hard to predict. Up to 100 participants attended the gathering, which saw the launch of the latest FEPS-TASC research on working conditions, “Enforced Flexibility? Working in Ireland today”.

The keynote address was delivered by the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins. Other speakers at the event were: Professor John Weeks, University of London, Professor Antonella Stirati from Università Roma Tre, Ms Signe Dahl, senior economist with the Economic Council of Labour Movement in Denmark, Prof. James Wickham, TASC, Mrs. Patricia King, the General Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, Mrs. Claire Courteille-Mulder, director International Labour Organisation, Brussels, Dr. Donald Storrie, Head of Employment and Change Unit, Eurofound, and Mr. Catalin Dragomirescu-Gaina, FEPS Senior Economist.

Diverging Capitalisms? Part 2: Brexit and new EU economic governance 28th October 2016, London with Policy Network and SPERI



This workshop organised by FEPS, Policy Network and SPERI was the second of a series of four events organised as part of the project ‘Diverging Capitalisms? Britain, the City of London and Europe’. The aim of the project is to consider the changing nature of the British economy, its place within the European economic space and the consequences of ‘Brexit’. The work undertaken will feed into a number of policy briefs, and in the publication of an edited book with Palgrave. A further seminar is planned for March in Brussels.

DIGITAL ECONOMY

The Digital Footprint Project

With Uni-Europa, University of Hertfordshire, IPSOS Mori

This project is intended to analysing the implications of the digital revolution on the labour market as well as providing a policy proposal to address asymmetries in labour conditions between ordinary labour and digital labour. Under current legal conditions and lacking a coherent legal framework, no formal employment relationship is established in the case of crowdsourcing, the practice usually leads to the circumvention of standard employment regulation (e.g. dismissal regulation and health and safety legislation) and collective agreements. To date, evidence regarding the scale of this phenomenon has been scattered and patchy and as a consequence, policy action has been timid if not inexistent.

This project aims at gathering data evidence on crowd workers using an omnibus survey with data collected by IPSOS Mori. In 2016, survey data has been obtained from UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria and Sweden and factsheets have been published including the most relevant statistics on crowd workers in these countries. An intermediate report comparing all 5 countries was published in December 2016.

The project has stimulated the interest of some major stakeholders, including European institutions (Eurostat, Eurfound), public organisations (French authorities) and academia. The data set will be made available to the research community by 2017, allowing thus FEPS to become a platform that promotes a better understanding of the digital employment through better data and statistics.

The future of the digital single market: millennials, technology, employment & social security – debate and book launch

14th November 2016, FEPS, Brussels

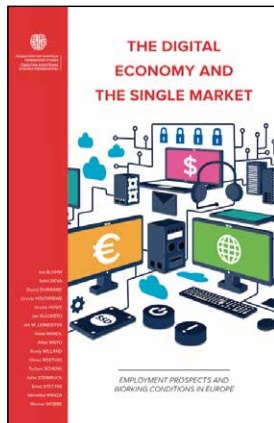


This conference was connected to FEPS’s flagship youth engagement project “Millennial Dialogue” and with the other related FEPS initiative: the “Digital Footprint” project.

A new book entitled “The digital economy and the single market - Employment Prospects and Working Conditions in Europe” was launched in the memory of Werner Wobbe.

Keynote speaker: Axelle Lemaire, French Minister for Digital Affairs.

Other speakers: Ursula Huws, Professor of Labour and Globalisation at the University of Hertfordshire, Stefan Gran, Head of EU Liaison Office, German Trade Union Confederation DGB, Alberto Zillio, Director Public Affairs Europe, AT&T, Bertrand Deprez, Vice-president EU Government Affairs, Schneider Electric, Jean-Philippe Monod de Froidville, Senior Director Government & Corporate Affairs, Expedia



Digital Economy and the Single Market - book

Book in honour of Werner Wobbe

The recent, explosive growth of the ‘sharing economy’ and of new forms of work and the impacts of digitisation on labour markets have created new challenges for statistics producers and users. The aim was to assess how data on this phenomenon is sourced and used. This project was led by Werner Wobbe, member of the FEPS Scientific Council. It began in 2015 with a collection of chapters from various authors. To our great sadness, Werner Wobbe passed away suddenly and unfortunately did not see the end of this work. FEPS decided to go ahead and published the book in 2016 in his honour, with a launch event held on 14th November.

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

How Cooperatives and mutual can contribute to the policy agenda of European Progressives May 2015 – end 2016 with Mutuo

Much of the disillusionment with politics that is shared across the European Union stems from our politicians' inability to propose economic and political systems that work for ordinary people, rather than the vested interests of business, the wealthy and the powerful. Co-operatives and mutuals exist in most EU countries and markets. Their size and significance owes much to the policy, legislative and regulatory regimes that have prevailed in each. They are very much like other businesses but they require legal frameworks to be more adaptable in some cases. This project seeks to frame a new progressive narrative. It is unique as it is the first time data has been brought together across the different co-operatives and mutual sectors. It provides examples of effective legislation and is recommended to supports co-operatives and mutuals. In 2016 the series of symposium was completed in Rome and Sofia and the publications was launched in November with an event in Brussels and a promotion video in English, French and German. This work will be developed on also in 2017.

This project looks at concrete examples of coops and mutual businesses that; 1) Work in the interests of their customers, 2) Share widely the rewards of enterprise and 3) Actively engage and involve their workers.

This research project seeks to establish the social democratic foundation of mutualism, describe the contribution of co-operatives to economies and societies across the EU and identify the potential for mutualism to further the progressive agenda. The desk research combined with holding a series of symposium in order to meet different representatives and academics working in this field. Further meetings planned in Rome and Sofia and the findings will be published in 2016.

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES IN THIS SECTION: CONFERENCES AND DEBATES

Conference/Debate with Pierre Rosanvallon

9th February 2016, Paris, France with Jean Jaurès Foundation

This debate with the French historian and sociologist Pierre Rosanvallon focused on the topics of equality, social justice and the current challenges faced by democratic societies.

Conférence/Debate with Thomas Piketty

11th April 2016, Paris, France with Jean Jaurès Foundation



Thomas Piketty debated with the economist Daniel Cohen and former Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema on a wide range of topics that relate to inequalities, social policies and European economic governance in front of a public of more than 1600 persons.

Diverging Capitalisms? Part 2: Brexit and new EU economic governance

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FURTHER CORE ACTIVITIES

On going research activities and collaboration with GPERC, 2016-2018

This joint FEPS-GPERC initiative refers to conferences, research activities, and provision of regular seminars or lectures on topics relevant for the progressive family. It is a long-term collaboration that leverages on the existing successful agreements between the two organisations in conducting research activities with a clear quantitative dimension, mainly on the effectiveness of alternative progressive policies in Europe.

Some of the main speakers and presenters in 2016 events and seminars organised under this initiative have been: Professor Tim Jackson, University of Surrey; Professor Fred Moseley, Mount Holyoke College, USA; Professor Anwar Shaikh, the New School University, USA; Keir Starmer MP; Ann Pettifor, Director, Policy Research in Macroeconomics-Prime; Professor Gary Dymksi, University of Leeds; Mehmet Ugur, University of Greenwich; Ozlem Onaran, University of Greenwich.

Next Left Economic Circle - ongoing collaboration (events)

With GPF and S&D group, chaired by MEP Jakob von Weizsacker

This series of events has been a successful way of promoting fresh and progressive ideas emerging from academic circles. Keynote speakers during the events hosted in 2016 include: Karine Berger Member of the Assemblée Nationale, and Zsolt Darvas, Senior Fellow, Bruegel discussing the financial transaction tax; Marcel Fratzscher, DIW and Pierre Moscovici European Commission discussing the hot topic of inequalities in the Eurozone.

Investment and Equality-led sustainable growth

Two years research project: 2015-16 with TASC, ECLM and University of Greenwich

The project provides both a novel theoretical framework and empirical evidence regarding the causes of stagnation in investment and growth:

- Module 1 will analyse the role of public investment in an equality-led recovery strategy for Europe by integrating government spending and taxation in a wage-led growth model for the EU15 countries (separately for each country and in aggregate);

- Module 2 will analyse the impact of financialisation, in particular the increasing financial activities of the non-financial corporations on investment in the EU15 (separately for each country and in aggregate);
- Module 3 will provide empirical evidence on the role of government spending in supporting employment-enhancing activities, and the complimentary relationship between public and private investment in generating sustainable and equitable growth for Europe.
- Module 4 aims at presenting the project findings for a general audience and derives policy conclusions for the European Union. The module will list, in a concise manner, a set of policy proposals for the European Parliament and the European Commission.

The final papers will be published in March 2017 and a launch event will be held on 4th May 2017 in London at the University of Greenwich.

Progressive Lab, 2016-2017

With SOLIDAR and the S&D group

This joint initiative is intended to provide inputs mainly into the policy debate that will shape the Europe 2030 strategy. The initiative will be conducted in parallel to the following European processes that will take place between 2016 and 2017: the Review of the EU consensus for Development, the Mid-term review of the Multi-Annual Financial framework (MFF), the revision of the EU-ACP partnership agreement, the adoption of an EU overarching strategy to implement 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The main topics we were interested in were: education policies, inequality and mobilisation of domestic resources.

After a successful call for academic papers, the project coordinators together with the members of the Advisory Group, selected only 9 papers which were submitted by young PHD graduates, researchers and other scholars. The symposium held in Brussels between 6th-8th of December 2016 provided the authors the opportunity to get feedback and comments on their initial submission and improve their papers.

After two rounds of revision, and feedbacks between all the parties involved (project coordination group members, experts and authors) the papers are ready to be published in early 2017 in an edited book.

Capital Markets Union

Two-year project: 2015-16 with University of West of England, Alternativas Foundation, Spain, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)

The project looks at the challenges and risks of the capital market union building on the observation that as its core, the Capital Markets Union seeks to address a paradox: a world structurally awash in excess capital that does not make its way into long-term productive investment.

The project provides a careful, multi-layers analysis of the Capital Markets Union agendas, focusing on three distinctive areas: (1) The capacity of market-based finance to channel long-term investment; (2) The potential synergies and conflicts between financial markets integration and financial stability; (3) The reform of shadow banking.

The final 6 papers were published in September 2016 with very good timing (the European Parliament had the Capital Market Union on its agenda), concentrating the expertise that has built over this two-year project by its different stakeholders.

Progressive Economic Policies for Europe

One-year research project: 2015-16 with Economic council of the Labour Movement (ECLM), and collaboration of Professor Terry McKinley and Dr. Jo Michell from the Centre for Development Policy and Research – CDPR (SOAS University of London).

The project focused on three large topics:

- 1. the role of Nordic countries within Europe;**
- 2. European alternative economic policy strategies;**
- 3. the role of Europe within the global economy.**

These cover also future demographic change in Europe, debt deflation and quantitative easing. Energy and oil prices impact on Europe and education and inequalities. Within this project we have developed three policy briefs and nine policy viewpoints on various economic issues using CAM and Heimdal models. The final papers were published in 2016.

Heimdal economic modelling

One year project: 2015-16 with Economic council of the Labour Movement (ECLM), Denmark

Development and progress of the Heimdal economic model helps to carry out reliable forecasts of macroeconomic developments and give stable indications on the economic status of growth, employment and investment in the European economy. FEPS has been using this for eight years and helps develop alternative economic policies for our research.

Economics and austerity in Europe: Gendered impacts and sustainable alternatives - book

With TASC, ECLM, the Open University and SOAS – University of London



This project, initiated in 2014, was finalised in 2016 with a book being published by the publishing house Routledge, under the editorial supervision of Bargawi, Hannah, Giovanni Cozzi, and Susan Himmelweit.

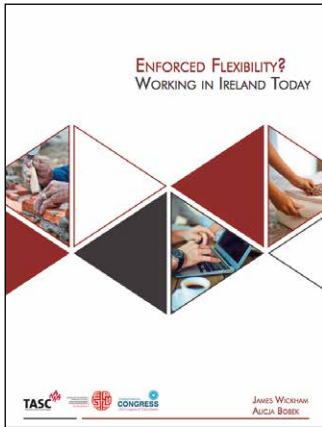
A launch event was held on the 19th of October 2016 at the Houses of Parliament in London. During the event, the following questions were addressed: How has the rhetoric surrounding austerity in the UK and Europe changed? Are we entering a post-austerity era? What are the implications for gender equality? What are the

current challenges and opportunities for gender-sensitive policy-making? The program for the evening involved an open panel discussion, which was chaired by Baroness Prosser.

“Working Conditions in Ireland” and “Young and precarious”, 2016-2018

With TASC

The “Working Conditions in Ireland” project was based on a deep qualitative investigation of working conditions in four economic sectors: hospitality, ICT, construction and financial services, providing important elements for the analysis of employment arrangements, social and wage-related aspects. The final report was launched at the 7th Annual FEPS-TASC conference in June 2016.



Building on the FEPS-TASC “Working Conditions in Ireland” project, the Young and Precarious project will examine trends and patterns of precarious work, identify direct social implications and discuss policy options. The project will be conducted in two phases over a two years period. Phase one is already ongoing and intends to rely on both available data and new interviews conducted with experts and stakeholders for the identification of focus groups – the observed sample for the analysis of patterns and implications of precarity. Phase two will analyse and compare EU policies to identify “best practices”. As deliverables, the project entails: a report summarising the empirical findings; a series of policy papers; an international research workshop to discuss the outcomes after the first phase; a policy conference to disseminate the report in the second phase.

IV. GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

FEPS continued its work on enhancing global solidarities and building a stronger and more active network of strategic partnerships in order to best promote a progressive agenda internationally, covering a wide thematic and geographical range.

NEW SOCIAL GLOBAL DEAL

Fostering Stability and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: How to foster cooperation between public and private sectors

20th February 2016, Brussels, Belgium, Seminar with Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

This high-level seminar focused on 'Fostering Stability and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Analysis and Perspectives on Public-Private Partnerships'. It was dedicated to presenting the results of in-depth research conducted on the issues of promoting stability and development in Sub Saharan Africa through cooperation between public and private sectors, as well as the new opportunities that exist for a renewed EU-Africa Partnership in this sector. In addition to the African partners, this seminar featured a total of approximately 20 high-level representatives from the European Institutions, academia, think-tanks and civil society, who contributed to a series of very interesting discussions.

World Social Forum

10-12th August 2016, Montreal, Canada, Series of workshops with the Broadbent Institute, and the Global Progressive Forum, in cooperation with other organisations



At a critical time for the progressive movement internationally, FEPS organised three workshops during the 2016 World Social Forum held in Canada. Bringing together policy makers, policy experts, representatives from civil society and from social movements, these three workshops focused on three highly relevant issues, 'youth and politics', 'welcome refugees', and 'tax justice now: financing for development'.

Africa Day 2016

5th November 2016, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, International conference with the Foundation Max van der Stoel

This year's Africaday (Afrikadag in Dutch), that is, the biggest event in the Netherlands on Africa and international cooperation had as its general theme the relations between Europe and Africa. The primary objective of the conference was to increase public support for international cooperation: without broad public support you cannot have political support, while this is needed to achieve real change with regard to international cooperation. Africaday always manages to reach a relatively young, large and diverse audience. This year we had over 1,000 visitors, 300 speakers and organisers and some 100 volunteers present at Africaday. The average age of the visitors was 41 years old. Due to extensive (social) media outreach, we were able to reach even more people than those 1,400.

SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Climate change is one of the main transnational challenges of our times. With the Paris Agreement in place to reduce global greenhouse emissions the first major hurdle has been achieved. Internationally the EU remains a key player with other countries looking to see how it will transition to a decarbonised society. Yet in our own countries many people fear the upcoming transformations.

A New Social Contract: The Just Transition With Change partnership NGO

A year and half of research culminated in the study book launched with a discussion around key European climate figures. Commissioner Sefkovic also contributed with a foreword to the publication as well as Kathleen Van Brempt, Vice-President of the S&D group on Sustainability and others. In 2016, field visits were carried out in the Ruhr region in Germany, Bilbao in Spain and exchanges were held with various people from different regions in the UK. The publication launch served to disseminate the study and exchange ideas further on the policy recommendations put forward in the publication.



The Future of EU Climate Change Technology and Sustainable Energy Diplomacy

2nd June 2016, Brussels, Seminar with the Transnational Law Institute, King's College London, UK

19th October 2016, Seminar with publication launch, London, UK

Following on from the Paris Agreement it is interesting to analyse how the EU contributes to the climate agenda. The seminars engaged high-level stakeholders from European and National level policymakers, United Nations officials, representatives of the progressive parties and organisations and members of academia, the private sector and civil society. Their contributions were used to help bring different expertise of the report together.

The Role of Progressive European Parties in the Implementation of the Climate Agenda Post COP21

11th October 2016, Seminar with Keele University

Representatives from non-governmental organisations, experts, civil servants and politicians participated in discussion in order to jointly search for solutions at local and the EU level. The position political parties take on climate mitigation policy influences the strength and commitment of regional, national and European climate policy.

In light of the Paris agreement with commitments to limit global temperatures, the differences between political parties will determine how these targets are reached. To complement the desk research, a seminar was held with various experts on this topic in Copenhagen, together with Cevea. Their input at the discussion contributed to the publication released in January 2017 under the same title.

COP22 Workshop: Gender and Climate Justice: Good Practices to Deal with Climate Change

8th November 2016, Marrakesh, Morocco workshop with Fondation Jean-Jaurès, TERRE policy centre, India Fédération des ligues des droits des femmes (FDLF, Morocco) and Fondation des Femmes de l'Euro-Méditerranée.

Leading on from the Progressives for climate initiative towards the COP21 we organised a workshop at COP22 this time in the diplomatic zone of the UNFCCC climate summit. Gender and climate change are deeply linked. Indeed, in the face of climate change, women are more

vulnerable as they are often one of the most vulnerable and most affected groups in society. This workshop outlined successful initiatives where women are organising action against global warming and implementing projects supporting sustainable development.

Reducing Food Waste

6th December 2016 – Seminar, Riga Latvia with Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

One third of green house gas emissions come from the agricultural sector. If we want to look at how to address the environmental degradation of our planet, we need to look further into the food production. Consumer awareness is increasing on this issue. Some EU countries have passed significant legislation helping address this issue at national and local levels which seem to be very successful. There was a lot of interest from several media outlets who interviewed the speakers and publicised it on the national evening news. With this in mind, FEPS and BSF will continue its work on this topic by carrying out research and offering space for further discussion.



PUBLICATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE WORLD

A New Social Contract: The Just Transition With Change partnership NGO

In this study, we examine three case studies of the coal and steel sectors from North Rhine Westphalia in Germany, the UK and Bilbao in the Basque region of Spain. These regional transitions are important because change will impact on these regions either directly through environmental upheaval or evolving socio-economic models. Each story highlights marked differences in the approach, ownership and legacy of regional rejuvenation. Each region's approach gives powerful insights on the need to realign EU, national and regional transition policy. Our aim with this book is to outline an integrated and effective policy architecture based on transparent structures of political accountability, which incorporate inclusive visions of regional regeneration and investment. This is the essence of a fair, inclusive and just transition; A New Social Contract. Written by S. Kumar with contributions by A. Americo and C. Billingham.

The Future of EU Climate Change Technology and Sustainable Energy Diplomacy 19th October 2016, Study released with the Transnational Law Institute, King's College London, UK

Climate Change is the challenge of our time. The Paris Agreement will help bring enormous achievements but there is still a lot to do. The EU has been a leader in multi-level governance and in setting the climate agenda but it will also need to build on the successes it helped achieve at the COP21 and innovate its capacities and continue to act collectively. With contributions by M. Wallström Minister for Foreign Affairs in Sweden and M. Dalli MEP, written by S. Minas.

ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION

Women and Minority Refugees: Another Perspective to the Crisis

17-19th February 2016, Istanbul, Turkey, International conference with GPF, PES, YES and Rainbow Rose

Women and children are typically hit the hardest by poverty and life in a refugee camp is no exception. In 2015 women and children made up 75% of refugees fleeing Syria, but made only 20% of those arriving in Europe. Against this backdrop, the conference, attended by high-level speakers, representatives from civil society, focused on best practices and on the problematic implementation of decisions made at EU level. The activity was complemented by interactive discussion and two study/field visits during which Turkish NGOs working with refugees (especially women) were met.

The Political Communication of the Refugee Crisis in Central and Eastern Europe

2nd June 2016, Brussels, Belgium, Study and publication launch with Policy Solutions



The purpose of this study, carried out by Gábor Gyóri, was to review how politicians and the society in Central and Eastern Europe have responded to the refugee crisis that has hit Europe since 2015. The focus was on five countries (Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) and on how national political parties have used the crisis for political aims. The study was presented during a conference in Brussels that included among the speakers representatives of civil society, journalists and political analysts.

The Libyan Crisis and the Migration Tragedy. Which Answers from Italy and Europe
23rd June 2016, Rome, Italy Lunch debate with European Council on Foreign Relations

The meeting was divided in two parts: a conversation between Massimo D'Alema, FEPS President, Mohamed Farhat, Libyan Ambassador to the EU and Mattia Toaldo, ECFR Senior Policy Fellow, followed by a lunch debate with experts and political analysts. The conversation revolved around the regional dynamics, the internal political dynamics and financial situation of Libya and how, against this background, the question of the migration flows that transit through the Northern African country should be tackled by Italy and by the European Union. It was agreed that in order to manage migration, Libya is to become a reliable partner and that the EU is to help the government in achieving this goal.

From Europe to Local: Migrating Solidarities
10th October 2016, Brussels, Belgium, Book and publication launch with SOLIDAR

The project, started in 2015 with the call for papers, was carried out in 2016 with the publication of the book and the launch of the publication. The book, edited by Hedwig Giusto and Elsa Laino, analysed the role played by civil society organisations in the process of integration of refugees



and migrants arriving in Europe, and on these organisations relations with public authorities. The countries under observation were: Italy, France, Germany, Poland and Serbia. Two Members of the European Parliament, Tanja Fajon and Brando Benifei, also contributed to the publication with a reflection on the European Union's role. The publication was launched in a public event in Brussels and featured some of the authors, two MEPs and representatives of FEPS and SOLIDAR as speakers.

Global Turkey in Europe

15-16th December 2016, Catania, Italy, Paper, field trip and workshop with Istituto Affari Internazionali

'Global Turkey in Europe' is a wide project aimed at establishing a platform to discuss and analyse the rapid transformation of Turkey in a European and global context. Due to the impact that the refugee crisis has had on Europe, this phase of the project focuses on the refugee crisis and on its effects on EU-Turkish relations. The project articulates in papers, interactive workshops and a field trip. In December 2016 the workshop was held in Catania on the topic "Does the EU-Turkey Migration Deal Represent a Model to be Replicated in Other Contexts?" During the workshop the paper "The EU-Turkey March 2016 Agreement as a Model: New Refugee Regimes and Practices in the Arab Mediterranean and the Case of Libya" by Peter Seeberg was presented. The workshop was preceded by two field trips, the first one on the CARA (Centro Accoglienza Richiedenti Asilo) di Mineo and in the Port of Augusta (Syracuse).

Greece Forward II: Progressive Refugee Policies for today and tomorrow

19th December 2016, Athens, Greece, International Conference with Diktio - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe

The second annual conference of the series 'Greece Forward' focused on the topic of 'Progressive Refugee Policies for Today and Tomorrow'. Recognising the magnitude of the challenges posed by the emergent global human mobility flows of the last few years, 'Greece Forward II' centred on analysing all aspects pertaining to the need for common progressive European and national responses in terms of shared responsibilities in the management of migration flows, the reception and integration of refugees, and in the security dimension. The conference was opened by H.E. Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, the President of the Hellenic Republic, and featured the participation of Massimo D'Alema, President of FEPS, and former Prime Minister of Italy, and Constantinos Simitis, former Prime Minister of Greece, amongst many high-level speakers.

STRENGTHENING PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS INTERNATIONALLY

New Global Construct Progressive Convention

9th – 11th September 2016, Genval, Belgium, with Foundation Jean Jaurès

The New Global Construct Progressive Convention is an initiative that derives from a conversation that took place at the beginning of 2015 between Massimo D'Alema, President of FEPS and Lula da Silva, former President of Brazil. In the context of this debate, it was decided by the FEPS Bureau that FEPS should found a reflection process on the global development and it therefore gave a mandate to Pascal Lamy, FEPS Vice-President to chair it. It was agreed that the process would envisage 3 steps (labelled respectively as: A "*deep thinking*" ideological phase (devoted to major trends shaping the future and to the focus of a new progressive agenda), A "*policy*" phase (devoted to establishing a plan how to address this agenda) and A "*political*" final phase (aiming at disseminating and debating the results). In that spirit, a FEPS note co-authored by P. Lamy and A. Skrzypek with the support of C. Guedes was issued as a discussion background paper, whereby 5 core themes were identified as the building blocks of the first seminar. These were: *Anchoring the conversation - the unfinished globalization dispute; Grasping the complexity – the objective of a coherent answer; Breaking out of emergency – a possible new horizon; Winning the moral battle – a modern translation of social justice; Proposing a new model – a framework that delivers.*



Consequently, the first meeting was organised by FEPS with the support of Fondation Jean Jaures in Genval, Belgium on 9th – 11th September. The participants gathered (both in person, as well as adhering the initiative in general) were high level thinkers, academics and honourable personalities with profound political expertise and renowned profiles. They were joined also by five representatives of the FEPS Young Academics Network. The seminar was opened with a welcome speech by Dr. E. Stetter, FEPS Secretary General, as well as with an address on the situation of progressivism in the world delivered by M. D’Alema, FEPS President. The subsequent two days of deliberations have seen the debate narrowing the scope, clarifying the working methods and the core themes and beginning a planning stage – which would see as next step a seminar in Cape Town on 10th – 12th February 2017. The deliberations were summed up in a short note, as also can be found in a FEPS report by V. Ntousas. The impressive list of members of the Convention includes: A. Abecassis, C. Amarin, S. Burrow, M. Damaso, S. Dewan, C. Emerson, H. Enderlein, Ch. Figueres, G. Finchelstein, M. Fiorillo, J. Gahr Støre, A. Gerits, A. Giddens, I. Goldin, A. Gonzalez, A. Gusenbauer, D. Harry Knop, E. Herfkens, G. A. Horn, A. Inotai, K. Jablonowski, D. Kaberuka, M. Kennedy, A. Kwasniewski, P. Lamy, O. Landerretche, L. Lemkow, B. Liebhaberg, P. Magnette, M. Ossome, M. E. Pangestu, T. Rifai, A. Saad Filho, P. Sané, P. Sanchez, A. Schieder, M. Schröder, J. Sehume, R. Smith, J. Somavia, E. Stetter, A. Tall Sall, M. Trevor, A. Velasco, H. Wieczorek-Zeul, K. Wollack, N. Ward, S. Wood.

Strengthening the Transatlantic Relationship

Series of events throughout the year with the German Marshall Fund of the United States

Within the framework of their wider project on strengthening the transatlantic relationship and focusing on an array of issues that are of common interest to both Europe and the United States, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, in cooperation with the German Marshall Fund of the United States organised a series of events throughout the year. These included a break-out dinner during the Brussels Forum conference on the issue of ‘Turkey, the EU, and the Mediterranean Security Equation’ on March 19th, an event on 27th June on ‘US Elections 2016: Perspectives on Counter-Terrorism in the Presidential Campaign’, and a concluding event on 28th November focusing on the wider post-election perspectives following the more than surprising election outcome in the United States.

2016 US Presidential Election Roadshow

June/July 2016, Series of events with the German Marshall Fund of the United States, Fondation Jean Jaurès, the Fabian Society, Fondazione Italianieuropei, Das Progressive Zentrum, and the Karl-Renner-Institut

Within the framework of a project aimed at analysing the trajectory of the 2016 Presidential race, FEPS in cooperation with a number of European partners and member foundations organised a series of public and private discussions in six European capitals: Brussels, Paris, London, Rome, Berlin, and Vienna. This series of events featured the participation of Mr. Ken Gude, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, in addition to other high-level speakers, in an effort to delve into the specifics and the implications of this very important election.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

Future of Social Democracy in Europe and its Neighbourhood - Investing in young human capital Series of training, throughout the year with the Foundation Max van der Stoep

Starting with a kick-off meeting in Brussels, this ambitious project included the organisation of 14 trainings in various countries in Europe's neighbourhood, aimed at strengthening social democratic parties by bridging the gap with civil movements and young people. These trainings were held in Tunisia, Jordan, Georgia, Lebanon, Morocco, Ukraine, Belarus, Albania, Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Bosnia, and Armenia.

Daesh and the Terrorist threat: from the Middle East to Europe

7th April 2016, Rome, Italy & 12th September 2016, Brussels, Belgium, Book launches with Fondazione Italianeuropei

Islamic terrorist attacks showed a dramatic escalation in 2015. Targeting increasingly European countries and objectives, they represent a phenomenon that we must confront and better understand. In 2015 FEPS with its Italian partner decided to develop a book which includes a collection of essays aiming to provide insight into the origins, evolution, principal characteristics, and unique means of recruitment and financing of Islamic terrorist organisations. The book was launched in two events, the first taking place in Rome, and the second one in Brussels. Massimo D'Alema, FEPS President, opened the discussion in both initiatives that included the participation of leading analysts, decision-makers, and intellectuals, who focused on the different social, political and security aspects of the phenomenon.

Resisting state propaganda in the new information environment: The case of EU member states and EU eastern partnership states vis-à-vis the Russian Federation

16th September 2016, Riga, Latvia, Research project and Book Launch with the Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

Aimed at exploring responses to foreign propaganda undermining the principles of democracy, this project focused on the initiatives the EU as a whole, individual EU member states and the Eastern Partnership states have already undertaken or should undertake in order to minimise

the consequences of foreign propaganda. Encompassing research from all these countries, as well as a more detailed analysis on the issue of media literacy in Latvia, a final publication was presented in Riga in September 2016. The book launch featured experts from the media industry and co-authors of the study, including Roberts Putnis, Maris Cepuritis, Andris Mellakauls, Ervins Labanovskis, and Vassilis Ntousas, all assessing how state-level policies in the area can better increase resilience against foreign propaganda.

Aligning Regional Interests: India and Europe in the Indian Ocean and the Middle East 30th September 2016, New Delhi, India, International Conference With Carnegie India

The Foundation for European Progressive Studies and Carnegie India organised a conference on advancing the European Union-India relationship and initiating a dialogue on the strategic partnership to formulate specific and potentially common interests. The primary objective of this conference was to sustain an exchange of ideas between leading experts from Europe and India resulting in policy recommendations and elements of a political dialogue. The conference brought together leading scholars, practitioners and political leaders to discuss the current turbulence in the Middle East, security challenges in the Indian Ocean and prospects for regional cooperation. Speakers included: C. Raja Mohan, Ernst Stetter, Bruno Liebhaberg, Pia Locatelli, Alex Sceberras Trigona, Ranjit Gupta, P. R. Kumaraswamy, Shivnath Thukral, Ranjan Mathai, Shekhar Sinha, Frederic



Grare, Neena Gill, Pinak Chakravarty, André Gerrits, Klaus Voll, Tomasz Kozlowski, Renu Pall, Constantino Xavier, and Vassilis Ntousas.

EU-Israeli Relations and the Changing Dynamics of the Middle East

5-6th November 2016, International Conference with the Fondation Jean Jaurès and the Karl-Renner-Institut

At a time of growing turmoil amid a landscape of changing geopolitics in the Middle East, during the conference, we had the privilege of debating with distinguished decision-makers and experts regarding the development of the regional dynamics of a changing Middle East and its impact on the prospects of EU-Israeli relations. This very important conference featured the participation of Massimo D'Alema, President of FEPS, and MK Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Israeli Labor Party. Other distinguished speakers include Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, Former Chancellor of Austria, MK Tzipi Livni, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Israel, Fernando Gentilini, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, and Pierre Vimont, Special Envoy for the French Initiative for a Middle East Peace Conference. A book containing the speeches delivered by several key participants, as well as enriching concepts and important conclusions, which arose from the conference, was published following the event.



Panel Discussion on Turkey with Mr. Öztürk Yılmaz, Vice-President of the CHP

11th October 2016, Brussels, Belgium, Panel discussion with the CHP EU Representation

Recognising the tremendous importance of the confluence of internal and external developments concerning Turkey, FEPS and the CHP EU Representation jointly organised a roundtable discussion with Mr. Öztürk Yılmaz, Vice-President of the CHP, Turkey's largest social democratic and main opposition party. The event also featured the participation of Mr. Miltiadis Kyrkos, MEP (GR, S&D) and Ms. Kader Sevinç, CHP Representative to the EU and PES Presidency Member, and was moderated by Mr. Vassilis Ntousas, FEPS International Relations Policy Advisor. The discussion provided a much-needed opportunity to address the key developments in the country's domestic and international landscape.

The EU, the US and the International Strategic Dimension of Sub-Saharan Africa: Peace, Security and Development in the Horn of Africa

8th December 2016, Nairobi, Kenya, Research project and international conference With Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)



Concluding a very interesting project focusing both on the increasing international dimension of Sub-Saharan Africa, and on the various strategies by international partners to engage with the region and the Horn of Africa in particular, a conference was held in Kenya at the end of the year, aiming at presenting the project's findings and recommendations. The event gathered African, American, and European scholars and practitioners to discuss the role of external powers in Sub-Saharan Africa in peace, security and development.

PUBLICATIONS IN GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

FEPS Correspondents in India and South Africa, Klaus Voll and Arnold Wehmhoerner respectively write regular articles on South East Asia and Southern African political situations and relates it to European and international affairs.

V. CORE PROJECTS

FEPS YOUNG ACADEMICS NETWORK

With Renner Institut

In 2016, the FEPS Young Academics Network continued developing. Following a new Call for Members, issued towards the end of the previous year, the newly composed 5th cycle's Members met for the first time in the hospitable premises of Renner Institut in Vienna on 31st March – 3rd April. The objectives of this meeting were three-fold. First of all, the seminar served ensuring inclusion of the new members (who joined in for this cycle) and consequently the programme envisaged investing time in 'network building'. Secondly, it was set to offer opportunity for everyone to present their respective abstracts, to have them peer-reviewed and subsequently to create thematic working groups (based on communalities of themes among the abstracts). Thirdly, as the meeting was the first in the new cycle, it started with the Skype conversation with Dr. Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General – who explained the broader FEPS context in which FEPS YAN was to work in 2016. Thanks to that, it was possible to settle new working methods to help attaining the goals agreed by the Members as far as their involvement in the Network and the contribution to the European Progressive Family is concerned.

As a result of the first meeting, following WG's were formed: *On Social Capital; On Basic Income;*



On Gender and Millennials; On Cosmopolitanism; On Eurozone's Future; on Migration and Urban Development; On Participatory Democracy and the PES; on Programmatic Development of the European Social Democracy. Their task was to work together through the next 12 months on joint papers, which had to abide by following criteria: *interdisciplinary, innovative, politically relevant, progressive and European.*

The second meeting was scheduled to take place on the day after the FEPS flagship event “Call to Europe” of which 6th edition was taking place in Brussels, on 16th -18th June 2016. This year the event was focused on “Millennial Dialogue”, becoming a forum where the outcomes of the multi-national survey were to be discussed and turned into policy recommendations. As every year, the conference featured prominent leaders of the European social democracy, who were joined in the interactive plenary and workshop debates by over 100 speakers (many of them Millennials themselves) representing the worlds of academia, politics, civil society and political party youth organisations. FEPS YAN members have been requested to take responsibility in two specific dimensions and their engagement was a vital ingredient in making the conference an overwhelming success. These two features meant that on one hand Kuba Jablonowski and Lorena Lombardozzi were entrusted with chairing of the two main plenaries, on the other that the FEPS YAN under the chairing of Alex Andraghi and Diana Knop have been kindly requested to provide a (scientific) report summarising the conversations that took place within the framework of the event. FEPS YAN actively participated in different parts of the programme, taking the floor and promoting also the outcomes of the previous cycle of the FEPS YAN research. To that end, the papers of the previous round were prominently displayed and available “to grab” at the main FEPS stand at the foyer of the conference.

The actual FEPS YAN seminar took one day and was hosted in the FEPS Office. The first part of the programme was devoted to drawing lessons and inspirations from the debates of the “Call to Europe” – whereby diverse interactive methods were used to help FEPS YAN Members to formulate their common conclusions. The second part was entirely focused on accomplishing a progress with papers – whereby FEPS Steering Committee offered some critical remarks, speaking to each of the working groups . Having reserved the last round to analyse the “state of the network” (after the first quarter of the work within the WGs’ and in between two *physical* meetings), the FEPS YAN Steering Committee and the FEPS YAN members used that to talk on how to improve the functioning of the Network. Three proposals were formulated. The first one was to introduce the mentors system (from among the FEPS YAN Alumni), and the second – to

use Sunday as a working official part of the programme during FEPS YAN seminars (until now it was kept as a day, whereby it was up to working groups to decide if they wished to continue their work). And finally the third one was hinting that it would be good to find ways that the FEPS YAN could improve on the way they formulate their conclusions and communicate their findings.

Following that, the system of FEPS YAN mentors was established and it was agreed that they would offer support and critical review of the respective papers of which more or less finalised drafts (with some exceptions) were available in Fall 2016. Among the FEPS YAN Mentors were: I. Hertner, P. Diamond, I. Bartoletti, D. Tsarouhas, R. Ladrech, M. Weatherburn, R. Mazzocchi, H. Giusto. The papers became background material for the 3rd seminar of the cycle (21st in grand total), which was organised in 3 parts spread through 3 days. The first was devoted to finalising papers within the respective WGs. The second featured a day-long training in public speaking and formulating messages offered by former FEPS Bureau Member Peter Koch Palshoj. Finally the third one was focused on political education, including a Renner Institut organised *political tour* through Vienna.

With these 3 meetings and with the work done by FEPS YAN members in between, the FEPS YAN was arriving to the final stage of the cycle at the end of 2016/2017. There was an obvious need for another meeting to truly close the round – giving the network the final look to the respective working groups’ papers, evaluating the project and formulating recommendations for the future.

It has been a successful year for the FEPS YAN, of whose members benefited from being part of the FEPS both through YAN, as well as through other openings. As mentioned before, FEPS YAN participated actively in the Call to Europe, they were present at the New Global Construct Progressive Convention, they were speaking at the Young Socialists’ Summer Camp, their representative (D. Sardo) spoke at the launching event of the S&D Together, and they were part of diverse national seminars.

The FEPS Steering Team of the FEPS Young Academics Network is composed of: A. Skrzypek and E. Gil. The list of Members in 2016 included: A. Adranghi, L. Antonopoulous, A. Blaszczyk, L. Bianchi, B. Bonizzi, L. M. Borrelli, G. Bottos, I. Cerovac, R. Danna, M. Damaso, I. Domingues de Olazabal, P. Doudonis, I. Erdinc, A. Finnegan, M. Fiorillo, S. Gajewski, M. Gavenda, G. Gobber, D. Goddard, W. Grzebalska, K. Jablonowski, M. Kaukko, L. Lombardozi, E. Marschall, R. Mavin, F. Montanaro, S. Montgomery, G. Moreno Cabanilas, A. Nvena, Ch. Paetz, R. Penny, E. R. Petrillo, F. H. Pitts, D. Preshova, D. Sardo, T. Slavev, M. Sobocinski, E. P. Soos, I. Stefanovski, J. Stromaher, M. Venhaus, N. Warner.

FEPS ONES TO WATCH PROGRAMME

In order to support Progressive parties from the region of Central and Eastern Europe and actively contribute to closing the gap in the conversation between the West and East, FEPS has decided to fund a new programme. Its name “Ones to watch” was taken after a part of the “Progressive Post” magazine, which usually features rising politicians and upcoming leaders. The reason to use that particular title was that the newly launched initiative was addressed to politicians of 35 – 45 years of age, already elected and in the opinion of nominating foundations. These are the leaders who are likely to pave the way for the parties in the future.

While formulating the concept, FEPS has been determined to make this an extraordinary initiative. A group that would be gathered for the first meeting would stay in the ‘cycle’ for a minimum of three seminars, each of which would be taking place in a different country of the region. And they would take part in the programmes, which would balance in between three elements: getting familiarised with the developments in the EU and the country where the seminar was taking place; exchanging and comparing the situations of the parties in the region with an aim of drawing recommendations what could be done to improve it; and finally taking part in a common learning, cultural political experience.

The historical first meeting was scheduled to take place on 5th and 6th May in Prague, Czech Republic, on the invitation of Jan Hamacek, Speaker of the Czech Parliament from CSSD. The two-day programme was divided into two blocks. The first took place in the Parliament, where the participants got a chance to get to know each other – while participating in interactive debates with: Tomáš Prouza, State Secretary for EU Affairs and Jakub Kulhánek, Deputy Foreign Minister. The following day, the FEPS Ones to Watch members were received in Prague Town Hall by Petr



Dolinek, Deputy Mayor of Prague, following which they went together to the Prague Waste Plan Management – which facility remains an exemplary in terms of environmental policies in the CEE region.

The following, second meeting was set to take place in Warsaw, Poland on 2nd and 3rd September 2015. There FEPS and “Ones to watch” arrived upon the invitation of Aleksander Kwasniewski, former President of Poland and were hosted by the Foundation that he presides over – Amicus Europae. Part of the event was also supported by Forum Postepu. The programme envisaged a two-hour debate with President Kwasniewski, and then a panel on the current situation in Poland with the following speakers: Dr Maciej Gdula, Sociology Institute, University of Warsaw/Krytyka Polityczna, Dr Julia Kubisa, Department of Sociology and Work Science, University of Gothenburg, Dr Ireneusz Bil, Director of Amicus Europae. After this part was concluded, the “Ones to Watch” engaged in a debate about social democracy in the CEE at the given moment, with a presentation by one of the members. On the following day, the programme took place in POLIN (Centre of Polish Jewish History) – where at the beginning the participants listened to a lecture of Jerzy Halbersztat, former POLIN’s Director. Before visiting the centre, they still engaged in one more session – on the EU Presidency Priorities of Slovakia – whereby the panel included E. Stetter, Secretary General of FEPS, B. Nowacka, Chair of Inicjatywa Polska and Lubos Blaha, Head of the EU Affairs Committee from SMER, Slovakia.

The two meetings were part of a pilot phase where the working methods were elaborated, the formula was developed and the common themes (interest) of FEPS and the participants were identified. Among them prominent was of course the future of social democracy, the future of Europe – but also geopolitics, with a special attention to the question of Russia. It was agreed to set the deadlines ahead of each of the meetings, so that “Ones to Watch” could themselves take an initiative and suggest topics while providing the input they would like to discuss within their group.

The initiative is coordinated at FEPS by A. Skrzypek, and includes following members from across the 11 States (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia): G. Alexova, K. I. Banicek, B. Barany, K. Beke, L. Blaha, J. Cerne, E. M. Colceriu, D. Georgiev, T. Godec, K. Golota (on behalf of the PES), P. Grdin, M. Kluonis, J. Kosak, J. Kwasny, P. F. Manole, H. Matto, D. Melbiskis, A. Nenaseva, B. Nowacka, R. Putnis, A. Rudomanskis, T. Sileika, M. Slid, J. Skoberne, E. P. Soos, D. Spicer, J. Stromajer, K. Tutto, K. vigenin.

FURTHER CORE ACTIVITIES

Europe Academy, Brussels intro tour

20th-22nd June in Brussels, Belgium, Meetings, seminars and training with the Karl-Renner-Institut

As an established annual activity where the participants of the Austrian Renner Europe Academy visit Brussels to get an insight into how the European institutions function, FEPS co-organised this year's visit with an interesting programme that offered an overview of the progressive partners at EU level. The programme included a presentation held at FEPS focusing on the foundation's work, as well as meetings with representatives from the Party of European Socialists, Young European Socialists, and the European Trade Union Confederation. The programme's participants also had meetings at the European Commission and the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, and the External Action Service, and the Austrian Representation to the European Union.



Britain's Future, Labour's Future

21st May 2016 London, UK Annual Summer conference with the Fabian Society

This year's Summer Conference was taking place in a difficult period for the UK - being divided ahead of the referendum on its EU membership. It was opened with a keynote speech by Gordon Brown, former UK Prime Minister. FEPS President Massimo D'Alema also delivered a speech that then opened the day's workshops and discussions. The event attracted a large audience and the debates were quite heated. It was already clear that diverging opinions and heavy communication strategies were deeply affecting these discussions. A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow spoke at the workshop entitled "The state of the race: arguments, tactics, personalities and polls" – using thesis from her paper "The UK referendum – the National Vote that is determining the EU's history".

The panel additionally offered an opportunity to discuss the FEPS – Fabian Society Research on "*Argument or organisation? The battle over membership of the European Union*". Its findings were based on the public opinion research commissioned by FEPS and Fabian Society and the final report drafted by O. Bailey, Fabian Society Research Director.

Monitoring of presidential elections 2016 in Bulgaria

Training, research, monitoring and reporting With Institute for Social Integration

This project has followed the Bulgarian elections since 2011 with the objective of: supporting a fair, democratic and transparent electoral process; having a preventive effect on the possibility of violation of democratic elections; raising citizens' awareness. In 2016, 600 observers from all regions in the country and a regional coordinator for each region were appointed. This aimed at increasing citizens' participation in the electoral process as well as voters' interest in having transparent elections. The final output of the project was a detailed report on the overall monitoring activities (analysis of legislation, summary of the performed activities, analysis of the media environment in the context of the election for President and Vice-President).

European School of Democracy, Luciano Cafagna

13-14th October 2016, Rome, Italy & 26-27th November 2016, Milan, Italy, Training and educational seminars with Associazione Socialismo

A project of education and dissemination of skills on European issues at local level. The first seminar took place in October in Rome and a second one in November in Milan. The first looked at the question of politics and religion in the 1980s and featured Enrico Gavalotti, Michele Marchi and Guido Panvini among the speakers. The second session looked at the crisis of the social welfare, at the new social fractures and the challenges to contemporary societies.

National Policy Forum - Working together for Real Change

18 – 20th November 2016, Loughborough, UK with the Labour Party

This was the first NPF since the new leadership and the first one since the last General election and the EU referendum in the UK. FEPS contributed by organising a policy seminar panel during the programme which offered progressive steps to take in light of the Brexit vote. Representatives are nominated to attend and is a very unique setting where politicians mix informally with regular members, social societies and other organisations to help develop progressive policies. There were a mix of speeches from the party leader Jeremy Corbyn and leading ministers alongside discussion sessions on the text which contributes to the NPF report.

The Nations, the regions and the future of Britain after Brexit

3rd November 2016, Westminster, London with the Fabian Society

Keynote speech delivered by Gordon Brown arguing that the Brexit vote on 23 June should be interpreted as a revolt of Britain's left-behind regions - a mutiny of the country's northern towns and a rebellion of the old manufacturing areas, from Swindon to Sunderland – against Britain's financial, cultural, business and political elites. He believes this revolt was driven by regional inequalities, and should not be answered by further strengthening Westminster and Whitehall. He made the case for considering constitutional reforms that empower all of the nations and regions and which ensure that the social and economic aspirations of people in all parts of the country can be met.

European Socialism and the Great War

23-24 June 2016, Trento, Italy, Conference with Associazione Socialismo

The conference focused on the role that European Socialist parties and movements, namely the German, English, Austrian, French and Italian played in World War I and how they reacted to the war. The conference featured historians such as Timothy Ashplant and politicians such as Harald Troch. The event was closed by the remarks of Giuliano Amato, former Italian Prime Minister, and Susanna Camusso, Secretary of CGIL.

THE PROGRESSIVE POST MAGAZINE

www.progpost.eu

The only European Progressive magazine is published by FEPS and aims to reach out to a broader audience. It was established too to promote a more European thinking of the news. With many news portals still being very nationally focused, there is a lack of European news outlets and especially progressive ones. So from fresh thinking to out of the box reflection, its objective is to engage with a wider cross-section of the public.

In 2016, we launched a call for tender. A new agency called POLYDEA was selected. We decided to change the name to “The Progressive Post” instead of “Queries”. We kept the book size of the magazine but we modified the lay out and reduced the pages. We also decided to offer three different versions in English, French and German.

Issue 1 – The State of Europe : you may say we are dreamers

For this new issue, we decided to give a big picture of the most important issues for the left in Europe from the fight against austerity policies, to migrants with a focus on some countries like Germany, Poland and Turkey. This first issue was an opportunity to reorganise the third part of the magazine called INSPIRATION with sections called *To watch*, *To think*, *To read*. Kohn Weeks, Paul Magnette, Freddy Thielemans, Laszlo Andor, Sergei Stanishev, Gesine Schwan, Gianni Pittella and Tarik Ramadan were among our authors.

Issue 2 – Millennial Voices: Europe’s new generation

What will the next leader of the future look like? How to restore confidence in politics, the influence of the populists on the European youth were the main issues of our focus. This second magazine was also an opportunity to validate an option born after the Brussels terrorist attacks and translated on the so-called SPECIAL COVERAGE. We also increased the size of the DEBATES section by offering an additional Next Environment to the Next Economy, Next Social and Next democracy discovered in the first issue. Emily O’Reilly, Elio Di Rupo, Birgit Honé, Ricardo Lagos, Javier Moreno, Anne Muxel, Jo Leinen were among our authors.

Issue 3 – Si vis pacem, para bellum – A united Europe in a turbulent world

Along a special coverage on the US elections with opinion from Joseph Nye, Ken Gude, Cas Mudde etc... and four interesting debates on self-employed workers in the gig economy for Next Economy; the social insecurity in Next Social, the possible EU leadership in a just transition in Next Environment and the question about whether primaries are the ideal way to choose a leader in Next Democracy, our focus concentrated on the new EU Global Strategy. Christian Deubner, Nathali Tocci, Antonio Missiroli, Kati Piri, Margiot Wallström, Staffan de Mistura, Celso Amorin but also Edgar Morin offered us great contributions.

Into this third issue was also inserted a small pamphlet with a selection of articles from the Fabians review, a win-win situation as it offers for FEPS magazine to engage a conversation with a national audience and for the Fabians to participate into the debate after the Brexit referendum, an outcome which they did not support.

A Bulgarian version of the last issue of Queries was finally published in 2016. An initiative which takes time, as our partner the Institute for New Economic Progress wanted to make sure to have the distribution facilities. It also came at the time when we decided to open the call for tender.



EUROPEAN PROGRESSIVE OBSERVATORY

With the European Progressive Observatory, we decided to cover the European Council Meetings with brief analytical FEPS post-summit briefings in October and December 2016. We also continued to cover elections taking place in Europe, such as the Austrian presidential election and the Italian referendum. In 2016, we also covered the national elections in United States with a series of articles written by Ken Gude, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.

COMMUNICATION

Online communication is a key tool for FEPS in order to connect with its members and partners within the European Union and throughout the rest of the world. Through the website and the newsletter we are able to keep a daily dissemination of our academic research and policy proposals.

During 2016 FEPS continued its social media strategy to communicate our progressive thinking through different channels such as Facebook and Twitter.

WEBSITE

FEPS website (<http://www.feps-europe.eu>) is daily updated with the new publications, events and news of the Foundation. In 2016 the website increased its visitors almost by 40% (from 26.517 to 37.027) and the page views by 30% (from 101.000 to 132.150). As in the previous years, the website was checked not only by the audience from the EU Member States, also from Transatlantic public, as United States remains in the 6th position on the list of regular visitors.

The visits from the United States and United Kingdom increased significantly during 2016 thanks to our especial coverage on US elections and the EU Referendum, organising especial events on these topics and launching related publications.

The main “political momentums” continue being highlighted on the homepage and they are regularly updated according to the main debates in the European Union. They gather FEPS research and activities on these crucial topics.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/FEPS/178074824775?ref=hl>)

During 2016 FEPS continued boosting the followers on Facebook and Twitter, developing social media campaigns and carrying out new strategies in order to connect with its public and broaden our audience.

In the case on Facebook, FEPS increased its number of followers from 4,209 to 6,725 in 2016. We have put in place special campaigns using this social media channel targeting mainly a young audience. These campaigns were:

- Trade
- Digital Economy
- Call to Europe on Millennial Dialogue
- Youth and Populism
- Youth, Radicalisation and Terrorism
- The Progressive Post

Twitter (@FEPS_Europe)

FEPS continued tweeting live from its main events in 2016 and keeping its audience informed about the publications and invitation using this social network. Almost 800 new followers were interested in FEPS Twitter account during the last half of the year.

The hashtags #CalltoEurope and #MillennialVoices, the topic of the conference during 2016, were trending topic during our main annual conference not only in Belgium but also in the United Kingdom.

NEWSLETTER

FEPS kept in contact with our audience by sending our periodical newsletter. We sent invitations to our events and informed about our latest studies, policy briefs and viewpoints to more than 12,000 people that subscribed.

We started to send a special newsletter every week to promote the articles of The Progressive Post and the contribution to our version online.

YOU TUBE AND FLICKR

FEPS has a Youtube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCroB-bvfEQGE4DyJzqliVPg>) and a Flickr account to disseminate the audiovisual material produced by the Foundation.

Our channel in Youtube now has more than 37.000 views. We have increased the use of audiovisual material in order to communicate through social media. During 2015 we fed our Youtube channel with interviews of our experts and politicians who participate in our events. The speeches of speakers at our main events were also recorded and shared in this platform.

BLOG OF ERNST STETTER, SECRETARY GENERAL

The regular blog on Euractiv of the Secretary General continues to receive wide readership and is often picked as the editor's favourite on Euractiv. It serves as another tool to reach a wider audience and in a different style of communication.

INVITATIONS & PARTICIPATION

A brief insight into some activities where FEPS has been invited to speak, present our work or participate as delegates.

Euractiv debate on financing the European Elections

15th March 2016, Brussels, Belgium

FEPS at the S&D Group School of Democracy

20th – 22nd April 2016, Reggio Emilia, Italy

The second edition of the S&D School of Democracy gathered the S&D Group Leadership, Members of the European Parliament, Members of S&D Group Secretariat for three days and invited guest speakers (academics, trade unionists, civil society representatives) who provided inputs and engaged in dialogue with 150 young people. The young people had been selected from among over 1000 applications that had been submitted from across the EU. A. Skrzypek, Senior Research Fellow represented FEPS, having been invited to speak at the panel "*Recent developments in European democracy and the crisis of confidence: how to reconcile it with citizens*" together with M. Joao Rodriguez MEP and L. Andor, former Commissioner for Social Affairs.

1st Polish Forum of Progress (Forum Postępu)

4th June 2016, Warsaw, Poland

While in 2015 a majority of the Polish progressive parties and organisations united on one list ahead of the parliamentary elections, it was not a formula that brought them success. On the contrary, it was the first time since the change of the system 1989 that the centre-left or left did not succeed to enter the parliament. After a long period of pondering the reasons on one hand, and on the other seeking for a new opening for the progressives in the hostile environment of the right wing dominance, the foundations, research institutes, trade unions and the editorial boards of progressive magazines came together to debate in the framework of the 1st Polish Forum of Progress. The process was initiated by former President of Poland, Aleksander Kwasniewski and

organisationally supported by the foundation that he is heading – Amicus Europae. They were the ones to reach out with an invitation, following which A. Skrzypek joined the inauguration plenary as a speaker on the future of the centre-left in Poland and Europe.

PES Working Group on Voting Abstention

12th September 2016, Brussels

FEPS Representatives – Dr. A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow and M. Freitas, Policy Advisor – were invited by Raymond Johansen, Chair of the PES Working Group on Voting Abstentions to present the findings of the FEPS Millennial Dialogue. Their FEPS paper “Future starts now” was well received and subsequently quoted and uses in the part of the recommendations of this PES WG’s report (as issued at the beginning of 2017).

Das Progressive Zentrum Seminar: “United in Diversity?” Polish-German Roundtable on National and European Identities

11th October 2016, Berlin, Germany

This evening debate opened to the public was one of the several events that Das Progressive Zentrum organised in 2016 showcasing a great interest to facilitate the debate on the future of the Polish-German relations. A. Skrzypek was asked to join in the debate providing a talk on the context of those relations as far as the current situation and future scenario for the European Union were concerned.

PES-Socialdemokratiet conference “Leading change – European progressives for green growth and climate action”

11th October, Copenhagen, Denmark, with Keele University

FEPS and Keele University undertook a research project entitled “Role of progressive political parties across Europe in implementation of the climate agenda post COP21.” It follows from previous research followed out by the two centres and seeks to analyse how much influence progressive parties have in climate action, policy and leadership, where the challenges are and where there may be potential to do more.

2nd Congress of the Left (Kongres Lewicy)

19th November 2016, Warsaw, Poland

Following the invitation by SLD – Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej, almost 30 Polish left wing parties, trade unions and organisations came together for a Congress of the Left to debate the potential programmatic framework that could unite the left and could help it to reach out towards the citizens. While the developments of the last months have been quite dramatic, seeing the deconstruction of the judicial and free media systems, alongside reforms and unacceptable socially legislative proposals (such as the one to ban abortion) – the need for an alternative became urgent from the EU perspective. To that end, the event which was co-organised by the PES, A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow was invited to address the Congress both at the opening that gathered 3000 delegates and at the panel regarding the future of the EU (that featured among the others Z Gurmai, PES Women President, G. Pitella, President of S&D Group and L. Miller, former Prime Minister).

FEPS at the PES Council – Presentation on the Basic Income and the potential effects of it on the situation of women in Europe. A FEPS input to the PES Women Conference

1st December 2016, Prague, Czech Republic

The annual PES Women Conference was devoted to the question “Power to Women”. In that framework, A. Skrzypek held at the panel “Women’s Place at Work” a presentation focused on the potential impact and political appeal of the Basic Income Guarantee idea when it comes to women. At the same panel she was joined by M. Sobocinski, Member of the FEPS YAN, who spoke on the work of FEPS YAN and specifically brought forward recommendations on how to ensure better balance between living and working conditions by equally engaging men and women in sharing their respective responsibilities within companies, communities, households.

Workshop: Socialism, Socialists and the State in Western Europe in the 20th Century
7-9th December, Paris, Centre d'Histoire de Sciences Po (CHSP) with Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po, Fondation Jean-Jaurès

This three-day workshop aimed to understand the complex relationship between socialism and the state that took hold in a number of Western European countries. The various sessions tried to combine theoretical reflection, historical framing and contemporary political theory analysis. They brought together young researchers and seasoned scholars and were designed as a step toward the publication of an edited volume.

VI INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Scientific Council meetings

23rd June 2016, Brussels, FEPS office

On the eve of this year's Call to Europe conference the meeting was devoted to the topic of Islam in Europe



22nd October 2016, Brussels, FEPS office

This event was on the topic of the crisis of the Union, with regard to Greece and the Eurozone and also the EU referendum in the UK and dealing with the migrant crisis. The meeting analysed the work plan of the European Commission in detail.

15th December 2016, Brussels, FEPS office

The meeting took place in the framework of the FEPS and the Fondation Jean Jaurés research programme entitled “Égalité”. The meeting was called to focus on two main issues in particular: possible futures for the Eurozone governance - progressive perspectives - and the current situation in the Middle East.

Bureau meetings

24 January

11 May

16 June

17 October

General Assembly

16 June

Members:

Currently FEPS has 40 national political foundations and think tanks as full members, 5 Ex-officio members and 12 observer members from political foundations and think tanks.

See online for list <http://www.feps-europe.eu/en/members-feps>

BUREAU

As at FEPS General Assembly June 2016.

President:

Massimo D'Alema (Italy)

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Juan Moscoso Del Prado (Spain)

Karl Duffek (Austria)

Zita Gurmai (Hungary)

Pascal Lamy (France)

Sergei Stanishev (Bulgaria)

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Ernst Stetter (Germany)

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Zita Gurmai - President of PES Women

Catusca Marina – President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions

Laura Slimani – President of YES, Young European Socialists

Gianni Pitella – President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament

Sergei Stanishev – President of PES

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Jean-Paul Buffat – Insitut Émile Vandervelde (Belgium)

Andrew Harrop- The Fabian Society (United Kingdom)

Katya Koleva- Institute for Social Integration (Bulgaria)

Pascal Lamy – Fondation Jean-Jaurès (France)

Juan Moscoso del Prado - Pablo Iglesias Foundation (Spain)£Jan-Erik Støstad – Joint Committee of the Nordic Social Democratic Labour Movement (SAMAK) including Norway, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Denmark and Iceland (Norway)

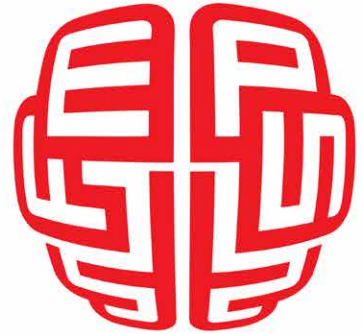
TEAM:

FEPS team throughout the year 2016:

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BUDGET

EXPENDITURE		
Eligible expenditure	Budget 2016	Actual
A.1: Personnel costs	1.500.000,00	1.490.740,46
1. Salaries	1.405.000,00	1.407.476,22
2. Contributions	60.000,00	60.213,11
3. Professional training	12.000,00	2.116,16
4. Staff mission expenses	3.000,00	0,00
5. Other personnel costs	20.000,00	20.934,97
A.2: Infrastructure and operating costs	320.000,00	316.000,15
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	195.000,00	206.014,12
2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	30.000,00	27.540,07
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	58.000,00	31.012,55
4. Stationery and office supplies	10.000,00	16.073,23
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	20.000,00	29.300,17
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	2.000,00	0,00
7. Other infrastructure costs	5.000,00	6.060,01
A.3: Administrative expenditure	1.400.000,00	1.091.551,66
1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases)	7.500,00	5.843,91
2. Costs of studies and research	1.373.000,00	1.063.605,78
3. Legal costs	7.500,00	7.727,17
4. Accounting and audit costs	10.000,00	14.374,80
5. Support to affiliated organisations and subsidies to third parties	0,00	0,00
6. Miscellaneous administrative costs	2.000,00	0,00
A.4: Meetings and representation costs	1.492.063,00	2.012.517,37
1. Costs of meetings of the Foundation	1.445.063,00	1.949.029,75
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	40.000,00	59.030,18
3. Representation costs	2.000,00	1.308,40
4. Cost of invitations	2.000,00	3.149,04
5. Other meeting-related costs	3.000,00	0,00
A.5: Information and publication costs	300.000,00	304.200,95
1. Publication costs	260.000,00	291.010,96
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	10.000,00	1.318,71
3. Publicity costs	15.000,00	1.129,00
4. Communications equipment	7.500,00	6.522,43
5. Seminars and exhibitions	2.500,00	0,00
6. Election campaigns		
7. Other information-related costs	5.000,00	4.219,85
A.6: Expenditure relating to contributions in kind	200.000,00	56.563,38
A.7: Allocation to "Provision to cover eligible expenditure to be incurred in the first quarter of N+1"		
A. TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	5.212.063,00	5.271.573,97
B.1: Non-eligible expenditure	0,00	92.215,91
1. Allocations to other provisions		
2. Financial charges		4.922,72
3. Exchange losses		441,51
4. Doubtful claims on third parties		40.415,31
5. Others (to be specified). Re-invoicing of costs		0,00
6. Expenditure from previous years		46.436,37
B. TOTAL NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	0,00	92.215,91
C. TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5.212.063,00	5.363.789,88
H.1 Allocation of own resources to the specific reserve account1	0,00	108.373,24
H. Profit/loss for verifying compliance with the no-profit rule (G-H.1)	0,00	0,00

REVENUE		
	Budget 2016	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	4.430.253,00	4.430.253,00
D.3 Membership fees	25.000,00	32.000,00
3.1 from member parties		
3.2. from individual members	25.000,00	32.000,00
D.4 Donations	0,00	12.000,00
4.1 above 500 EUR		12.000,00
4.2 below 500 EUR		
D.5 Other own resources (to cover eligible expenditure) (to be listed)	556.810,00	931.217,91
Support from members of FEPS towards activities	556.810,00	931.217,91
D.6 Contributions in kind	200.000,00	56.563,38
Support from members of FEPS towards activities	200.000,00	56.563,38
D. REVENUE (to cover eligible expenditure)	5.212.063,00	5.462.034,29
E.1 Additional other own resources (to cover non-eligible expenditure) (to be listed)	0,00	10.128,83
Other revenue		250,87
Exchange profits		420,76
Accountancy Adjustments - revenue from previous years		9.457,20
E. REVENUE (TO COVER NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE)	0,00	10.128,83
F. TOTAL REVENUE	5.212.063,00	5.472.163,12
G. PROFIT/LOSS (F-C)	0,00	108.373,24

FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK:

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.

For the year 2016 FEPS was allocated a total provisional budget of 5.212.063,00 €, of which the European Parliament grant represents 4.430.253,00€.



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