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FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Foundation for European Progressive Studies is going into its eleventh year as we are gathering together this report. I was elected President at the General Assembly in June last year. Since my election I have been working hard to bring FEPS into its next stage of development, continuing to grow as an established think tank on the European scene.

2017 revealed to be yet another year for deep transformation on the political landscape in Europe. Progressive movements are now clearly in a transition phase. They are now part of the system that is being accused of having become detached from society they were supposed to represent, while at the same time they are not in a position to exercise enough power over the economy to bring change with respect to more equality and more solidarity.

Many are part of a tide being pushed away from being in power or even from being the second-largest governing party. Inequalities are worsening, populism and nationalism seems to be gaining a louder voice, resulting in new political alliances and more fragmented parliaments. Markedly in France the Socialist party was defeated when Emmanuel Macron became President of France with his new movement after a victory in the second-round against the National Front.

The most worrying cases in Europe are in Poland and Hungary where the governing parties are making fundamental alterations to the civic system. Yet the national election debates in Germany and France and others highlighted the central role of Europe in people's lives.

The renewal of Social Democracy is therefore an absolute priority. Under the Next Left research project, in 2017 the results of FEPS nine years of work was brought together and published in one document "Next Left - New Social Deal: 10 Strategic Proposals for the Progressives to become the Movement of the Future". We aim to use this optimally and build on this. Written by Progressives have known about these threats. Our research in the Millennial Dialogue project is a good example of this. Results showed that young people want to expand the welfare state i.e education and health care provisions. This also supports FEPS findings and recommendations.

Call to Europe VII on "Democracy First!" was the opportunity to discuss the quality of democracy. At a time when we are seeing growing tensions between national and EU governing institutions there is also a frustration from citizens who feel disempowered or unrepresented by the institutions there to serve them. The discussions provided recommendations on how to democratise the European economy and how democratic

representation in Europe could be strengthened. This set the agenda also for expanding this topic much further.

The economic downturn and the worsening of socio-economic conditions in several member states have contributed to expand the disaffection toward the European project. The common currency has often been blamed for worsening the situation. Many populist forces have campaigned fiercely against the euro and still plan on challenging the participation of member states to the monetary union in case they become majority. It should be made clear that such a position, does not reflect the opinion of the majority and that actually, public support for the euro has increased by 18% over the past four years.

FEPS took on the challenge of analysing the potential for the EU budget to better deliver on social outcomes and embrace a social investment philosophy. Additionally under the Diverging Capitalisms project the research focused on how to ensure that risk-sharing and solidarity can be applied in the Banking and Capital Markets Union.

FEPS enhanced its global progressive narrative, under the backdrop of the year's developments such as Donald Trump taking office, the UK government triggering article 50 to begin Brexit proceedings and

world temperatures continuing to rise, causing deep, lasting, environmental effects. The New Global Progressive Construct Convention also known as the Pascal Lamy group named after the chair, held several high-level meetings on the nature of global changes and the challenges it represents for the progressive family, the publication of the results was brought together and entitled "Prioritising People and Planet – A new Agenda for Global Progress".

In the field of Migration, FEPS has continued its analysis of the approaches adopted by political parties in Central and Eastern Europe that it had begun in 2016, focusing this time on the centre-left political parties. It has also conducted an assessment of the EU-Turkey Deal. As for reception and integration of migrants, it has led a research and photo project on the first reception of migrants, and a large event, MIX17 during which migrants entrepreneurs told their story of difficulties and success to show European citizens to what extent they can and do contribute to the cultural, economic and political enrichment of the hosting societies.

The shocking accounts of people speaking out for #MeToo and the inquiries that have followed provided some hope in terms of women's rights – FEPS Transatlantic Dialogue in New York on the fringe of the

UN Commission for Status of Women (CSW) focused especially on this.

FEPS work as always, is carried out in synergy with 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 its member political foundations, think tanks and close networks.**

I would like to express my gratitude to **FEPS team** for their excellent hard work and commitment. In particular to **Ernst Stetter, Secretary General**, who has been as dedicated as ever in promoting 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.

Progressives in Europe need to affirm the core values more than ever and to lead by strengthening our democracy to better serve people in tune with tomorrow's challenges.

Maria João Rodrigues
President

I. NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

CALL TO EUROPE VII "DEMOCRACY FIRST!"

28th – 29th June, Brussels, Belgium

In partnership with the S&D Group in the European Parliament, the Together initiative, Fondation Jean Jaurès, Fondation Max Van Der Stoel, Fabian Society, Das Progressives Zentrum, Kalevi Sorsa Foundation and Táncsics Foundation.

Every year FEPS hosts its annual flagship conference Call to Europe, which has become a reference point for the progressive family in Europe and beyond. It brings together a unique multi-stakeholder community of progressive politicians, civil society, academia and media to discuss issues of common concern and develop concrete positive and innovative responses to contemporary



European challenges in the most interactive and inclusive way. Seeing that European democracy is permanently challenged and due to the fact that nowadays, citizens feel that there is not enough space to interact with European politics and express their opinions, FEPS and its partners provided a platform for an interactive and engaging debate around the Future of Europe on two dimensions: Strengthening Democracy in the EU and its member states and Re-writing the rules of the European Economy and provided the opportunity for participants to interact with high-level speakers such as Prof J. Stiglitz, Nobel Memorial Prize Laureate in Economic Sciences of Columbia University and EU Commissioner P. Moscovici, responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs.

Even though recent events have tested Europe's political life and the unity of Europe as a concept has been addressed with caution, some hesitation and even perhaps a little fear, the coming together of such a unique multi-stakeholder community to discuss, in a positive, participatory and progressive way, what kind of Europe can there be in the future is in itself reason for optimism - close to 260 participants took part in Call to Europe VII "Democracy First!". During two days of intensive debate which started with the opening remarks of G. Pitella, President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, philosophers and progressive politicians developed ideas about the Future of Europe and the role of Progressives in it at the fantastic scenario of Bibliothèque Solvay in Leopoldpark, Brussels. Such an inspirational intellectual exchange then led to the first session that aimed to provide recommendations on how to democratise the European Economy and after that on how democratic representation in Europe could be strengthened, held at the MCE Management Center, Brussels. Among many notable speakers Call to Europe VII counted with the participation of P. Van Parijs, Philosopher and Economist of Catholic University of Louvain, N. Schmit, Minister for Labour, Employment and Immigration of Luxembourg as well as S. Stanishev, President of the PES, FEPS President M.J. Rodrigues and many others.



FIGHTING POPULISM WITH PROGRESSIVE ANSWERS

Populism as an ever more frequent phenomena in contemporary politics may take various forms and even have plural meanings. Most of the time it is associated with the so-called “democratic malaise” where citizens perceive a lack of democratic legitimacy of the institutions representing them - but is also regularly used as a synonym for “anti-establishment” and can even be associated with particular moods or emotions - populist voters are “frustrated” and populist leaders are “angry”. Such a conflation of meanings and attributes to this phenomena gave impetus to FEPS and its partners to shed a deeper understanding of the root causes of the democratic malaise and what progressives should and can do to tackle the rise of populism and the public discontent against traditional political parties. An example of this engagement is the Populism Tracker website, a joint project by FEPS and Policy Solutions that provides a pan-European analysis of over 80 populist parties and movements on the basis of a regular data collection of Europe’s populist trends.



Populism Tracker Website

Throughout the year | With Policy solutions

The website is still active and continues to be updated. It allows readers to track the popularity of all European populist parties via a populism map, analyse trends with the help of the regularly

updated populism graph, and read a range of studies, research and analyses on the topic. The website can be found here: <https://progressivepost.eu/spotlights/populism/about/>

International Conference on the State of Populism in Europe

16th – 17th November | Budapest, Hungary

With Policy Solutions and FES Budapest in partnership with Táncsics Foundation

In many European countries, public discontent against traditional political parties is rising and at the same time there is growing consensus for anti-establishment protest movements with populist undertones. Experts from various European member states came together in Budapest to share their insights on the root causes of rising populism in their respective countries and



debated on how progressive forces could halt the advance of populism in Europe. The same day a side conference was organised by FEPS in cooperation with Táncsics Foundation that looked more specifically into the electoral trends within the Hungarian voters. A joint dinner was hosted by FEPS and its local partners where the various experts from both initiatives engaged on the common cause of taking a progressive stance against populism and illiberal democracy.

Reclaiming Action – Progressive Strategies in Times of Growing Right Wing Populism

23rd – 24th November | Copenhagen, Denmark

FEPS invited as a member of the Advisory Board of the project by FES Nordics

FEPS took part in an expert workshop organised and hosted by the FES Nordics in Copenhagen. FEPS contribution to the debate focused on the research findings of the long-term research project of FEPS with Policy Solutions called “The Populism Tracker” a comprehensive monitoring website of populist trends in the European Union as well as the strategies that can empower progressive forces to tackle this phenomena.

Son vrai visage: Témoignage sur le FN au parlement européen

Published in Spring | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Written by P. Berès, MEP, S&D

Preface by J-C. Cambadélis, First Secretary, Parti Socialiste

Through this witness account the author analyses and brings to light how the Front National has used the weaknesses in the European Union to purposefully destroy Europe from the inside, as Le Pen announced she would do when elected as MEP in 2014. The book highlights how fears have been stirred and played out to people to try and make it seem that it needs to be destroyed, however the author believes the contrary, that France and its people, now more than ever, needs a stronger and realigned EU.

TRADE

Towards a Progressive Model for International Trade and Investment

Throughout 2017

With the PES, the S&D Group, European Trade Unions Confederation (ETUC),

Global Progressive Forum (GPF) and SOLIDAR

Trade agreements and trade itself have emerged as key topics of discussion all across Europe (and beyond). Therefore the aim of the project is to promote a regime of international trade and investment properly governed and oriented towards more fairness, equality and progressive changes, meeting the ambitious sustainable development goals as defined in the Agenda

2030. Helping to produce this common progressive vision for global trade, a high-level Steering Committee was formed to be in charge of supervising the project, providing inputs and authoring the final proposal that will be presented to the European Parliament in the second half of 2018.

The steering committee is composed of the following members:

1. **Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, International Institute on Sustainable Development (IISD)**
2. **Carles Casajuana, Member of board of SOLIDAR, diplomat and writer**
3. **Stephany Griffith-Jones, Financial Markets Program Director, IPD**
4. **Evelyn Herfkens, former Minister of Development Cooperation of the Netherlands**
5. **Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of the WTO**
6. **Paul Magnette, Mayor of Charleroi, former Prime Minister of Wallonia**
7. **Bernd Lange, MEP, Chair of the EP Committee on International Trade**
8. **Alessia Mosca, MEP, S&D Coordinator in the EP Committee on International Trade**
9. **Linda McAvan, MEP, Chair of the EP Committee on Development**

Towards a Progressive Model for Global Partnership and Development

**6th -7th June and 29th November | Brussels, European Parliament |
With GPF, S&D Group, PES, SOLIDAR, and ETUC**

Two Steering Committee meetings on trade and investment, took place in Brussels in a closed format to assure the high-degree of discussion. This forms part of the project 'Towards a Progressive Model for International Trade and Investment'.



Regroup and Reform- Ideas for a more Progressive Trade Policy | 7th Annual FEPS-IPD conference

**16th -17th October | Carnegie Endowment, Washington D.C. USA
With Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD) and in partnership with GPF, S&D Group, PES, SOLIDAR, and ETUC**

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

Given the tremendous value and necessity in shaping international trade and investment towards a more progressive direction, the global progressive movement needs to find intelligent and intelligible answers to these issues. In this view, it was jointly decided to promote a wide and ambitious project to address and discuss with experts, NGOs and progressive leaders some of the most divisive issues about trade agreements. The programme was conducted in an open, interactive format and featured the participation of Members of the European Parliament and high-level representatives of the conference's organisers.

The conference was followed by a meeting of the Steering Committee on Trade at Capitol Hill (see 'Towards a Progressive Model for Global Partnership and Development'). The Steering Committee members were welcomed by Senator E. Warren, AFL-CIO Vice President T. Gebre and L. Wallach from Public Citizen.

Trade politics and policies do not operate in a vacuum, and, against this backdrop, negotiations on new trade agreements have provoked heated debate in many countries over the past few years. Especially at a time when the hitherto stalwart defender of trade openness, the United States, is reconsidering its trade posture, demonstrating its potential willingness to erect trade barriers and assume a more confrontational stance under the influence of its unpredictable and erratic new president.



NEW GLOBAL PROGRESSIVE CONSTRUCT CONVENTION – THE “PASCAL LAMY GROUP”

With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès (France), the Institute for Strategic Reflection South Africa (MISTRA) (South Africa) and the Broadbent Institute (Canada).

This inspiring global initiative was launched in September 2016 under the leadership of Pascal Lamy (former Director of WTO and former Vice-President of FEPS) and in cooperation with Fondation Jean Jaurès. Its motivation was to analyse the subsequent phases of globalisation (since the 1990s) and deliberate on how to move from the neo-liberal towards a distinctively progressive trajectory. Enthusiastically supported by over 40 high level personalities, including leading academics and former heads of states, the programme featured three stages of reflection: critical assessment, visionary brainstorming and an attempt to propose an alternative policy agenda. The three meetings that respectively served those particular purposes, with the two in 2017 that took place in Cape Town (with the support of MISTRA) and in Toronto (with the support of Broadbent Institute), helped creating a fundament for drafting a final declaration. Moreover, the conversations, alongside with the submitted background articles, provided rich material for a publication that is to be released and disseminated by FEPS in the course of 2018. The core message that the project has devised is that this could be the most exciting moment to could evolve towards being a new kind of Enlightenment era, understanding what sort of a challenge that entails can



make progressives the movement of the future again.

The final results were published in a brochure entitled: **Prioritising People and Planet - A New Agenda for Global Progress.**

Prioritising People and Planet - A New Agenda for Global Progress

10th –13th February | Cape Town, South Africa

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès and the Institute for Strategic Reflection South Africa (MISTRA)

The task set for this meeting was to complete the critical analysis on the nature of the global changes and the challenges it represents for the Progressive family in the future. The seminar was inaugurated with a lecture by professor Ian Goldin, whose presentation offered a particular understanding of the contemporary times. His underpinning thesis was that with political will and decisive action this could be the most exciting century ever and become the period known to humanity as a New Enlightenment. The subsequent programme featured four sessions devoted to four main topics (each of which were framed by the background papers by Pascal Lamy and Ania Skrzypek): firstly, how to tackle rising inequalities; secondly, what is the state of the left; thirdly, analyse global governance as entanglement and finally, analyse the relation between capitalism, markets and globalization. After the seminar closed, the participants departed together to Robben Island to pay tribute to victims of the oppressive apartheid regime.

22nd -23rd September | Toronto, Canada

With the support of the Broadbent Institute

It was the third (and final) physical meeting of the so-called “Lamy Group”. In between the earlier and this session, the participants were requested to contribute with short, focused papers – each of which was intended one of the points they had made in the previous rounds. This allowed to deepen reflection and break out of the constraints of the brief oral interventions. Among the papers collected are i.e. the papers by the Spain’s Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, former Presidents Kwasniewski and Lagos and many other high profile politicians and academics. Similarly to the previous seminars, the meeting in Toronto was built around four main thematic threads: firstly, the state of the Left and where do we go from here; secondly, on the Megatrends and how to harness them; thirdly on social justice beyond capitalism and how do we make it happen and finally on how to formulate a Progressive agenda. The outcome of this year-and-half initiative was the Declaration “Prioritize People and Planet: A New Global Agenda for Progress” signed by all of the members of the “Lamy Group”.

The achievements of the initiative have been three-folded. First, it unlocked the discussion about globalisation from the constraints that the progressives assumed in the 1990s, allowing to look beyond old frameworks and consider new paths. Secondly, it was a truly global conversation, which prompted a new kind of understanding that rejects the old schemes and helps grasping the world and geopolitics in the way they effectively are nowadays. Thirdly and finally, it was inspiring by breaking out of the regular doomsday scenarios and brining about an optimistic belief that world can become a better and fairer place, and that the progressives can be the modern force to make it happen battling down the neoliberal primacy. In the year of 2018, FEPS intends to continue with the dissemination of the impressive output of this Lamy's Group by co-organising events and panel debates in several different countries, to discuss and put to test the declaration "Prioritise People and Planet: A New Global Agenda for Progress". The first major event of dissemination will be on the occasion of FEPS 10th Anniversary on 29th January 2018.

Roadshow New Global Progressive Construct Convention | L'avenir de la social-démocratie

5th December | Club de la Cité, Paris, France | with Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Pascal Lamy presented the results of the project at this closed expert seminar. Further presentations on a roadshow will take place in 2018 to disseminate the findings.

II. FEPS CORE INITIATIVES

FEPS YOUNG ACADEMICS NETWORK

With Renner Institut

The FEPS YAN, or “FEPS Yannies” as they are becoming to be known continues to be an extremely successful initiative. Launched in 2010, the programme has welcomed a total number of over 300 promising PhD candidates and post-docs from across Europe, whose desire is to involve themselves in a multidisciplinary conversation and use their knowledge to jointly consider potential alternatives for the EU. With the new cycle that began in 2017, FEPS YAN could be described as a project that continues to evolve. It keeps on attracting new members who contribute with new topics and provide inputs from diverse academic angles. It keeps on being an inspiration – both in terms of the content and bold proposals that are being developed within FEPS YAN, as also in terms of working methods which are characterised by an innovative and interactive character.

Similarly to previous years, some have participated actively in Call to Europe, Next Left Research Programme meetings, the New Global Construct Progressive Convention, and IUSY Summer Festival.

The FEPS Steering Team of the FEPS Young Academics Network is composed of: A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow and E. Gil, FEPS New Media Advisor. And the list of YAN Members until September 2017 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. Lombardozzi, 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.

The result of the 5th cycle were seven papers on: Social capital, Basic Income, Cosmopolitanism, Eurozone's future, Migration and Urban Development, Participatory Democracy and the PES and Programmatic Development on the European Social Democracy. They are published on FEPS and Renner Institut's websites and were disseminated using the different media channels of the foundation and according to the communications strategy designed during the last meeting of the cycle. What is also important to underline is that the FEPS YANnies themselves have undertaken a number of initiatives to have these papers disseminated, having also presented these jointly within the framework of purely academic conferences.

In May 2017, upon the end of the cycle, a call for new members was launched and 25 new members joined the network together with the 20 veterans that chose to stay. This made the group altogether the largest ever.

Their first meeting meeting in September presented itself as a challenging one – whereby the Network needed to be consolidated. The new themes and potential working groups were discussed together with an attention to the working methods and the desired outputs that the FEPS YAN jointly and the respective groups separately wanted to attain. What was incredibly valuable also at the beginning of that new cycle was the possibility to exchange views with Ernst Stetter, Secretary General – especially in the context of FEPS planning for 2018 and 2019. This was key to be looking for convergence and ways that the FEPS YAN could contribute to the overall work of FEPS. Furthermore, there were also exchanges with M. Maltchnig, Director of Renner Institut; A. Gusenbauer, then President of Renner Institut and Chair of the FEPS Next Left Research Programme; as also with the representatives of IUSY and YES Political Economy initiative. In the end 8 working groups were created:

on Management of Migration, EU Identity, Democracy and Political Reform, Social Europe, Economic Democracy, Religion, Transnational Governance and Foreign Affairs, each of which departed from Vienna with solid research questions and planning.



FEPS ONES TO WATCH PROGRAMME

FEPS “Ones to Watch” Initiative was set up by FEPS to engage in the debate with the progressives from within the region of Central and Eastern Europe, while actively contributing to closing the gap in the conversation between the West and East. ed a target group of leading and promising between 35-45, who would be nominated respectively the the national foundations – members of FEPS.

While formulating the concept, FEPS has been determined to make this an extraordinary initiative. The participants of the group stay in the ‘cycle’ for a minimum of three seminars, each of which are taking place in a different country of the region. The programme of each session would be built upon three core elements focused on:

- Becoming 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;
- Taking part in a common learning, cultural political experience.

The pilot phase started in May 2016, when the participants met for the first time in Prague, Czech Republic upon the invitation of Jan Hamacek – then Speaker of the Parliament, nowadays the President of CSSD. Subsequent meetings of the cycle were held in capitals of the different Central and Eastern European countries - namely in Warsaw, Budapest, Sofia and Ljubljana. The last one was also the closing session of the first cycle, after which a call for new participants was issued.

The Ones to Watch in 2016-2017 were:

G. Alexova, K. I. Banicek, B. Barany, K. Beke, L. Blaha, J. S. Bježančević, A. Ceplītis, 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, P. Piechna, R. Putnis, A. Rudomanskis, T. Sileika, M. Slid, J. Skoberne, E. P. Soos, D. Spicer, J. Stromajer, K. Tutto, M. Vešligaj, K. Vigenin, S. Žele, Ch. Zöpel (on behalf of the PES). The initiative has been coordinated within FEPS by Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow.

19th – 21st January | Budapest, Hungary



The event was hosted by Táncsics Alapítvány Foundation. Gathering in Budapest, the participants were welcomed by G. Molnár, the leader of the Hungarian Socialist Party and by Z. Gurmai, Vice-President of FEPS & President of PES Women. In the course of the three day programme, they took time to discuss the state of democracy in the region, to enter into a conversation with Hungarian civil society representatives, as also to engage in a conversation with the historians about Hungarian Revolution in 1956 and its impact on the region in terms of the past and today.

11th - 12th May | Sofia, Bulgaria | With the Institute for Social Integration



The activity was organised with the support of ISI - Bulgaria. The programme allowed the participants to familiarise themselves with the political situation of Bulgaria (in the immediate aftermath of the elections), debating with the Bulgarian Socialist Party leadership, newly elected MPs and representatives of the civil society. What is more, the seminar was used by the members to exchange their views about the situation in the region and to look at what European issues are the most pertinent in their countries two years ahead of the next EP elections.

8th - 9th September 2017 | Ljubljana, Slovenia | With the Renner Institut and Progressiva



The third meeting of “Ones to Watch” in 2017 was also the last of the first, pilot cycle. It was organised in Ljubljana in cooperation with Progressiva and Renner Institute, featuring in fact two thematic pillars. The first was a seminar that was opened to the public and that was also web-streamed, which leading topic was the reform of the European electoral law. It was organised with participation of J. Leinen MEP (with whom FEPS was working on the research programme regarding further democratisation of the EU), featuring on the podium also E. Stetter (FEPS Secretary General), M. Laffeber (PES Deputy Secretary General) and

professors: L. Bardi, F. Puckhelsheim and M. Nachtigal.

The second pillar was the actual “Ones to Watch” event, which was composed of: the high-level meetings with: the President of the Republic of Slovenia, B. Pahor, with Social Democrats leadership D. Židan, President, T. Fajon, Vice-President and Member of the European Parliament and D. Levanič, Secretary General; the study visit to two progressively-governed Slovenian municipalities and the exchanges among the participants about the situation within the region. The members also took time to evaluate this very successful first phase of the project and discuss how it may expand and accelerate in the future.

III. DEMOCRATIC EMPOWERMENT

- NEXT SOCIAL EUROPE
- NEXT LEFT - FUTURE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY
- MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE AND YOUTH
- GENDER EQUALITY

NEXT SOCIAL EUROPE

Advancing Social Europe by means of the EU budget

Research | Throughout the year | With Bertelsmann Stiftung

The EU has developed strong roadmaps in the social field (for example the Social Investment Package) and its budget contains funds, budget lines with explicit objectives. However the existing institutions and instruments of the budget seemingly do not rise to the challenge of the existing objectives. This project began as the discussion on the MFF – Multi-annual financial framework were about to start. It used the occasion to reform the budget framework available for social objectives and to reconsider its underlying rationale. The project spans across 2017 and 2018. With publications and a launch event in 2018.

Identity and Image of the Left

Throughout the year | With Amicus Europae

In order for the progressive movement to reflect on how to remain a leading force in a changing political environment, analysis is needed to look at the historical, current and future aspects of

the movement. The core question is why the left in Poland which had 44% of the vote at the 2001 elections, didn't even get into the Parliament in 2016. Identity and image are the main factors in this. This project encompassed a series of seminars, interviews and surveys with different progressive leaders as well as many other politically active progressives right across Poland. The results were gathered together, analysed, digitalised for presentation and disseminated. Three seminars took place, each in different regions; Lublin, Wroclaw and Olsztyn. Participants were recruited to take part in survey interviews. Twenty individual interviews were held with leaders of the political left-wing movement. The results were presented at the SLD Convention and a discussion on the convention floor ensued, using this initiative as a base, with looking at the task of how to go forwards now.

Socialism and Culture

16th -17th January | Conference | Sciences Po Paris, France | With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

At the conference with students, researchers presented the state of the art of the literature in relation to socialism and culture in a historical perspective.

Future of Work – Legal and Social Justice

20th February | Conference | Ljubljana, Slovenia | With Progresiva

On the occasion of the International day of Social Justice the discussion gathered around 1000 young people to discuss the so-called 4th industrial revolution. Technology in the workplace will rise and 60% of jobs as we know today will be lost in the next twenty years, there will be new forms of work. Speakers were looking for social, economic and political changes that are expected due to this partly digital, revolution. Models of common ground for workers and employers were analysed in terms of securing and upholding or strengthening social and legal rights. A. Skrzypek spoke on behalf of FEPS, together with A. Kopač Mrak, Minister for Social policy, Labour and Equal opportunities in Slovenia, P. Pogačar, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour and other experts.

The Next Phase of Globalisation: Democracy, Capitalism and Inequality in the Industrialised World

**3rd - 4th July | Round-table debate | St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, UK |
With Policy Network and the Renner Institut**

The fifth annual Oxford conference, explored a progressive reform programme for the institutional structure of society, the changing role of the state in the pursuit of social justice, and the evolving relationship between citizens and the state. The focus point this year was the issue of inequalities, which was discussed from different angles. Over 30 high-level policy stakeholders, practitioners, journalists and academics attended and intervened at this intensive two-day discussion. A. Gusenbauer, Chair of the FEPS Next Left offered the introductory remarks; E. Stetter, FEPS Secretary General was in a panel featuring the conversation between him and professor B. Milanovi, and A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow chaired one of the debates.

Reform of EU Electoral Law

7th September | Public debate | Ljubljana, Slovenia | With Progresiva and Renner Institut

The conference gathered around 100 people to exchange views on Transnational lists amongst other electoral features. This new opening is important as it offers a potential for renewal of the EU legal partisan system. MEP J. Leinen, presented the European Parliament report he was responsible for and its process. The academics offered data and statistics of voting patterns at European Elections. Speaking was M. Laffeber, PES, M. Kleva Kekus, Progresiva, F. Pukelsheim, University of Augusburg, L. Bardi, University of Pisa, M. Nahtigal, University of Primorska, E. Stetter and with A. Skrzypek chairing, both from FEPS.

Freedom of Movement for workers in the EU put to the test

25th September | Conference | Vienna, Austria | With the Renner Institute

A timely event, against the backdrop of a heated debate at European as well as national level surrounding the European Commission's revision of the rules on posting of workers with the EU in March 2016. At the time of the conference, member states were discussing the proposed rules at Council level. A keynote lecture was held by MEP E. Regner.

PUBLICATIONS IN NEXT SOCIAL EUROPE

Changer le travail pour changer de société (Change Work To Change Society)

**Book | Published in April | With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès
Coordinated by M. Deluzet**

This book gathers the work from a multi-disciplinary group of experts and thus the topics cover several broad areas of the related debate. It reflects on how the crisis currently affecting western countries forms part of a metamorphosis that continues to upset the capitalist system with truly tragic consequences for the most deprived social groups and society as a whole.

NEXT LEFT - FUTURE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

Next Left Research Programme

Reclaiming the debate on inequalities – Politicising the discourse, connecting with voters

Next Left Focus and Working Group Meeting in conjunction with the National Round table

19th – 20th March | Barcelona, Spain | With Fundació Rafael Campalans and Renner Institut

This two-day intensive meeting was organised within two blocks. The first featured s, while the second entailed that was internal was an opportunity for all to review upcoming pamphletover the course oftoAdditionally, the Members engaged in the debate with , whose paper tries to show; as also with J. Borrell, then the Former President of the European Parliament and now also Chair of the FEPS Scientific Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs in Spain – who explained the situation within PSOE in the context of the ongoing primaries.

with the introductory remarks by A. Gusenbauer, Chair of the Next Left and moderation by A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow.



**The future of European the future of Progressivism:
In a search for answers to overcome the crisis of democracy**

**National round-table pubic event and Focus group and Working group meetings
20th – 22nd June | Krakow, Poland, With Renner Institut and Amicus Europae**

This was the first session of the new cycle for the FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Groups. For that reason the presentation and the review of the new research proposals, alongside with re-establishing of the group and devising new working methods was at the core of the programme. Next to it, the event offered an excellent opportunity to explore the situation of the Polish Left, which was initially discussed at the closed meetings with Aleksander Kwasniewski, former President of Poland; Andrzej Szejna, former MEP and Ireneusz Bil, Director of Amicus Europae Foundation. Afterwards, the conversation was open to a broader public that was invited for a conference and featured more speakers, among them also interlocutors from Jagiellonian University and from Daszynski Center. While being in Cracow, the FEPS Next Left researchers also benefitted from the cultural programme that allowed them to visit one of the oldest universities in Europe, as also discover the former capital of Poland.

Focus and Working Group's Seminar

15th October | Lisbon, Portugal | With ResPublica Foundation and Renner Institut

The meeting, which was the 2nd in the new FEPS Next Left Research Programme's cycle, gave an opportunity to the participants to advance on their research (through debate and peer reviews) and to engage in a conversation about the inspiring phenomenon of the Portuguese left governmental solution. The meeting was opened by A. Gusenbauer, Chair of the FEPS Next Left and P. Silva Pereira, President of ResPublica Foundation and MEP. Following it, T. Antunes, Secretary of State – Presidency of the council of Ministers addressed the group, explaining the situation in Portugal and offering examples of the successful policies by the Socialist Government and centre-left coalition. Also, within the course of the programme, the final two papers by the FEPS Young Academics Network representatives: on "The World is Out of Joint: A Progressive Critique of European Foreign Policy" by M. Dâmaso, and "Beyond Basic Income: Overcoming the Crisis of Social Democracy" by N. Warner.



Focus group and Working group meetings

18th – 19th December | FEPS Office, Brussels | With Renner Institut

This was the 3rd meeting of the cycle, whereby the FEPS Next Left Research Programme Groups' member had been pursuing their research questions and arrived with already pre-final versions of the new papers. Dr. E. Stetter, Secretary General of FEPS and Dr. A. Gusenbauer opened the debate focusing on the situation of social democracy in Europe after the elections that took place in 2017 and the challenges of the next elections in 2018. Three of FEPS Young Academics participated at the high-level meeting, together with the other experts. Following that initial discussion, the participants presented their respective papers concerning the struggle of the European social democratic parties, the roots and explanations of the poor electoral results; the transformational changes that are much needed to tackle this “multiple crisis” on economic, social and political levels; and finally the idea of how the Social Pillar could play an essential role in the next phase of European construction for the future.



Go Beyond: Youth, Culture, Labour, Democracy

February - July | Rome, Italy | With Fondazione Pietro Nenni

17th February	First Seminar
3rd March	La Formazione Di Qualita' Come Strumento Di Crescita
17th March	Come Cambia Il Lavoro
7 April	Quali Prospettive Per L'occupazione? Politiche Attive Del Lavoro
21st April	Giovani E Impresa: Le Sfide Dei Millennials
5th May	Le Politiche Sociali In Europa
19th May	Sindacato E Integrazione Europea
9th June	Rappresentanza Democratica Sui Luoghi Di Lavoro
16th June	Democrazia Diretta
23rd June	Gli Strumenti Della Partecipazione Sociale E Politica
7th July	Capitale Umano E Sociale, Servizi E Sviluppo Economico
21st July	La Cultura Come Occasione Di Sviluppo

Twelve high-level training seminars, each taking place at a different venue around Rome, each focusing on a different topic.

The first edition of this cycle, aimed at tackling a number of social, economic and political issues that affect youth employment in Italy and Europe at large. It targeted students, NGO practitioners, young members of political parties, trade unionists, journalists and academics. Discussions were lively on a range of key issues including vocational training, changing labour markets, future prospects of youth employment, youth entrepreneurship, European Union's social policies, trade unionism in Europe and democratic representation in the workplaces.

Democracy Lab – Reforming Democracy and its Institutions

February – June 2017 | With Das Progressive Zentrum

The Democracy Lab's goal was to develop approaches to respond to the crisis of liberal democracy. Our aim is to equip liberal democracies with changeable, and therefore sustainable approaches,

ideas and procedures. The Lab operates as a platform and networking space, accommodating various interdisciplinary projects, with the aim of developing concrete ideas and practical proposals for the future of democracy. Within the Lab we analysed and researched, discussed and created together. It served as a space for experimentation and solutions. The projects were formed with the main goal of bringing together young experts, practitioners and activists from all divisions of society. This project covered a pilot study of 3 months resulting in a series of policy papers.

Future of European Integration: Looking for a different Europe. Reflections and perspectives

21st March | Rome, Italy | With Fondazione EYU, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Fondazione Italianeuropei, Fundación Pablo Iglesias, Fondation Robert Krieps, Táncsics Alapítvány

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, FEPS organised a conference to reflect on the current state of the project of European integration and on the need and ways to re-launch it. Speakers focused on economic (strengthening of the Eurozone, harmonisation of fiscal policies, introduction of some form of fiscal capacity, etc.) as well as political integration (Social Union, rise of populism, multicore vs. multispeed Europe etc.). Among the speakers were: N. Schmit, P. Balász, S. Griffith-Jones, P. Guerrieri, H. Désir, E. Barón, S. Gozi, V. Schmidt, M. Roth, L. Annunziata, E. Stetter and M. D'Alema.



The Portuguese Government Solution: an inspiration for the European Left?

10th May | Brussels, Belgium and 13th July 2017 Lisbon Portugal
Book Launches | With Fundação ResPublica

Two events took place in order to exchange further on the topic of the books. The discussions during both events emphasised how several socialist parties across the EU are increasingly looking to Portugal's 'left in power' leadership example as a source of inspiration against the backdrop of a decline in support for socialist parties across the EU. Thus, the Portuguese government solution came as a promising example for social democracy to renew itself across the continent.

Following the positive feedback, FEPS Next Left Research Programme - held its second meeting of the 2017 cycle in Lisbon as well as a public conference in order to draw insights on the country's unprecedented left wing coalition and build recommendations on how the European Left could draw inspiration from such an example of progressive governance. Visão, a Portuguese leading magazine, interviewed E. Stetter, FEPS Secretary General on the research findings of the project.



Summer course 2017 – The Future of European integration

10th – 14th July | El Escorial (Madrid), Spain | With Fundación Pablo Iglesias

This course, organised in cooperation with the Madrid office of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, was held in the framework of the XXX Summer Course of the Complutense University of Madrid. The five day course targeted Spanish students as well as other interested people and featured Spanish as well as European speakers who lectured on issues related to the future of the process of European integration, namely: the future of the Economic and Monetary Union, the alternatives to austerity policies, trade agreements, the populist and nationalist threat, the democracy and effectiveness of the European institutions, the social union, the common security and defence policy, the transatlantic relations in the era of President Trump and the crisis of refugees.



The future of the European Union: A progressive perspective

29th September, Brussels, Belgium
With Kalevi Sorsa Foundation

During this meeting a high-level delegation of the Social Democratic Party of Finland met with experts from FEPS wide network to discuss the challenges, possible scenarios and progressive reactions to future developments in the European Union. Speakers included FEPS President M.J. Rodrigues, P. Guerrieri, P. Nemitz, E. Stetter and A. Rönholm. Among the questions tackled were: the reform of the Eurozone, the need to introduce a European fiscal policy, the EU's investment capabilities, its social dimension, the question of democratisation, the need to reduce the EU's complexity, the rule of law and fundamental rights.



School of democracy “Luciano Cafagna”

20th - 21st October, Pozzuoli, Italy

10th - 11th November, Milan,

30th November – 1st December, Magliano Sabina (Rieti)

With Associazione Socialismo

The 2017 edition of this annual cycle of seminars organised in cooperation with Associazione Socialismo and addressed party activists, trade unionists and students focused on several crucial topics: from the analysis of the new political cleavages in European politics (between old and new generations, within political cultures, in economy as well as between citizens and newcomers) to the need of supporting quality education and offering support for the new generation that must enter the labour markets, from the role of local administrations to the ways to identify and choose the new ruling classes.

Social-Democratic Strategies and tactics : 2017 – 2018 Elections in Europe and in Hungary

17th November | Conference | Budapest, Hungary | with Táncsics Foundation

Gathering academics with political representatives from national and European level, this was an occasion to analyse elections in Europe and have an exchange of views of what to expect in the upcoming period. Z. Gurmai and G. Molnar opened the conference. R. Cuperus of Wiardi Beckman Stichting gave a presentation of the situations in France and the Netherlands. Concerns about the future of the welfare state, new type of movements and forecasts of growing conservatism were raised. Around 80 participants took part in the debate.

Germany and Europe today: Reasons for the crisis

17th November | Bologna, Italy | with Associazione Socialismo

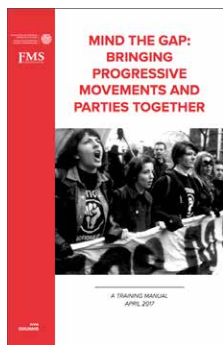
Following the German national elections, this debate aimed at offering an analysis of the reasons of the German Social Democratic Party’s electoral defeat. Speakers focused on the impact that the post-electoral scenarios might have on the European Union and the member states. The participants were mainly students of the University of Bologna so it was interesting to see how these compared with other opinions at EU political level.

Europe's future ahead: Our progressive roadmap

1st December | Debate | Lisbon, Portugal

In the framework of the PES Council, FEPS organised a debate on the most pressing decisions that the EU is taking: on the reform of the Economic and Monetary Union, Europe's social dimension, in the need to address the question of managing migratory flows and integrate the newcomers in the European societies, and that of strengthening European democracy. Speakers of the conference were M.J. Rodrigues, L. Andor, G. Schwan, J. Borrell, E. Herfkens, and E. Stetter.





Mind the gap: Bringing progressive movements and parties together

1st December | Workshop at the PES Council | Lisbon, Portugal | With Foundation Max van der Stoep

Presentation of the manual written by the author A. Graumans and D. Tadić, FMS, followed by presentations and a discussion with J. Duarte Albquerque, Young European Socialists, K. Naidoo, Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity with concluding remarks by E. Stetter, FEPS.

Political School : Giving Europe Direction

**9th – 10th December | Piemonte regional office in Brussels
With EUdem and laboratorio democratico**

A whole weekend of training conferences directed to give a multi-dimensional reflection of European integration and the relations between the institutions and citizens. At a crucial time for progressives in Europe to change the direction of the debate and reflect on what we want tomorrow's society to look like, the objective was to guide participants in a structured dialogue. There were plenary sessions with keynote speeches and several round-table debates on different topics from green economy and fiscal compact to new social Europe and migration for instance. A. Skrzypek, FEPS, delivered a keynote speech and P. Fassino and G. Pittella concluded the school's discussions.

Future Left: Can the Left respond to a changing society?

**2nd March | Book launch | London, UK | With the Fabian Society
An event was held to launch the joint book. Published in 2016 and officially launched in 2017.**

New currents on left and right are forcing mainstream political parties to confront their existential questions. The discussion built on the contributions in the book and sought to have an exchange with the different approaches to consider how traditional parties can re-invent themselves for a more pluralist, less deferential democracy. E. Stetter attended on behalf of FEPS.

PUBLICATIONS IN NEXT LEFT AND FUTURE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

Hungarian Version : The State of Social Democratic Parties in Central and Eastern Europe

Book | Published in Spring | With Policy Solutions

As a sequel to the English version published first in 2016, the book was translated into Hungarian in order to widen the audience. In the past decade, social democratic parties lost ground in Central and Eastern Europe. However, this generally observed trend in the region affects the involved countries to different degrees. While in some countries, slipping popular support notwithstanding, governance remains a reality or at least a realistic option for social democrats, there are also cases where parties struggle for survival or try to rebuild former strength. This study presents the apparent similarities and differences through case studies and a comparison of social democratic parties in seven countries of the region.

The Portuguese Government Solution: The Fourth Way to Social-Democratic Politics?

**Book | Published in May | By Dr. A.R. Ferreira
Edited by Dr. Ernst Stetter, Dr. A. Skrzypek and M. Freitas**

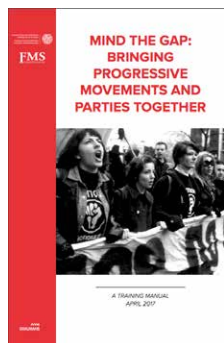
Can the Portuguese case be an inspiration for the European Left? Since November 2015 Portugal is embodying an historic experiment of a left-wing Government led by Prime Minister A. Costa, from the Socialist Party (PS) with the parliamentary support of the Left Bloc (Bloco de Esquerda), the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) and the Greens (PEV). Almost two years in power, Portugal's government solution attests that a political alternative is possible in Europe and that left parties can become strategic partners against austerity and break the prevailing 'grand-coalition' style of governance. At the European level, Portugal's historical pact on the left is often perceived as an exceptional story of progressivism and an inspiration for the social democratic movement. Can the Portuguese government example be a catalyst for a deeper transformation at the European level and inspire a new strategy and a new agenda to Europe's Left? And can the radical left and the centre left find more points



of unity than of division also in other European countries? Read the “Geringonça” report by Dr. A.R. Ferreira, Professor of Political Science, University of Beira Interior.

Mind the gap: Bringing progressive movements and parties together

Manual | Published in August | By A. Graumans, with Foundation Max van der Stoel



Social democratic political parties in Europe are increasingly challenged in their role as actors and engines of economic and societal change. The goal of this manual, is to offer social democratic parties and party members tools to enable them to (re)connect with social movements. The overall objective is to bridge the gap between citizens and political parties. Examples and input that was given by more than 300 participants from 14 countries in the series of seminars and trainings carried out in 2016-2017 was incorporated into the findings. The manual can be used by trainers, boards, personnel of political parties or by individual politicians looking for methods and exercises to learn more about social movements in their region or country.

Next Left, New Social Deal 10 Strategic Proposals for the Progressives to Become the Movement of the Future

Book | Published in November | By A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Ania Skrzypek
FEPS Senior Research Fellow

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In this latest FEPS book the author captures the most intriguing ideas articulated in the course of nearly a decade of a pan-European, interdisciplinary and multidimensional conversation. Complementing the Next Left book series, the proposals here are framed in a way Progressives can capture, optimise and put into action. Focusing on the prospects and choices the centre-left is facing, the publication calls for a new understanding of modernity too. It proposes solutions on how progressives can gain political ground, and how to be successful in times of fragmentation and volatility on the political landscape.

(S)Election of the PES Top Candidate for the European Elections

**Study paper | Published in October | By Dr. A. Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow.
Learning from the past and looking ahead: Considerable variables for an eventual innovation to a procedure of (s)electing top candidate by the PES.**

This paper is written as a contribution by FEPS to the discussion about how to safeguard the legacy of the past and move forward, ensuring that PES, together with all its members, remains the protagonist of more democratic, more inclusive and more transparent decision-making processes European Union. The electoral campaign of 2014 was a breakthrough. It saw a number of unprecedented innovations being introduced. Their protagonists were the Europarties – the European stakeholders, whose role and significance across the political processes have been heavily questioned for decades. As such, its intention is to provide an input from the FEPS research programmes – among them the FEPS Next Left (established in 2009) and one on the Reform of the European Electoral law (which work has been concluded under chairing of Jo Leinen MEP since 2015). The clear objective remains to help map diverse existing questions and point towards possible solutions. The study was presented in Ljubjana and at PES Council in Lisbon in December.

MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE AND YOUTH

Millennial Dialogue interaction and dissemination

6th – 7th February | Maastricht, the Netherlands

With Young European Socialists (YES) and International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY)

At the 8th Youth Opinion Festival, Europe's biggest youth political festival in Maastricht FEPS organised a Millennial quiz and engaged with participants with the Millennial characters. This was part of the dissemination and continuation of the Millennial Dialogue debate, the global youth engagement initiative of FEPS that brought about myth busting findings regarding the views and aspirations of the Millennial generation towards politics.



The gender perspective of Millennials

At the Youth for Gender Equality - Forum

8th – 9th February | Workshop | Brussels, Belgium | With the S&D Group and YES

The annual initiative run by the S&D Group in the European Parliament, the Youth for Gender Equality Forum - Step it up for Gender Equality aims to create an interactive dialogue, exchange, learning and networking for people engaged in promoting gender equality in their daily lives. FEPS organised a workshop about the gender perspective of the Millennial generation. Participants discussed gender equality and youth unemployment, equal pay and the risk of poverty, especially among women, and provided recommendations on how to tackle the gender pay gap.

Youth & Healthcare – A Progressive Agenda for the Future

22nd February | Report launch event | Bucharest, Romania
With the Democratic Left Foundation (FSD) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Romania (FES)

Launching of the report “A Leap Forward for Millennials - Changing the Future of Healthcare in Europe: a National and European Approach”. The launch event featured a presentation and debate of the main research findings of the survey at the Health Commission of the Chamber of Deputies in Bucharest. Participants included the Romanian Minister of Health, Members of Parliament and of the European Parliament, healthcare professionals, representatives from NGOs, healthcare unions, academics and young progressives.

Millennials Australia – webinar and report launch

28th February | Webinar | Brussels, Belgium and Canberra, Australia
With the Chifley Research Centre

As part of the Millennial Dialogue project of FEPS the Australian report on young peoples’ aspirations and expectations towards politics was presented and discussed through a webinar. The global findings of the Millennial Dialogue were presented by E. Stetter, FEPS Secretary General and then compared and discussed vis-à-vis with the Australian country-specific results. As their counterparts all over the world, Australian Millennials saw building trust in politics crucial and as something that needed to be earned by politicians by interacting with and listening to the younger generations.

Millennials for Europe – Youth Participation in Democratic Life

22nd March | Rome, Italy | With Fondazione EYU and Associazione Socialismo

The Italian Millennial Dialogue Report, a survey on the perceptions of the Italian youth towards politics, politicians and Italy’s political system. The final report containing the findings of the research was presented and debated in a large public roundtable that gathered progressive young leaders, politicians, NGO representatives and academics. Some 80-university students attended the event, which took place in Rome.



Political polarisation : The Way Forward

**24th March | Breakout dinner | Brussels, Belgium
With the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)**

The informal restaurant setting allowed for an engaging and fluid discussion on the recent wave of popular discontent that led to the strengthening of populist movements and parties through the Western world among participants and experts, notably W. Drozdiak, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Centre on the US and Europe, the Brookings Institute and M. Gavenda, Member of FEPS Young Academic Network. M. Freitas, FEPS, moderated.

Europe Turn Left

7th – 8th April | Side events | Duisburg, Germany | With JUSOS, Die Falken and DGB Jugend

A number of side events - Millennial Jam Session, Millennial Dragons Den and a “Stop Austerity” seminar - organised on the occasion of the SPD’s Jugendeuropakongress under the theme “Europe Turn Left!” that took place in Duisburg, Germany. The event gathered over more than 800 young people coming from all across Europe.



Austerity, the End of Europe?

28th April | Debate | Brussels, Belgium | With Eyes on Europe (EYE) and the Institute for European Studies at the Université Libre de Bruxelles

A debate with students around the topic of neoliberalism and austerity policies and discussed how this political narrative has undermined the social fabric in many European countries and how it has affected young people in particular in terms of finding employment. FEPS brought about the priorities as voiced by the Millennial generation in the Millennial Dialogue surveys: young peoples' expectations in terms of policies delivery relate to access to healthcare, jobs and education.

A Leap Forward for Millennials - Youth and Jobs: A Progressive Agenda for the Future

**2nd May | Report launch | Bucharest, Romania
With Democratic Left Foundation (FSD) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Romania (FES)**

The launch event featured the presentation of the research main findings in terms of jobs of the future such as robotics, artificial intelligence, biotechnologies, and digitalization. The debate was hosted at the Bucharest First District City Hall. Participants included Members of Parliament and of the European Parliament, Government ministers, labour union officials, representatives from professional associations, labour market experts, NGO representatives, academics and young progressives.

Millennials in Spain – The catalysts for renewal of contemporary politics?

1st – 2nd June | Presentation of research | Madrid, Spain | With Fundación Felipe González

A conference and breakfast meeting with Spanish media and think tanks featured as a launch event to present the main research findings about the ways in which Millennials are engaging with politics and political systems in Spain. The conference, intended for a Millennial audience, counted with the participation of more than 40 young people. During the debate, many myths and stereotypes attributed to this generation were outlined, discussed and rebutted. Experts and participants outlined the various ways of civic mobilisation performed by Millennials such as civic activism for social causes, public manifestations and the role of the internet and of technology in empowering this generation.



Millennial Dragons Den - IUSY Summer Festival

18th July | Side events | Jale, Albania | With International Union of Socialists Youth (IUSY)

FEPS took part at the political summer festival of IUSY and hosted a Millennial Dragons Den debate around the future of youth in Europe and discussed how the younger generations could empower the European project and its politics.

GENDER EQUALITY

What is a woman's worth?

3rd – 4th March | Conference | Debrecen, Hungary | With Táncsics Foundation

Organised in the second biggest city of Hungary this event gathered Hungarian Socialists with activists on the occasion of International Women's Day, having a focus on gender equality. A short video was produced and circulated as a result of the discussions. Z. Gurmai, FEPS Vice-president and President of PES women and G. Molnár, President of the Hungarian Socialist Party delivered keynote speeches. Speakers were mainly from the central and Eastern European region and the topics focused on the gender pay gap, violence against women.

Abortion and birth control: Universal rights as a condition to women's autonomy

**Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 61 Side event & Transatlantic Dinner Debate
15th March | Side event | UN Headquarters, New York, USA**

With Planning familial (member of IPPF), the French Coordination for the European Women's Lobby (CLEF) and the Jean Jaurès Foundation, Équilibres et Population, Excision-Parlons-En, Femmes solidaires, International Alliance Women (IAW), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Lobby européen des femmes and Union Européenne Féminine.

This side event sponsored by France provided an excellent opportunity to discuss critical gender equality issues. The event hosted Ms L. Rossignol, Minister of Families, Childhood and Women's Rights, France as a key note speaker who pointed out the progress in French politics in respect to reproductive rights but also the challenges that lie ahead. Z. Gurmai, Vice-President of FEPS intervened on behalf of FEPS and the progressive movement, urging for a European debate on gender equality. Following the event, FEPS and the Fondation Jean Jaurès jointly organised a dinner debate in the framework of the annual Transatlantic Dialogue on Gender Issues to discuss 'Progressive movements and fighting extremes; strategies from a gendered perspective' with around 15 participants, including representatives from US progressive strategists, think tanks and academia.



Feminist Approaches to Economic Policy

22nd May | Seminar | Paasitorni, Helsinki | With Kalevi Sorsa Foundation

Focusing on recent economic policy decisions in Europe in the aftermath of the economic crisis, the public seminar counted with circa 40 participants ranging from various sectors such as academics, political party representatives, trade unions, research institutions and NGOs. Two notable scholars took part in the debate. Firstly Prof Ö Onaran from the University of Greenwich that brought the European perspective on how gender equality policies impact growth and development in societies, and secondly with Prof emerita A. Nyberg from Stockholm University who elaborated on the feminist economic policies in the Nordic context.

PUBLICATIONS IN GENDER EQUALITY

Hungarian version – Gender and Austerity

Book | Published in 2017 | With Policy Solutions

Across Europe, but especially in Hungary, gender equality is deteriorating. This is partly due to the economic recession in a wider global context but mainly in large part to the current government's policies. Making this book available to a wider audience in Europe and in Hungary helps to promote further discussions on progressive economic policy and the importance of gender related policy impacts. This book in Hungarian is a slightly shorter version of a similar book produced by FEPS in 2016. The English language version of the original book was published also by Routledge publishing house, edited by H. Bargawi, G. Cozzi and S. Himmelweit, produced by FEPS together with TASC, ECLM, the Open University and SOAS – University of London.

IV. SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

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EUROPEAN ECONOMY AND GROWTH

Rewriting the Rules of the European Economy

Throughout the year | Research | With the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD)

In 2017, the book-project led by Nobel Laureate Prof J. Stiglitz made substantial steps towards its completion. Over 40 experts (researchers, politicians and civil society stakeholders) have contributed to defining the necessary content for a comprehensive revision of the EU rules on macroeconomics and fiscal policy, investment policy, welfare and labour policy, social policy and inequality and trade policy. The message that the book carries is that the European recovery and preventing the eventual next crisis is co-dependent on the ability of the EU to revisit the decisions that led to incomplete architecture or failing instruments that are still in place now as far as the European Economic Community and post-Maastricht order are concerned. At present, the editor Carter Doherty is revising the text and finalising it so that Norton Editors can publish it by mid-2018.

Greenwich Political Economy Research Centre (GPERC), the research centre jointly coordinated by FEPS and the University of Greenwich, has organised during the year numerous other activities such as book presentations, special lectures, and workshops. Researchers affiliated to GPERC have also published extensively on mutually agreed topics. A full list of publications is also available upon request. For more information: www.gre.ac.uk/business/research/centres/gperc

Lecture series

Throughout the year | With Greenwich Political Economy Research Centre (GPERC)- University of Greenwich and Kingston University, London

A series of lectures in advanced macroeconomics based on a political economy approach combining institutionalist, feminist, Keynesian and Marxist traditions. Among the free, public lectures given, Prof M. Ugur spoke about Schumpeterian growth theories, Dr G. Cozzi, about a feminist economics approach to economic recovery in Europe, Dr J. Powell, on the Marxist theory of Financialisation and Dr A. Botta, on the post-Keynesian perspective on capital mobility, exchange rate dynamics and Balance of Payments crises in developing countries.



Secular Stagnation in the Eurozone: Possible causes and ways out

Throughout the year | Research | With GPERC

Exploring the impact of the expansionary monetary policy carried out by the ECB, and its impact on the European economic recovery. The final research outputs are expected by mid-2018. Preliminary results suggest that through the quantitative easing and the injection of more than €60 billion monthly on financial markets, the short- and mid-term economic outlook for the EU benefitted a great deal, but the GDP potential of several peripheral EU economies have been seriously compromised by the crisis due to a structural change in the economic activities and productivity.

Skills Mismatch or “lump of labour”?

The future of employment for Millennials and old age workers

Throughout the year | Research | With Fondazione EYU

The research project focuses on the analysis of future employment trends in Europe, with particular reference to the expected and unexpected effects of technology on work. Following this objective, the project is structured around two main dimensions of analysis. The first part deals with the impact of automation on employment: what jobs will be more substitutes in the future? Which ones will benefit from investments in technology? Are the polarisation trends already underway between high skilled jobs and jobs with little knowledge content going to be strengthened? Which production sectors are most at risk? The second part of the work will be focused on labour policies. The research output will be completed by April 2018.

Heimdal Model

Throughout the year | Research

With the Economic Council of the Labour Movement (ECLM), Denmark

FEPS is a co-owner of the macroeconomic model HEIMDAL, which was developed in the nineties by ECLM. The Historically Estimated International Model of the Danish Labour movement (HEIMDAL) focuses on the world economy from a European perspective and is able to describe the European economies both on a country level as well on an aggregated EU level. The model is developed

and maintained in a joint cooperation between ECLM and FEPS, and it is used to illustrate the impact of policy changes in the European economy. For the sake of international comparison, two large countries, the United States and Japan, are also modelled. For the year 2017, the FEPS-ECLM partnership, thanks to the employment of the HEIMDAL model for macroeconomic forecasting has been able to uncover the potential gains in job creation from a EU investment strategy in the green and social sector. According to the empirical estimations, as much as 2.8 million employment opportunities could be created by a push on green and social investment.

Input-Output Model

Throughout the year | With the Economic Council of the Labour Movement, Denmark

Thanks to the collaboration between FEPS and the research team of the ECLM, an international input-output model has been developed. The model has been fully programmed in STATA and MATA and is based on data from the World Input-Output Tables. It covers 41 countries and 35 industries. A methodological guidelines has been developed by S. Dahl and A.M. Krogsgaard Andersen in order to ensure that users can benefit from all the key properties of the FEPS-ECLM Input-Output model. It is in fact possible to decompose the effect of a policy change into direct, domestic indirect and international indirect effect. Impacts can also be measured at country or sector level and split out by gender, type of employment or educational level. Constant update of input-output tables.

Macroeconomic Research

Throughout the year | With the Economic Council of the Labour Movement, Denmark

The collaboration between FEPS and ECLM, largely based on the management of economic modelling described above, has also produced relevant analysis on key macroeconomic and employment trends. The main focus and objective of this research project was to provide an assessment of the performance of labour markets across Europe. By deepening the awareness around i) the structural changes affecting European labour markets, ii) the cross-country heterogeneity of labour markets performances, iii) the performance of active labour market policies, the project is functional to understanding those country-specific conditions useful for well-informed and targeted policy recommendations.

The People's Business Resources Platform

Throughout the year | Research | With Mutuo

To be launched in 2018, following on from the work carried out from 2015 and to complement the publication, it was agreed to launch a website specifically under this name to provide resources and content information on the topic. It will provide useful policy frameworks and serve as a reference point for experts in the different sectors. Work was carried out over 2017 in bringing together the content and the technical expertise with a view to be launched at the beginning of 2018.

Who Owns Europe?

Throughout the year | Research project | With Mutuo

Through this project ownership across the EU will seek to be examined, considering how Europe's businesses are owned and where their profits flow. It will look closely at different types of ownership model - the joint-stock company, the traditional family business, the partnership model, and the member-owned enterprise. In the first year a dialogue with business leaders from different sectors will be established. A literature review and commissioning new academic work which examines the ownership question in Europe will be done. In the second year a round of seminars will be hosted where different practitioners can come together to debate the future of ownership and the policy levers that affect it and from that a report will be produced to include policy suggestions for how progressives can act to spread the benefits of ownership more widely. The publication is due in 2018.

Die schwarze Null: Über die Schattenseiten ausgeglichener Haushalte

(The dark side of balance budgets) | Lunch lecture

16th January, DPZ office, Berlin, Germany | With Das Progressive Zentrum (DPZ)

Austerity policy in Germany was the special focus of the light discussion. Dr. L. Haffert, researcher at the University of Zurich, presented his book. Followed by comments by J. von Weizsäcker MEP, and Dr. I. Kaul, Global Policy Studies/Hertie School's Extended Faculty. A lively public debate followed. Dr. S. Schulz Policy Fellow at DPZ moderated the event.

Secular Stagnation in the Eurozone: Possible causes and way out

2nd February and 29th March | Research seminars | With GPERC

These two research seminars contributed to the background research for this project: the first one the discussion focused on “The economic impact of Brexit in the age of secular stagnation” with contributions from M. Pennycook (MP for Greenwich and Woolwich and Shadow Minister for Exiting the European Union), S. Errington (Political Officer at Unite the Union), J. Palmer (former European Editor of The Guardian), A. Harrop (General Secretary at the Fabian Society), and Prof G. Stahl (College of Europe and FEPS Scientific Council). For the second event A. Russo presented research on how Inequality Hampers Innovation and Growth.

FEPS Next Left Economic Circle

8th March | European Parliament

6th December | FEPS office

With the S&D Group

The roundtables of the Next Left Economic Circle bring together progressive economists from different European institutions, from civil society organisations and the business sector, who wish to evaluate the economic theoretical corpus behind economic policy proposals. In 2017, two main events have been organised around hot topics of European economic integration: 1) “Do we need Sovereign Wealth Funds in the EU?” with G. Corneo, Prof of Public Finance and Social Policy at the Free University of Berlin and J. Delpla, Associate Prof at the Toulouse School of Economics and 2) “What’s the rational of the Commission proposal on EMU reform?” with F. Dell, Member of Commissioner Moscovici’s cabinet, G. Horn, Director of the IMK, and L. Andor, FEPS, Senior Non-Resident Fellow.

Income distribution, investment and sustainability

4th May | |Conference| University of Greenwich, UK | With Greenwich Political Economy Research Centre (GPERC), Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC); and the Economic Council of the Labour Movement (ECLM)

This conference gave experts in investment and income distribution the opportunity to discuss the possibilities for sustainable growth in the UK and the European Union. The panel included: Ö. Onaran (GPERC); S. Griffith-Jones (University of Columbia), S. Dahl (ECLM), P. Sweeny (TASC), M. Nikolaidi (GPERC), G. Cozzi (GPERC), and D. Tori (Open University and GPERC). A keynote lecture closed the conference, by M. Kumhof, Senior Research Advisor at the Bank of England, on Income Distribution and Stability. L. Kastner from FEPS, chaired the debate.

The People's Business

The next progressive talk: The future of work – mutual and cooperative approach to the economy and society

8th May | Seminar | Poligon Creative Center, Ljubljana | With Mutuo and Društvo Progressiva

Part of phase two of this initiative, running since 2015, the objective of this discussion is to analyse to what extent Progressive parties can adopt the recommendations set out in the report launched at the end of 2016 on “A Mutual and Co-operative Approach to the Economy and Society”. Dr A. Črnak Meglič, State Secretary in the Prime Minister’s Office, T. Fajon, MEP and M. Koprivc, President SD Ljubljana, also presented their views after P. Hunt, Mutuo, co-author, opened the talks and presented the main findings of the report. An exchange of ideas and opinions entailed on how to take this further.





Solid Foundations? Economic Inequality and the Housing Crisis

**16th June | 8th Annual FEPS-TASC Conference | Croke Park Stadium, Dublin, Ireland
Conference and inequality report 2017 launch with TASC**

For several years, this one-day event, held in Dublin, has been bringing together progressive thinkers, activists and policy makers to discuss key social issues. This year's conference looks at the extent and form of inequality in Ireland and the developed world and how this shapes the

very specific crisis of housing in Ireland – especially in Dublin. Prof M. Savage (LSE) gave the keynote address on 'Social Class in the 21st Century'. Prof Ö. Onaran (University of Greenwich) and E. Buckley (SIPTU) discussed wage-led growth as a counter strategy. This event also sees the launch of the 2017 edition of TASC's annual inequality report, Cherishing All Equally, a signature FEPS-TASC collaborative project.

Responsible Innovation and Sustainable Entrepreneurship

**22nd June | Workshop | Greenwich University, London, UK
With GPERC and the Sustainability, Technology and Innovation Research Group (STIR)**

A one-day workshop was organised on innovation and social entrepreneurship. It kicked off with presentations by A-M. Coles, A. Genus and M. Iskandarova, who introduced the state of the art of scientific research around the topic of discussion. Then the talk focused on specific innovation projects able to deliver on sustainability: i) Tramways as sustainable electric urban transport, ii) the role of SMEs and technology in sustainable water management, iii) community energy projects in Liverpool, iv) mobile banking in rural Colombia. The works concluded with an open discussion on how circular economy models can be the proper answer to restructure innovation, entrepreneurship and industrial policy as a whole around the new paradigms of sustainability, research-efficiency and collaborative supply-chains.

Skill Mismatch or “lump of labour”? (Round Table)

14th September | Round-table | Rome, Italy | With Fondazione EYU and Assolavoro

Discussion on the mid-term research report and to provide the research team with relevant feedback from experts. On the occasion, A. Ciarini - Prof of Welfare Systems in Europe at “La Sapienza University” in Rome – presented the first findings of the research “Il lavoro che cambia sotto gli effetti della tecnologia. Fabbisogni professionali e nuove politiche attive in Europa”. Several high-level experts and policy makers engaged on a fruitful discussion about the processes of change that are affecting the European labour markets as a consequence of the transition toward digital economy. Experts underlined the emergence of a Skills Revolution, where helping people upskill and adapt to a fast- changing world of work will be the defining challenge of our time. The round table was attended, among others, by A-M. Parente (member of the Italian Parliament and Vice-President of the “Labour Committee”), I. Tinagli (member of the Italian Parliament, A. Di Maio (Director of Assolavoro), T. Treu (President of CNEL), D. Rinaldi (Senior Economic Policy Advisor of FEPS), and other national stakeholders (economists, entrepreneurs, institutional and party representatives, trade union representatives, sociologists).

Part 4: Inequality, Growth and Social Democratic futures in a dividing Europe

11th October | Debate | Brussels, Belgium

This workshop was the fourth and final debate. Building upon the previous discussions it set out to debate the social democratic initiatives for future competitiveness, growth and inequality reduction in the context of a dividing Europe. It is posited that the current juncture allows European progressives to challenge an institutional settlement which has underpinned the escalation of distributional inequalities and consider the possibility of alternative approaches to economic governance. The sessions featured presentations given by Prof B. Clift, and Dr. L. Horn, and a roundtable discussion of the project’s overall findings. L. Kastner, FEPS policy advisor chaired the conference. L. Andor, former Commissioner for Employment Social Affairs, and Inclusion delivered the closing remarks.

Growth and Income Distribution

**1st November | Workshop and presentation of research |
University of Greenwich, London, UK With GPERC**

An opportunity to present and reflect about recent academic findings about income distribution and its interplay with fiscal and wage policy. The keynote speaker, Prof M. Lavoie (Paris 13) presented his work on autonomous demand growth, developed with a neo-Kaleckian approach. Moderated by D. Rinaldi, FEPS, the main speaker Dr C. Oyvatt focused on the role that wage shares play in crystalizing unequal income distributions, with a particular focus to EU peripheral countries. Of relevance, M. Nikolaidi and Ö. Onaran presented the results of a FEPS-GPERC research on “The effect of income distribution and fiscal policy on growth, investment, and budget balance: the case of Europe”, in which they find that lower wage shares do not boost investment as neoclassical economics assume, it rather contracts investment as it hampers residential investment more than it incentivize corporate investment.

Review Meetings on EU Economic Affairs



**9th and 22nd November | FEPS, Brussels
With the aim of strengthening the relevance
of FEPS actions on EU policy,
the Review Meetings focus on key topics
in the agenda of the European Union.**

The Review Meetings took the form of a round table chaired by FEPS President and have been designed to provide space for a fruitful interaction between top experts, scholars and policy-makers of the progressive family, who are actively involved in the field. Two review meetings have been organised in November 2017: 1) 9 November 2017, on the reform of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) and 2) on 22 November 2017 on the future of the EU budget post-2020.

La double démocratie. Une Europe politique pour la croissance

5th December | Book Launch and Debate | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

In the presence of P. Bérès, MEP, S&D Group, N. Leron, President of the Paris-based think tank EuroCité the new book of M. Aglietta, Prof Emeritus at Paris West University Nanterre La Défense. It provided an opportunity to discuss the Future of EU Finances. Indeed, cohesion, convergence, long-term and forward-looking investments are at stake. There is work to be done both to make the budget perform better, be more in line with EU objectives and be more apt at responding to crises and societal transformations. Lastly, it needs to be more visible and valuable for European citizens. L. Andor, FEPS Senior Non Resident Fellow for Economy and Social Head of Department commented on the book. E. Stetter, Secretary General of FEPS moderated the discussion.

Young and precarious? Precarious work in context

December 2015 to March 2018 | Research | With TASC

The working title of this project is ‘Social Implications of Precarious Work’. There is growing concern over the expansion of precarious work. In Ireland however there is no overarching study of its extent and nature. The first part of the project documents forms of precarious work in Ireland. The second part studies the implications of precarious work for people’s lives. A final part examines the impact on society as a whole, in particular for the sustainability of training and indeed of the welfare state.

Research on health in Europe: reducing health inequality by more progressive health policies?

December 2017 – June 2019 | Research | With TASC

This project points towards action on health inequalities as a key element of a progressive agenda, and—in doing so—achieve the Sustainable Development Goals on health. As long as access and utilization of health services remains restricted from some populations, health inequalities will persist. Thus, it is paramount that governments implement policies to achieve

universal health coverage. Doing so promises economic benefits at a national level, but more importantly, it delivers on a basic human right: the right to health, irrespective of place of birth, ability, or socioeconomic background. Over the course of 18 months, the researchers will evaluate how different national health systems reduce – or exacerbate – health inequalities in Europe. The first part of the report “Health Inequalities in Europe: Setting the Stage for Progressive Policy Action” was published in June 2018. The research for part two of the report is currently under way and the final report will be launched in Spring 2019. The outputs include a commissioned report, seminars and brief memos to be disseminated online, final report, and a conference.

The top 10% in the European and Irish contexts

December 2017 – June 2019 | Research | With TASC

This project aims to look at the extent to which growing economic inequality is creating a new distinct social stratum across Europe. Special focus will be given in a case study to Ireland; The study will also include a comparisons with both the UK and Germany. The outcome will be encompassed in research papers.

PUBLICATIONS IN EUROPEAN ECONOMY AND GROWTH

L'économie du partage pour partager l'économie

Book | Published in spring | With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

By A. de Grave, C. Joly and R. Zarader

With many different new ways of working platforms, sharing economy, entrepreneurship and business models, economic models are changing rapidly. However the question does not seem to be simple or unified. This book aims to bring in a political perspective in the analysis. It looks at new threats, innovative solutions and the opportunities they can provide.

Investment and Equality-Led Sustainable Development Strategy for Europe

Study | Published in February | Written by Ö Onaran, L. Andersen, G. Cozzi, S. Dahl, T. Nissen, T. Obst, D. Tori | With TASC, GPERC and ECLM

The result of a two-year research project this study brings together a theoretical framework and empirical evidence regarding the causes of stagnation, investment and growth. The research was intended to be a series of papers but finally brought into one single joint study, with the contributions from all the authors. Austerity policies coupled with rising inequality in Europe have resulted in a prolonged stagnation. This research presents strong evidence that expansionary fiscal policy is sustainable when wage and public investment policies are combined with a progressive tax policy. The study was discussed at the event on 4th May at the University of Greenwich in the framework of the seminar on Income distribution, investment and sustainability, mentioned earlier.

FINANCE AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Global Finance and its impact on Social Infrastructure

Throughout the year | Research | With GPERC – University of Greenwich

The core idea of the research project is to gain evidence on how global financial capital impacts upon the financing of social infrastructure, with particular attention to the provision of health-care services. Preliminary evidence shows a shift from nationally-based industrial capital to internationally mobile finance capital, which endanger the long-term programming of social expenditure. The project has been extended and postponed to 2018 do to a forced change in the lead researcher. The final deliverables are expected in mid-2018.

Banking and Capital Markets Union

Throughout the year | Research | With the University of the West of England (UWE), the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) and Fundación Alternativas

This project, started in 2015, was completed in 2017. A research plan was set-up with the aim to contribute, with policy-oriented research, to the on-going debates about the finance-growth nexus in Europe. The policy-research delivered generally focuses on how to define and bring elements of solidarity and risk sharing into the Banking Union and the Capital Markets Union. One of the key contributions addresses a major paradox: a world structurally awash in excess capital that does not make its way into long-term productive investment. In November 2017, FEPS and Fundación Alternativas team delivered a policy brief specifically targeted to identify progressive measures for the debate on the future of the Economic and Monetary Union.

Banking and Capital Markets Union (Final Conference)

Throughout the year | With the University of the West of England (UWE), the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) and Fundación Alternativas

This conference was set up as the final event that concluded the multiannual research project with this title. Introduced by the Chairman of the FEPS Scientific Council J. Borrell, the conference featured two high-level panels on the priorities for reform of the Economic and Monetary Union and on how to bring aspects of solidarity in European financial integration. The keynote speech by the Spanish Minister of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness, L. de Guindos was covered by the media and an article by D. de la Rocha (fundación Alternativas) and D. Rinaldi (FEPS) appeared in el País newspaper.



Diverging Capitalisms? Britain, the City of London and Europe

Throughout the year | Research and four presentation workshops | With Policy Network, and SPERI

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 feeds into a number of policy briefs, and in the publication of an edited book with Palgrave.



Part 3: After Brexit: British and EU capitalisms at the crossroads?

24th March | Brussels | With Policy Network and SPERI

The purpose of this third workshop was to discuss the consequences of the global financial crisis, the Eurozone crisis and 'Brexit' upon the institutional foundations shaping national growth models, competitiveness, and the social and regional inequalities of economic performance in economies across Europe. It set out to explore the consequences of these crises for intra-national and international inequality, regulation, investment, social welfare, and Europe's low growth and high debt economies in the UK and across Europe. Prof S. Griffith-Jones, Prof A. Hassel and Prof G. Stahl served as panelists, L. Kastner, FEPS chaired the conference.

FISCAL GOVERNANCE

3CTB Expert's meeting

6th September | Brussels, Belgium | With the S&D Group and the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)

Under the initiative of MEP Paul Tang, rapporteur of the European Parliament's Opinion on the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (3CTB), expertise from academia, trade unions, civil society organizations and other interested parties gathered to substantiate a progressive position as well as input on technical and legal matters in order to promote an open discussion on the key feature of a potential European reform of corporate taxation. The event took place at a critical point in time. The European Council is likely to take action on the matter in the first quarter of 2018 and the European Parliament was asked to draft its opinion on the Commission's proposal in autumn 2017.

Ireland, Europe and the multinationals implications of the Irish national tax-based industrial policy for Ireland and the European Union

December 2016 to December 2017 | Series of papers | With TASC

Popular anger across Europe at MNE tax evasion threatens the Irish development model. Ireland has always depended on FDI (Foreign Direct Investment), but in recent years attracting FDI appears to have become dependent on favourable tax treatment. A series of expert papers examine: the nature of Irish tax policy; the quantity and quality of employment generated by FDI; the implications for EU regional and industrial policy. As well as a final report the project aims to inform public debate through a series of symposia during 2017.

DIGITAL ECONOMY

Phase I Crowd Work in the European Gig Economy Employment

**28th November | Conference on the Launch of the Report | FEPS Office, Brussels
With Uni-Europa, University of Hertfordshire, and IPSOS Mori
Results from the UK, Sweden, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Italy surveys.**

There is much talk about the disruptive potential of digitalisation and the sharing economy on labour markets. Yet surprisingly little is known about the realities of 'work' and the new types of employment created by online platforms. Is it a liberating new form of self-employment or a new form of exploitation? How many workers are doing it? Who are they? Is it their main source of income or a top-up to other kinds of work? What is the reality of their working lives? And what are the implications of these new realities for public policy in Europe? The report presents the results of an innovative survey across seven European countries, revealing, for the first time, the extent and characteristics of crowd workers. The event was an occasion to promote an open debate on the new forms of labour; a debate that is relevant for both academic and policy-relevant research. To this end, speakers for institutions, academia, unions, new businesses and think tanks gathered at FEPS.



Phase II Crowd Work in the European Gig Economy in the Era of Online Platforms

Estonian survey

December 2017 – May 2018 | With the Estonian Foresight Center, UNI Europa and the University of Hertfordshire

After the successful presentation of the first report, it was decided to continue the work and expand the scope. Phase II began in 2017 and will continue throughout 2018 it features a new set of seven European countries (France, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Slovenia, Spain). The Estonia country survey already started in 2017 revealing, for the first time, the extent and characteristics of crowd workers in Estonia.

V. GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

- PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA
- ASYLUM, MIGRATION & INTEGRATION
- SUSTAINABLE WORLD

PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

New Social Global Deal

Prioritising people and planet - A new agenda for global progress

See notable initiatives in the first section of this report.

Future of Social Democracy in Europe and its Neighbourhood - Investing in young human capital

Throughout the year | Series of trainings | 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.



The changing media environment and the role of the public service media: Focusing on the problems of the Baltic Sea region and beyond

Research | Throughout the year | With Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

This project seeks to analyse the importance of strong, independent national mediagig as a guarantor of pluralism and as a shield against the erosion of the democratic ethos of societies in the face of foreign state propaganda and populism. Within the framework of this project, research was conducted in 2017 on select countries in the Baltic sea region. All articles will be presented in a publication and released in 2018.

Regional Political Academy of Social Democratic Parties from SEE 2017

**23rd-25th January, Brussels, Belgium | Seminars and study visit
15th-17th September, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina | Final event
With National Democratic Institute (NDI) Bosnia-Herzegovina**

This training programme aimed to strengthen the skills of young Social Democratic party members in researching policy areas and developing sound policy proposals relative to their own countries having a wider European context in mind. Participants from six South East European countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia) and ten Social Democratic political parties from the region took part.

EU's Common Security and Defence Policy

**17th January | Presentation of studies, closed working lunch | Brussels, Belgium
Papers by C. Deubner**

Drawing on the key tenets of the two 2016 studies on the 'New Developments of EU External Security' and on the 'Linking and Overlap between the EU's Security Policies' written by the author, Member of FEPS Scientific Council, this aimed both at scrutinising the main results of this research and also allowing an open and frank discussion over the wider issues at hand. The event featured the participation of a select number of high-level security policy experts and academics.

Future of social democracy in Europe and its neighbourhood - Investing in young human capital

**3rd-5th February | Series of trainings throughout the year and a conference in Vienna, Austria
With the Foundation Max van der Stoep**

Continuing our work on this two year-long project, a series of follow-up trainings took place in various countries in Europe's neighbourhood, aimed at strengthening social democratic parties by bridging the gap with civil movements and young people. In Tunisia, Jordan, Georgia, Lebanon, Morocco, Ukraine, Belarus, Albania, Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Bosnia, and Armenia. Preceding the organisation of these trainings, a training of trainers' conference was held in Vienna with the valuable support of the Renner institute.

Elections, democracy and governance in West and Central Africa

23rd-25th March | Conference | Niamey, Niger | With the Fondation Jean Jaurès

FEPS in cooperation with the Fondation Jean Jaurès and with the support of the PNDS-Tarayya party organised an international conference, focusing on the issue of 'elections, democracy and governance in West and Central Africa'. It brought together several policy experts and policy makers both from Africa and Europe, with the objective of exploring the importance of democracy and transparent elections, the challenges that democracies in the region are facing, and the role that the European Union can play in helping to deepen democratic institutions and processes.



Ukraine: Economic relations across the contact line and the role of Trade Unions

23rd May | Round-table | Vienna, Austria | With Renner Institut, International Institute for Peace (IIP), Austrian Platform for Dialogue and Conflict Resolution in Ukraine, Herbert C. Kelman Institute, Tranzit Austria, Erste Foundation and the Grüne Bildungs-Werkstatt, Gesellschaft für Eurasische Studien (EURAS)

The activity took place at a time when trade and economic exchange between Western Ukraine and the non-governmental controlled areas had come to a halt. The result is economic deprivation in the non-government controlled areas. In addition Trade Union ties have been officially severed. The round-table sought to look at what measures can be taken and how to help improve the economic situation whilst at the same time re-establishing important ties between Trade unions and other institutions in the separate regions. H. Swoboda chaired the debate. P. Havlik, I. Nagornyak and V. Tchakarova gave presentations.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: how can the EU contribute?

8th June | Book Launch | European Parliament library, Brussels, Belgium | With SOLIDAR and the S&D Group

Launch of the new book entitled “Progressive lab for sustainable development: From vision to action” was opened by G. Pittella MEP, President of the S&D Group. The book was based on the findings of the joint project which featured the active participation of young researchers, experts and policy-makers, aiming at offering concrete proposals about the kind of steps the EU can take to move towards a more progressive sustainable development model.



Restoring the sense of politics through youth participation: Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

9th-11th June | Conference | Kiev, Ukraine |

With Foundation Max van der Stoel and the Institute for Democracy and Social Progress

This conference formed the next step of the work of FEPS in and on Ukraine. This event presented the results of in-depth research conducted on the ways and means of restoring the sense of politics through youth participation, with a special focus on the case studies of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The presence and participation in the conference, which attracted almost 100 young people, of more than 15 foreign guests and experts was a good indicator of the relevance and interest of the topic.



Strengthening the Transatlantic Relationship

With the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

Building upon their previous partnership, FEPS with GMF continued their work on strengthening the transatlantic relationship, focusing on an array of issues that are of common interest to both Europe and the United States. Within this there was a breakout dinner organised on the topic of populism, see details in the populism section of this document.

Trump and transatlantic relations in a time of risk

14th November | Brussels, Belgium

Almost a year after the election of the new US president, on 2017, this event brought together Heather Conley, SVP for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic, Center for Strategic and International Studies, K. Magsamen, Vice President for National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress, and N. Tocci, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali, for a discussion on how we expect the United States foreign policy to evolve over the coming three years and what this means for relations with Europe. The event was opened with a speech by E. Stetter, Secretary General of FEPS.



Is it Time to Rethink the Middle East Peace Process? Charting a New European Policy Approach Towards the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

14th September | Conference | London, UK | With the European Council on Foreign Relations - Rome office

At a critical time for the two-state solution, a closed-door conference was organised to explore possible contours for a new European policy towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The event, which brought together high-level experts and decision-makers from Israel, Palestine, the US and Europe, as well as official representatives from the EU, European governments, and national parliaments, aimed to identify

how Europe can make better use of the foreign policy tools that it has at its disposal to safeguard the viability of the two-state solution and create the conditions for a meaningful peace process. The discussion also explored the impact of regional and international developments on prospects for resolving the conflict, and the potential drivers for progress within Israeli and Palestinian politics. We also engaged in a discussion on the practical implications of a disappearing two state solution for future European policy.

Africa at a Crossroads: Youth Political Mobilisation, Freedom of Association and Peaceful Assembly

**27th September | Panel discussion during the S&D Group's Africa Week | Brussels, Belgium
With SOLIDAR**

Following the Millennial Dialogue research project in three African countries (South Africa, Senegal and Mozambique) FEPS and SOLIDAR organised a debate that aimed to understand the challenges and opportunities of the political engagement of young people, to strengthen the continent's democracy and institutions, as well as to better understand how the European Union can best promote societal progress, freedom of association and of assembly with and for young people.

The security-migration-development nexus revised: a perspective from the Sahel

4th-5th December | Conference | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | With Istituto Affari Internazionali

Co-organised with the support of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the Global Progressive Forum (GPF) this international conference gathered together representatives from the countries and institutions of the region, the African Union and the international community, as well as African, European, US and other international experts. The points raised during the event were used by the co-organising partners to produce policy recommendations for EU and the US to be presented to pertinent actors, institutions and partners. The conference constitutes part of a wider research project that aims to reconceptualise the existing links between migration, development and security in the Sahel, a region where this nexus is particularly pronounced.



A tense neighbourhood: The Visegrad countries and Ukraine

14th July | Conference | Budapest, Hungary | With Policy Solutions

Serving as the launch event of a joint publication on the same topic, the purpose of this event was to review the current relationship between the Visegrád countries and Ukraine. The conference investigated the differences between the Polish, the Hungarian, the Slovakian and the Czech foreign policy, the attitudes of these countries toward Ukraine, and the respective governments' interest beyond their politics. The half-day conference featured two sections; researcher Daniel Bartha presented the main findings of the publication on the V4-Ukrainian relations since 2014. Then, in a roundtable discussion, ambassadors of Visegrád countries and of Ukraine to Hungary engaged in an in-depth discussion about the V4-Ukraine relations.

The Future of the Visegrad Group. Mapping the Interest within the V4

9th October | Roundtable | Berlin, Germany | With Das Progressive Zentrum (DPZ)

Part of the “Future Scenarios for the Visegrad Group”, joint project seeking to analyse the internal dynamics of the Visegrad Group, its relations internally and with the rest of the EU. Founded in 1991 by the Presidents of the Czechoslovak Republic, Poland, and the Prime Minister of Hungary to overcome historic animosities and succeed in social transformation: The migration challenge has weakened its initial Euro-enthusiasm. Country perspectives were delivered by T. Boros, Policy Solutions (Budapest); R. Geist, EurActiv.sk (Bratislava); Dr. A. Łada, Institute for Public Affairs (Warsaw) and Dr. T. Novotná, EUROPEUM (Prague). Responses were given by D. Nietan, MdB, and Prof Dr. T. Börzel, Research Director of the Center for European Integration, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science, Free University of Berlin.

The Future of the Visegrad Group. Possible Scenarios and Alliances

24th October | Roundtable | Brussels | with Das Progressive Zentrum (DPZ)

Roundtable in Berlin hosting academics and researchers from the Visegrad countries focused on mapping the interests within the V4. During the European Roundtable with experts and politicians from the Visegrad countries and the EU level in Brussels, possible future scenarios for the V4 group were sketched and progressive alliances examined.



The EU's New Resilience Agenda in the Middle East and North Africa Region

2nd-3rd November | Conference | Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Beirut, Lebanon | With Istituto Affari Internazionali

The culmination of a year-long research project focusing on the EU's New Resilience Agenda in the Middle East and North Africa Region (MENA), a conference was organised in Beirut, with the objective of presenting and discussing the project's findings to a select number of stakeholders in the MENA region. It featured a keynote speech by N. Tocci, Director of IAI, and the participation of researchers focusing on the project's six case-studies, Lebanon, Qatar, Egypt, Tunisia, Turkey, and Iraq, all aimed at unpacking the concept of resilience in concrete and substantive terms, as the implementation of the EU Global Strategy goes forward.

Europe and the Middle East:

A new era in institutional management of peace, security, and economic development

4th-5th November | Annual conference | Tel Aviv, Israel

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès, the Renner Institute, MACRO Center for Political Economics and the Institute for National Security Studies

The conference was held at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) and brought together a number of top-level policy makers both from the Middle East and Europe, focusing on 4 issues: 'a changing European Union: steering through the new political and economic landscape', 'a more prosperous Middle East: fostering regional economic collaboration and development', 'a more confident European Union: managing security cooperation in a new geopolitical environment', and 'a more stable Middle East: forming new regional security arrangements'. The conference featured the participation of a number of high-level speakers, including: MK I. Herzog, Knesset Opposition Leader, Ambassador Dr. E. Giaufret, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Israel, Ambassador P. Örnéus, Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process, Sweden, A. Gusenbauer, Former Chancellor of Austria, S-E. Söder, Director General of the Folke Bernadotte Academy, and A. Minuto-Rizzo, Former Deputy Secretary General of NATO.



PUBLICATIONS IN GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

FEPS Correspondents in India and South Africa, write regular articles on South East Asia and Southern African political situations and relate it to European and international affairs.

India and South Asia Dossier

By Dr. K. Voll with Dr. J. Lobo

Monthly analysis and collection of articles throughout the year.

From South Africa and the region

By A. Wehmhoerner

Succession drama cripples South Africa

January 2017

Fading democracies in Africa

September 2017



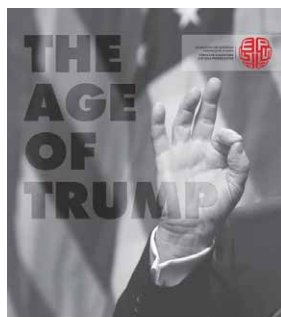
EU-Israel Relations In Light Of The New Middle East

Book | Published in March

Edited by Dr. R. Nathanson, Itamar Gazala, and V. Ntousas

With the Macro Center for Political Economics, the Institute for National Security Studies, the Jean-Jaurès Foundation and the Karl Renner Institute.

This book contains the speeches delivered by several key participants, as well as enriching concepts and important conclusions which arose from the conference on “EU-Israeli Relations and the Changing Dynamics of the Middle East” which was carried out in 2016.



Foreign policy
challenges for the left

EDITED BY
Ian Kearns and Kate Murray
FOREWORD BY
Andrew Harrop and Ernst Stetter



The Age of Trump: Foreign policy challenges for the left

Book edited by I. Kearns and K. Murray
April | With the Fabian Society

This collection of essays, aimed to set out some ways forward in response to the turbulent first months of Donald Trump's Presidency in the White House. Policy experts from Europe, the UK and the US, highlight some of the most pressing issues we face and what a progressive response should look like, from climate change to nuclear proliferation and from the European Union to conflict in the Middle East.

The EU, US and the International Strategic Dimension Of Sub-Saharan Africa: Peace, Security And Development In The Horn Of Africa

Book | Published in April | With Istituto Affari Internazionali and the NDI (Washington, DC)

This edited publication is the final result of a project carried out mainly in 2016. It aims at identifying the role of key external powers in promoting peace, security and development in Sub-Saharan Africa. The analysis pays attention to how African countries build their own capacities to deal with multiple partners and the new position in which they find themselves. In addition, a concrete and region-specific analysis is dedicated to the Horn of Africa and to Somalia in particular. The publication also provides recommendations for the external powers examined, with specific attention devoted to the European Union and the United States.

Restoring the sense of politics through youth participation: Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

Book | Published in June |

With Foundation Max van der Stoel and the Institute for Democracy and Social Progress

Edited by V. Shybko, M. Freitas, J. Liplijn, and M. Ohanjanyan

Conducted by experts in the countries the main idea of the research was to present analytical materials on the participation of young people in the political processes, as well as to find possible ways for restoring the sense of politics through youth participation.



Better, faster, stronger, together: 10 guidelines of reflection for a progressive European security and defence policy

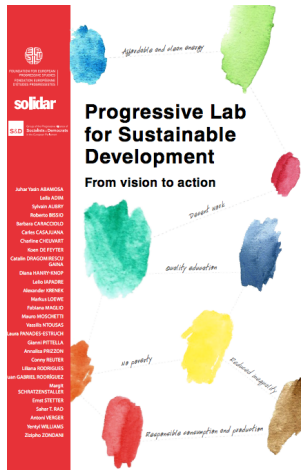
Policy brief | Published in June 2017 | by V. Ntousas

Over the past years, Europe has experienced a much higher degree of fluidity and rancour than in recent decades. Recognising that we live in such a tremendously different environment to the one mentioned in the opening line of the 2003 European Security Strategy, the release of the EU Global Strategy led to a series of developments in the EU's security and defence policy. This policy brief aims to enhance the progressive direction that these changes can take in the months and years to come, for achieving a truly common EU security and defence policy, and therefore a stronger, more stable, and more secure Union.

Progressive Lab for Sustainable Development: From Vision to Action

Book | Published in June | With SOLIDAR and the S&D Group

Nine contributions collected provide some ideas on how to tackle challenges upcoming, following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The European Union committed itself to a transformative programme, which could potentially turn the current unsustainable 'growth-at-any-cost' economic model into a sustainable one. This will require measures



and policies that tackle the current major global challenges such as growing inequalities; the biased trade and investment strategies and growing corporates' power; the shrinking funding for development cooperation. The project has spanned over two years, 2016 and 2017.

Good Neighbourliness? The Visegrád countries and Ukraine

Book | Published in July | With Policy Solutions

Since the Ukrainian revolution of 2014, the relationship between it and the European Union has emerged as one of the most important unsettled issues for the foreign and neighbourhood policy of the European community. In this complex crisis, four Central European Visegrád states – the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia – found themselves in a special position: on account

of their geographic location, they were directly affected by the conflict. This book examines how those countries reacted to the crisis in Ukraine, what political and economic support they offered and how they have helped or impeded Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration in the past years. The authors in this volume are foreign policy experts and analysts from the four countries. As the need for progressive policies and politics in the region is becoming increasingly dire, this publication is aimed at shedding light on a complicated geopolitical picture.

Occupation and Sovereignty: Renewing EU Policy in Israel - Palestine

Study | Published in December | With the European Council on Foreign Relations

By H. Lovatt

How should the EU respond to the emerging one-state reality in Israel-Palestine? This study argues that the EU and its members must act now – and with determination. Bolder and more decisive EU action is indeed urgently required to avoid a fully-fledged one-state reality of perpetual occupation and unequal rights.



THE EU, RESILIENCE AND THE MENA REGION

REFORM
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Omar MESTRE
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The EU, Resilience and the MENA Region

**Book | Published in December | With Istituto Affari Internazionali
Edited by S. Colombo, A. Dessí and V. Ntousas**

In parallel with high-level discussions taking place at EU level on the best ways to operationalise and implement objectives of fostering state and societal resilience in an era characterised by conflictual multipolarity and resurgent nationalisms, a one-year research project was launched. Examining challenges and opportunities to foster state and societal resilience in six Middle East and North African countries (Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Qatar). The results of the project were collected in an edited book volume entitled “The EU, Resilience and the MENA Region”. It aimed at mapping out the challenges but also positive reform actors and dynamics within them as a first step towards operationalising the concept of resilience.

Les industries européennes de défense

**Book | Published in May | With Fondation Jean Jaurès
Written by Elisabeth Guigou and Gwendal Rouillard**

In a deteriorating geopolitical context the European Union should assert itself as a global player in international security, relying on European strategic autonomy in industrial matters. This is key to reinforcing European sovereignty and making European companies competitive players in a globalised world. The authors offer proposals on this to make the European Union a respected global power.

ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION

Global Turkey in Europe

23rd-24th February, Budapest, Hungary | Workshop

8th May, Berlin, Germany | Workshop

21st June, Brussels, Belgium | Final conference

With Istituto Affari Internazionali

This project started in 2016 and has focused on the impact that the refugee crisis has had on Europe and its effects on EU-Turkish relations. The first workshop saw participants discuss whether the EU-Turkey deal would survive without intra-EU convergence on relocation and resettlement. The second analysed the situation of integration of Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey. The final conference debated the future of the internal and external dimension of the EU migration and asylum policies.

Story of a journey across Europe. From first reception to integration of migrants

7th-8th May, Thessaloniki, Greece

25th-26th October, Mannheim, Germany

With SOLIDAR

In the framework of this project, a number of workshops and study visits were organised in refugee reception centres in Thessaloniki and Mannheim with the aim of assessing the reception conditions of refugees and migrants in some EU member states, and namely those which have faced the largest bulk of arrivals either because of their geographical position (Greece and Italy) or because they represented the preferred destination for many refugees (Germany). NGO workers attended the workshops, while the conference in Thessaloniki focused on migration of refugee flows and featured the participation of, among others: Y. Boutaris, Y. Mouzalas, M. Mouzourakis, A. Diamantopoulou, P. Leclerc, M. Kyrkos, E. Guerrero Salom and K. Sevinç.

Mix 17: Migration in the 21st Century, meeting the challenge, seizing the opportunities

17th October | Brussels, Belgium | With Fondazione EYU

As in Europe the narrative about migrants is increasingly shifting towards anti-immigration when not openly xenophobic tones, with this event we wished to contribute to a more positive image of migration, showing in particular the contribution that migrant entrepreneurs offer to the hosting societies and economies. In the course of this public event, nine migrant entrepreneurs, who have started their business in six different EU member states, told their story about the challenges of integration in their hosting countries. Speakers included T. Schulte, President of FWD.us, G. Filibeck, Deputy Secretary General of the PES, A. De Carolis, Fondazione EYU and H Giusto, FEPS.



Relaunching Europe bottom-up – From Refugee integration to common sustainable development: Solidarity and innovation through European communities and regions

7th June | Gdansk, Poland | With Humboldt-Viadrina and SOLIDAR

This conference aimed at sending a strong message that Europe needs a vital re-launch and, most urgently, a solidarity solution of the challenge posed by migration. The two goals can be achieved simultaneously by means of measures aimed at strengthening cities and municipalities, and namely a strategy of investment and development based on inclusion, solidarity and innovation. The event was structured in plenaries and breakout sessions, where participants discussed criticalities and best practices in Gdansk (Poland), Thessaloniki (Greece) and Düren (Germany).

Flexible Solidarity: How progressive parties handled the migration crisis in Central Europe

9th June | Budapest, Hungary

10th October | Brussels, Belgium

With Policy Solutions

To continue the work started in 2016, with the publication of the book “The political communication of the refugee crisis in Central and Eastern Europe”, it was decided in 2017 to focus on Central European social democratic parties’ (in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia) reaction to the refugee crisis and attitude towards migration. To outline and discuss the content of the book, a small workshop was organised in June with the authors of the chapters. The publication was then launched in October in a public event with the participation of MEPs P. Niedermüller, M. Poche, J. Weidenholzer and B. Zala and with remarks by T. Boros and C. Woollard.



Newcomer inclusion in Europe: Current challenges and way forward that would benefit other member states and the European project

Throughout 2017 and 2018 | Research project | With Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

In order to use the knowledge and experience already developed in a number of European countries in the field of migrant integration, as well as share new impressions from the member states that for the first time actually try to create coherent integration plans for refugees and migrants. For both sides this will bring cross-fertilisation without which true European solidar-

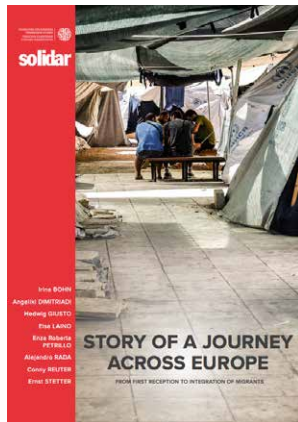
ity in this important issue is not possible. Focus will be on positive experiences of refugee and migrant integration efforts, showing both similarities and differences of approaches necessary in EU countries. The main deliverable of this project will be a book.

PUBLICATIONS IN ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION

“The Flexible Solidarity”. How progressive parties handled the migration crisis in Central Europe

Book | Published in October | With Policy Solutions | By T. Boros, R. Gesit, H. Giusto, O. Gruber, S. Lafferton, L. Najšlová

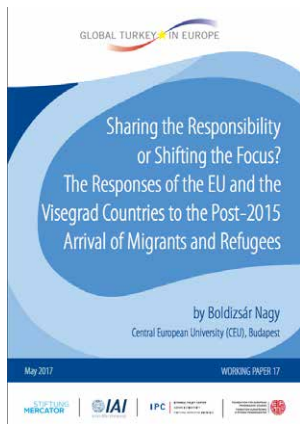
In 2016, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies and Policy Solutions carried out a project that resulted in the book “The political communication of the refugee crisis in Central and Eastern Europe”. This year book continues on the same path by analysing Central European social democratic parties’ (in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia) attitude towards migration, and their shifts in strategy, with the aim of identifying a common pattern, understanding motives and drives, and formulating recommendations on how to deal with the refugee question and other issues related to migration.



Story of a journey across Europe. From first reception to integration of migrants

**Book | Published in December | With SOLIDAR
| Edited by C. Reuter, E. Stetter**

The book represented the last step in the wider project carried out over the course of 2017, involving workshops, study visits and a conference. The publication included three papers focusing on migrants’ reception conditions in Greece and Italy and integration in Germany, as well as a selection of photos taken by a professional photographer in Greek, Italian and German reception centres. Particular attention was given to the conditions of the most vulnerable migrants, namely women and children.



Sharing the responsibility or shifting the focus? The responses of the EU and the Visegrad countries to the post-2015 arrival of migrants and refugees

**Paper | Published in May | With Istituto Affari Internazionali |
By B. Nagy**

The key research question of this paper looks into why the Visegrad group countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) have been reluctant to participate in EU schemes on solidarity with third states and within the EU. The paper clarifies the notions of solidarity, burden- and responsibility-sharing and proposes political and institutional solutions.

Labour market integration of Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey: Challenges and prospects

Paper | Published in June | With Istituto Affari Internazionali | By A.S. Okay

This paper examines the ways in which the Germany and Turkey have adjusted their respective legal, political, and institutional frameworks so as to facilitate refugees' access to employment and their participation in the labour market. It also identifies some preliminary outcomes, and draws lessons for meeting pending challenges.

SUSTAINABLE WORLD

The Role of progressive political parties across Europe in implementation of the climate agenda post COP21

11th January | Seminar | FEPS office, Brussels, Belgium | With Keele University

The second event in this project, this discussion firstly presented the latest publication, with the same title, to Brussels stakeholders. Additionally the range of stakeholders, policy experts and representatives contributed to looking at the next phase of climate discussions. How the upcoming elections in Germany and France might affect this. Similarly looking towards the COP22 the submitted INDCs (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions) are key in determining how we manage commitments to limit global temperatures and end the use of fossil fuels.

COP 23 SIDE EVENTS:

A Just Transition, economic diversification | 8th November

Response measures to climate change | 15th November

**UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) summit, Bonn, Germany
| with Fondation Jean Jaurès and the Transnational Law Institute, within the Dickson Poon
School of Law, King's College London**

The first side-event, opened with a keynote speech by G. Dassis, President of the European Economic and Social Committee who presented practical options to address climate justice in a socially equitable manner. It highlighted EU success stories and opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of good practices with other UNFCCC parties. The second side-event, examined opportunities for progress and synergy on the response measures work programme items of just transition and economic diversification, both through the improved forum on response measures and through complementary regional and national processes.



Reducing Food Waste

Throughout the year | Research and publication | With Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

Continuing the successful seminar on food waste at the end of 2016, this project aims to delve further into the issue. Research was carried out in 2017 with the aim of publishing the findings in 2018.

PUBLICATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Role of progressive political parties across Europe in implementation of the climate agenda post COP21

January | Study | Written by Prof R. Ladrech | With Keele University

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. The research began in the second half of 2016. To complement the desk analysis two seminars were also held with key stakeholders, policy experts and political and civil society representatives.

VI. FURTHER CORE ACTIVITIES

The Left in Britain. Britain in the World - Annual New Year's Conference

14th January | London, UK | With the Fabian Society

At the annual event E. Stetter, FEPS, gave an intervention at the opening plenary and introduced the leader of the Labour Party J. Corbyn who delivered a keynote speech. It being the first large intervention since the EU referendum both interventions were quite important, giving the European context and the UK viewpoints of current affairs. This then led onto the usual day full of plenaries, workshops, conference debates and networking with around 500 participants and the main political figures of Progressives in the UK. A Skrzypek, FEPS, spoke in one of the workshops entitled "Progressive Responses to Brexit from the European Union". The whole day's event received wide media coverage.

FEPS New Year's Reception



23rd January | FEPS Office, Brussels Belgium

The annual gathering and start to the year, bringing everyone together. A good occasion to showcase FEPS work to the Brussels public and distribute publications whilst discussing new ideas and receiving comments or feedback on the activities in addition to showing appreciation to FEPS supporters who help us throughout the year. This year FEPS honoured the Polish opposition leader of SLD, Włodzimierz Czarzasty in his endeavour to hold up democracy in Poland.



Europe Academy: Brussels intro tour

**17th – 29th June | Meetings, seminars and training | Brussels,
EU Quarter | With the Karl-Renner-Institute**

A longstanding annual activity where the participants of the Austrian Renner Europe Academy visit Brussels to get an insight into how the European institutions function. FEPS runs the programme together and of course a presentation is given about what FEPS is and does, also an introduction to the other Progressive organisations present here in Brussels such as the PES, YES, S&D. Students also met MEPs, representatives from the European Commission and other key stakeholders over the course of 2-3 days. At the end of their stay, the group was invited to join the annual FEPS flagship conference “Call to Europe”.



Britain, Europe and the World: Cooperating on Global Challenges | Fringe debate

26th September | Brighton, UK | With The Fabian Society

Academics S. Griffith-Jones and G. Stahl participated in a debate with B. Howlin, leader of the Irish Labour party, and E. Thornberry, UK Shadow Foreign Secretary on the topic of how Britain can tackle global challenges multilaterally, especially in light of the Brexit vote.

The conversation covered a wide range of topics from climate change to trade to international terrorism and attracted a large and diverse group of people who were very engaged and challenged the speakers with questions and comments.

Greece Forward III: Progressive Policies for the Cities of Today and Tomorrow

4th October | Athens, Greece |

With DIKTYO - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe | Conference

Our third annual conference of this kind, it has become a core event of FEPS activity calendar. This year it focused on key issues related to the future of cities and their citizens, at a political, social, cultural and economic level. It aimed at investigating the increasingly significant role that modern cities can play not only as epicentres and catalysts of growth, development, and democratic experimentation. Hosted in Athens, one of the world's most important and creative cities since the ancient times, taking into account the Greek and European experiences. It featured the participation of H.E. The President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. P. Pavlopoulos, the Mayors of Athens, Florence, Lemessos, Thessaloniki, and Pireaus, as well as a number of leading policy-makers, policy experts and academics from Greece and from Europe.



The Path to Power

8th July | King's College, London, UK | Annual Summer conference with the Fabian Society

This year's Summer Conference took place one month after the general election in the UK which saw Labour increase its vote share and at a time when political activity has been so lively it was a good moment to have crucial discussions and debates around the future of the left in the UK and across Europe. From FEPS E. Stetter and A. Skrzypek spoke there on different panels. The

programme had good political and civil society representation. It gave an opportunity to build on continuous discussions on Next Left, Future of work, Social Europe and the Welfare State which FEPS has been developing with Fabians and other partners throughout the year.

Civil Monitoring of early Parliamentary Elections and referendum in Bulgaria in 2017

Training, research, monitoring and reporting

June | With Institute for Social Integration

This project has followed the Bulgarian elections since 2011 and is now the sixth time it has been carried out. It has 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. The monitoring follows three steps: analysis of the electoral legislation, media monitoring and observation of the Election Day. The implementation of the Monitoring Activities in 2017 confirmed the fears that the tendency of violating the democracy of the election process is still present. The election campaign is becoming increasingly unfair, manipulative and unequal. In addition to the typical "democratic" practices in the campaign process, various economic, corporate and even criminal interests partly influence the Election Day and the election results. That is why the media and the way their work affects the electoral process was the main subject of observation and analysis. In 2017, 400 observers from all regions in the country and a regional coordinator for each region were appointed. The regional coordinators underwent training. We also provided civil monitoring abroad, in sections in the UK. Via trained observers, we have increased civil participation in the electoral processes as well as voters' interest in carrying out fair, transparent and democratic elections. The final output of the project is a detailed document of the activities of the Monitoring in its entirety - analytical materials, summary of performed activities, description of registered trends and phenomena, analysis of the media environment in the context of MPs elections.

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 primarily also to promote a more European dimension in 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.

Almost 140 different authors contributed to the Progressive Post magazine in 2017.

During the year the structure of the magazine was finalised. It can be categorised into 4 sections: 1) Special coverage, 2) Focus, 3) Inspiration and 4) Debate. This last section was then additionally divided into 7 different sections called Next left, Next Social, Next Environment, Next Global, Next Economy and Next Democracy. The people also changed with success this year. It was decided to opt for a more flexible approach and the communication agency Polydea was replaced by two freelance journalists and two graphic designers.

In Autumn 2017, one of the two journalists has been assigned to disseminate the articles from each new progressive post magazine on FEPS social media, everyday. At the end of 2017, the decision was taken to modify the website in order to better reflect the sections of the magazine but also to allow us to focus papers on topics jointly with other foundations. To be developed in 2018.

The Progressive Post 3 (Winter 2016-17)

Focused on the new EU foreign affairs strategy with this question « Si vis pacem, para bellum? »
The special coverage was on the results of the US Elections.

The Progressive Post 4 (Spring 2017)

Went out in the context of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome and the focus was dedicated to Transnational lists versus Populism.

The Progressive Post 5 (Summer 2017)

Featured ahead of the EU Social Summit in Gothenburg and came back on the special coverage on the state of the Left after French Presidential and UK General elections.

The Progressive Post 6 (Autumn 2017)

Concentrated on the Middle East Peace Process, reflecting whether the EU can rescue the situation. This new edition came after German Bundestag elections and in the context of the debate in Catalonia.

The Progressive Post Spain | With Pablo Iglesias Fundación

In each edition of the 'Temas' magazine a selection of usually around 10 pages of FEPS Progressive Post articles from the usual edition are translated into Spanish and published inside. In 2017 Temas was published ten times, each time with the selection of FEPS Progressive Post articles.

The Progressive post UK | With the Fabian Society

A short edition of Progressive Post Issue 4 (spring) and 5 (summer) is included as a separate section and distributed with the Fabian Review.

EUROPEAN PROGRESSIVE OBSERVATORY

The European Progressive Observatory continued in 2017. It mainly concentrated on some national elections. A series of occasional newsletters, published just after the elections it focuses on, written by various authors each time.

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 2017 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 updated daily with the new publications, events and news of the Foundation. As in previous years, the website was visited not only by a European audience but also from a Transatlantic public. The United States is in 6th position on the list of regular visitors and Canada 13th place. India is also among the first 15 countries with more visits to FEPS website thanks to the common projects that FEPS has with partners in the country.

In 2017 FEPS embarked on a new project and decided to create a new website to be responsive to the different devices and more user friendly. FEPS launched a call for tenders in the beginning of 2017 and have been working together with the web agency selected to deliver a more visual and conceptual site that will be launch in 2018. Moving on from the traditional FEPS pillars, it was agreed to organise the topics following the same line as the “issues” of the Progressive Post: Next Left, Next Democracy, Next Social, Next Economy, Next Global and Next Environment.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Can the Portuguese Government be an inspiration for the European Left? Find the answer in our book: <http://www.feps-europe.eu/en/publications/details/512> by Ana Rita Ferreira Ernst Stetter, Maria João Rodrigues MEP, Pedro Silva, Ana Catarina Mendes, Pedro Nuno Santos, João Duarte Albuquerque, Mafalda Dms and Concha Telles de Freitas #Portugal



During 2017 FEPS continued boosting its 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 doubled its number of followers from 6,725 (2016) to 12,820 in 2017. We have put in place special campaigns using this social media channel targeting mainly a young audience.

These campaigns were:

- Digital Economy
- Call to Europe on Democracy First
- Migration and Entrepreneurship
- High-level meeting on migration with Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General, in New York.



Twitter (@FEPS_Europe)

FEPS continued tweeting live from its main events in 2017 and keeping its audience informed about the publications and invitation using this social network.

The hashtags #CalltoEurope and #DemocracyFirst #FEPSinLisbon were trending topics 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 15,000 people that subscribed.

We also continue promoting The Progressive Post with a special version of the newsletter.

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 2017 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.

FEPS stand at PES Council

1st and 2nd December | Lisbon, Portugal

From Gaining to Owning Power | PES Women Annual Conference

30th November | Lisbon, Portugal

FEPS President spoke during session 2 on Strengthening cooperation and solidarity among the European global feminist movement and L. Thissen Policy Adviser participated at the whole meeting.

Building the Progressive Future Together

18th October | The Square, Brussels | Together initiative of the S&D Group

FEPS policy advisers M. Freitas, D. Rinaldi, V. Ntousas, L. Thissen spoke at the various panel discussions.

Next Generation Thinkers – Populism and Political Disaffection

27th February | London, UK | Invite by Das Progressives Zentrum (DPZ) and Policy Network (PN)

The event was framed around the future of the European-British relations, particularly after the country's EU referendum to leave the Union, and how young people – Millennials (those aged 15-35 born between 1980-2000) – perceived this change. FEPS was invited to take part in the workshop and share insights on its Millennial Dialogue project.

Re-thinking the World

27th -29th April | Conference | Santiago, Chile
With the Global Progressive Forum (GPF), the Chilean Institute for Equality (Instituto Igualdad), the PES, PES Women, and the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY)

The need for progressive answers at a global stage is becoming more urgent than ever, and the scope of EU-Latin American relations is becoming increasingly significant. Amongst many high-level policy makers, experts and civil society representatives from Europe, Chile, and the wider region this conference featured the participation of the President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet. Discussions highlighted developments in progressive policy measures happening in the region.



Relations with the United Nations

4th May | Meeting | UN Headquarters, New York City, USA

An extraordinary high-level delegation had a meeting with António Guterres, the United Nations (UN) Secretary General. The Foundation and its most notable activities were presented and a discussion ensued the growing gap of confidence and sense of disconnect that is experienced globally and how the exacerbating spectre of inequalities demonstrates further the interconnectedness of global challenges. It was agreed that more should be done in the future with an annual meeting around the UN General Assembly to be foreseen together. The first topic will be migration in 2018.



Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

14th-15th May | Beijing, China

As a founding member of the Silk Road Think Tank Association (SRTA), FEPS was invited to participate in the Forum. Joining more than 1200 representatives from more than 130 countries and 70 international organisations, M. D'Alema, then President of FEPS, addressed the Forum's plenary, stressing the need for greater societal and cultural connectivity in Sino-European relations. Leading an international think-tank delegation, FEPS and its former president were also awarded the title of Foreign Advisor to the SRTA. Additionally the visit comprised of meetings with high-level Chinese officials, including with Mr. Liu Yunshan, member of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China. M. D'Alema also delivered two speeches at the Wanshou Forum and the Foreign Affairs University of Beijing on the topic of 'EU-China relations'.

FEPS Participation at the European Parliament open days

6th May | With the S&D Group and the PES



To celebrate Europe Day, European Institutions open their doors to the public. FEPS joined the celebrations in partnership with the S&D Group in the European Parliament and the PES. FEPS had a stand at the European Parliament where it displayed a number of publications and conveyed its projects and ideas for a stronger progressive Europe. Thousands of people took part in the EU Open Days and also visited FEPS stand.

How to engage Millennials?

9th June | Bucharest, Romania | Annual Global meeting of Interlaw

14th June | Brussels | FTA Unleash Opportunity Conference

17th October | Brussels | ECAS Digital Democracy Day

19th October | Brussels | The Future of European Left, Europe Together

7th December | Berlin, Germany | Youth Summit – Millennials and e-participation

FEPS was invited to present its findings from the Millennial Dialogue initiative on various occasions. M. Freitas, Policy Advisor and coordinator of the initiative at FEPS presented the myth busting findings and also provided insights on how various stakeholders could engage and inspire the Millennial generation.

VII. INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Scientific Council meetings

20th March | Rome, Italy

On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Rome Treaty FEPS activities, the discussions focused on the future of the European Union.

30th November | Lisbon, Portugal

On the occasion of the gathering around the PES Council in Lisbon, this was the first meeting with the new chair Josep Borrell. Just ahead of the 10 year anniversary of FEPS, it was a good opportunity for the discussion to admire FEPS achievements and looking ahead to the next phase see how it can continue to be developed successfully.

Bureau meetings

23rd January

10th May

28th June

27th October

General Assembly

28th June

Members:

Currently FEPS has 47 national political foundations and think tanks as full members, 5 Ex-officio members and 16 observer members from political foundations and think tanks. See online for the list <http://www.feps-europe.eu/en/members-feps>

BUREAU

As from FEPS General Assembly 28th June 2017.

President :

Maria João Rodrigues (Portugal)

Vice-Presidents:

Josep Borrell (Spain)

Uwe Optenhögel (Germany)

Zita Gurmai (Hungary)

Sergei Stanishev (Bulgaria)

Jan-Erik Støstad (Norway)

Secretary General:

Ernst Stetter (Germany)

Ex-Officio members:

João Duarte Albuquerque – President of YES, Young European Socialists

Zita Gurmai - President of PES Women

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

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

Sergei Stanishev – President of PES

Representing the national political foundations and think tanks:

Jean-Paul Buffat – Insitut Émile Vandervelde (Belgium)

Jean-Marc Ayrault – Fondation Jean-Jaurès (France)

Adrio de Carolis – Fondazione EYU (Italy)

Nojca Kleva Kekuš – Progressiva Foundation (Slovenia)

Maria Maltschnig – Renner Institute (Austria)

TEAM:

FEPS TEAM throughout the year 2017:

Massimo D'Alema, President (Until the General Assembly on 28th June) | **Maria João Rodrigues**, President (From 28th June onwards) | **Ernst Stetter**, Secretary General | **Rosanna Bennett**, Administrative Assistant | **Charlotte Billingham**, Executive Adviser | **Alain Bloëdt**, Senior Communication Adviser and Editor-in Chief of The Progressive Post | **Catalin Dragomirescu-Gaina**, Economic Adviser | **Maria Freitas**, Policy Adviser | **Elena Gil**, New Media Adviser | **Hedwig Giusto**, Senior Policy Adviser | **Céline Guedes**, Junior Policy Officer | **Lisa Kastner**, Policy Adviser | **Kate Koc**, Events Organiser | **Vassilis Ntousas**, Policy Adviser | **Roberto Paredes**, Financial Adviser | **David Rinaldi**, Senior Economic Policy Adviser | **Johan Robberecht**, Head of Office of President | **Evander Shehu**, Accounting Assistant | **Ania Skrzypek**, Senior Research Fellow | **Laetitia Thissen**, Policy Adviser



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BUDGET

EXPENDITURE		
Eligible expenditure	Budget 2017	Actual
A.1: Personnel costs	1.550.000,00	1.425.692,31
1. Salaries	1.450.000,00	1.201.945,17
2. Contributions	65.000,00	201.844,43
3. Professional training	12.000,00	1.399,10
4. Staff mission expenses	3.000,00	0,00
5. Other personnel costs	20.000,00	20.503,61
A.2: Infrastructure and operating costs	320.000,00	307.626,37
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	195.000,00	213.290,10
2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	30.000,00	27.946,95
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	58.000,00	20.718,91
4. Stationery and office supplies	10.000,00	16.392,16
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	20.000,00	25.907,84
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	2.000,00	0,00
7. Other infrastructure costs	5.000,00	3.370,41
A.3: Administrative expenditure	1.466.765,00	1.382.967,83
1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases)	7.500,00	14.035,57
2. Costs of studies and research	1.436.765,00	1.330.537,98
3. Legal costs	10.000,00	25.501,73
4. Accounting and audit costs	10.000,00	12.892,55
5. Support to affiliated organisations and subsidies to third parties	0,00	0,00
6. Miscellaneous administrative costs	2.500,00	0,00
A.4: Meetings and representation costs	1.550.000,00	1.383.621,73
1. Costs of meetings of the Foundation	1.503.000,00	1.291.586,88
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	40.000,00	88.903,86
3. Representation costs	2.000,00	1.809,76
4. Cost of invitations	2.000,00	1.321,23
5. Other meeting-related costs	3.000,00	0,00
A.5: Information and publication costs	300.000,00	393.354,20
1. Publication costs	270.000,00	335.972,77
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	7.500,00	1.520,82
3. Publicity costs	7.500,00	23.190,00
4. Communications equipment	7.500,00	32.670,61
5. Seminars and exhibitions	2.500,00	0,00
6. Election campaigns		
7. Other information-related costs	5.000,00	0,00
A.6: Expenditure relating to contributions in kind	150.000,00	72.777,94
A.7: Allocation to "Provision to cover eligible expenditure to be incurred in the first quarter of N+1"		
A. TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	5.336.765,00	4.966.040,38
B.1: Non-eligible expenditure	0,00	71.854,88
1. Allocations to other provisions		
2. Financial charges		30.821,10
3. Exchange losses		
4. Doubtful claims on third parties		30.756,65
5. Others (to be specified). Re-invoicing of costs		
6. Expenditure from previous years		10.277,13
B. TOTAL NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	0,00	71.854,88
C. TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5.336.765,00	5.037.895,26
H.1 Allocation of own resources to the specific reserve account1	0,00	98.992,88
H. Profit/loss for verifying compliance with the no-profit rule (G-H.1)	0,00	0,00

REVENUE		
	Budget 2017	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	4.536.250,00	4.221.134,32
D.3 Membership fees	35.000,00	21.000,00
3.1 from member parties		
3.2. from individual members	35.000,00	21.000,00
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)	615.515,00	775.435,93
Support from members of FEPS towards activities	615.515,00	775.435,93
D.6 Contributions in kind	150.000,00	72.777,94
Support from members of FEPS towards activities	150.000,00	72.777,94
D. REVENUE (to cover eligible expenditure)	5.336.765,00	5.102.348,19
E.1 Additional other own resources (to cover non-eligible expenditure) (to be listed)	0,00	34.539,95
Other revenue		34.539,95
Re-invoicing of costs		
E. REVENUE (TO COVER NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE)	0,00	34.539,95
F. TOTAL REVENUE	5.336.765,00	5.136.888,14
G. PROFIT/LOSS (F-C)	0,00	98.992,88

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

FEPS legal framework changed slightly in 2017 due to the newly-established framework of European Political Foundations, to which FEPS is now registered. Nevertheless FEPS still remains registered in Belgium where its legal headquarters also remain.



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