



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FEPS ANNUAL AUTUMN ACADEMY** *Shaping Progressive Political Priorities for the 2019-2024 EU mandate*

The **FEPS Annual Autumn Academy (AAA)** was established by **FEPS – Foundation for European Progressive Studies** in order to connect in an instructive, inspiring debate politicians and stakeholders of the local, regional, national and the European levels. The first edition of the AAA - **the first and largest closed event in the history of FEPS** - took place on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Brussels. It was focused on what the progressive political priorities should be for the new EU mandate.

To that end, the FEPS AAA proved to be a timely initiative for the participants – those nominated by FEPS network of experts and all its member foundations - to interact with the newly elected Members of the European Parliament and vast network of FEPS partners and political representatives of the European Progressive Family from other European Institutions.

The great success of the AAA, confirmed by the feedback of our invited speakers and AAA Nominees, inspires FEPS to consolidate and expand this initiative in the years to come. This confidence comes when we look at the figures:

- FEPS, its member foundations and sister organisations brought about the most diverse representation of progressive stakeholders from across 26 EU member states: from students, to local councillors, parliamentarians and senators – **64 FEPS AAA Nominees contributed to our Academy!**
- FEPS framed an intense **3-day programme consisting of 3 building blocks** - EU after the elections and the political panorama of today; priorities of the Progressive Family for the 2019-2024 EU mandate; 3 country-case studies, 3 EU policy fields and side visits to 3 of the EU institutions;
- FEPS hosted **72 speakers, two legacy speeches by outgoing Commissioner Pierre Moscovici and EU High Representative Federica Mogherini**, as also **S&D Group President Iratxe García Pérez** who addressed a FEPS event for the first time!
- **12 S&D Group MEPs**, out of which 5 heads of S&D national delegations (IT, PL, AT, ES, NL) and 1 S&D Group Vice President.
- The incredible support and involvement of the Progressive Family in the AAA: our thanks to PES, S&D Group in the EP, YES, PES Women, PES CoR, Rainbow Rose and IUSY!



## THE IMPRESSIONS BY FEPS AAA NOMINEES

**Enma López** / ❤️ @EnmaLopez · Oct 9

Toca volver a casa después de unos días maravillosos!! Vuelvo llena de ideas, de europeísmo y de fuerza. Gracias por esta experiencia maravillosa! ❤️

It's time to come home. Thanks for such an incredible experience!! I am getting back full of ideas, europeism and strength! ❤️



**Lasse Juhl Morthorst** @JuhlMorthorst · Oct 10

Thank you very much to @FEPS\_Europe and to @LaszloAndorEU, for three immensely well orchestrated and 'progressive' days, at the #AutumnAcademy in Brussels. (Photo by the FEPS team).



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**Marisa Ferreira** @MarisaMF97 · Oct 10

Annual Autumn Academy by @FEPS\_Europe has come to an end and I'm already missing it!!



**Josh Abey** @joshabey · Oct 9

En route back to London after the fantastic @FEPS\_Europe #AutumnAcademy. European social democrats have so much to learn from each other, and events bringing us together like this are of huge value. A job very well done by @Ania\_Skrzypek, @M\_TellesFreitas and the FEPS team 🙌



Andreas Schieder and 6 others

**Victor NEGRESCU** @negrescuvictor · Oct 9

Great Academy organized by @FEPS\_Europe & glad to discuss about #Romania #RO2019EU & @psdbiroupresa



**Clir Eva Murray** @EvaCMurray · Oct 8

Great first full day at @FEPS\_Europe #AutumnAcademy & a fantastic opportunity to learn about the issues impacting countries across Europe & discuss how we can tackle these together.

Brilliant to hear from proudly progressive women MEPs like @EvinIncir & @IratxeGarper 🇧🇪



**Demoures Olivier** @OlivierDemoures · Oct 9

Very interesting event in the #AutumnAcademy, thx to @FEPS\_Europe. A great "remerciement" to @LazloViktor, secgen, and @MJRodriguesEU, president, for this initiative. Thx also to all the employees of the @FEPS\_Europe (@M\_TellesFreitas, @Ania\_Skrzypek)

**Katrine Skov** @KatrineSkov1 · Oct 9

På besøg ved gruppemøde i S&D gruppen. Jeg mødte lige Marianne Vind, nyvalgt medlem af Europa-Parlamentet. Det er helt fantastisk at være på politisk kursus i Bruxelles 🇧🇪 🇧🇪 🇧🇪 #feps #autumnacademy - her: European Parliament facebook.com/565944588/post...



**THE IMPRESSIONS BY FEPS AAA SPEAKERS**

**Adriana Maldonado** / ❤️ 🇪🇺 @\_AMaldonado\_ · Oct 8  
Analyzing with two great speakers [@JorgeGalindo](#) and [@LuisPH](#) the success story of social democracy in Spain 🇪🇸 at the [@FEPS\\_Europe](#) [#AutumnAcademy](#)



**Pierre Moscovici** 🇫🇷 @pierre-moscovici · Oct 12  
"Navigating the EU economy" - my speech [@FEPS\\_Europe](#) [#AutumnAcademy](#) [#LegacyThatInspires](#)



"Navigating the EU Economy" By Commissioner Pi...  
Legacy speech by Commissioner Pierre Moscovici in the framework of FEPS Autumn Academy  
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**PES Group Committee of the Regions**  
[@PES\\_CoR](#)

We are so happy to welcome this morning [@FEPS\\_Europe](#) [#AutumnAcademy](#) 🥰

Cities and regions are fundamental to shape the [#FutureOfEurope](#) and this is why [@EU\\_CoR](#) is here to make their voice heard! As [@PES\\_CoR](#) we fight for a more sustainable and progressive Europe 🇪🇺  
❤️ [#EURegionsWeek](#)



**Theresa Griffin MEP** 🇮🇪 @TheresaMEP · Oct 8  
Really stimulating [@FEPS\\_Europe](#) [#AutumnAcademy](#) lots of questions & [@LaszloAndorEU](#) pointing out that [#eu](#) immigration so misused in the referendum was actually falling in the UK. Delighted to see my old friend [@Ania\\_Skrzypek](#) [@livbailey](#) [@PES\\_PSE](#) [@TheProgressives](#)



**Javier Moreno Sánchez** @J\_MorenoSanchez · Oct 8  
Hoy he participado en un interesante debate organizado por [@FEPS\\_Europe](#) sobre las prioridades de [@TheProgressives](#) tras las últimas elecciones europeas.

Algunas claves: solidaridad, justicia climática, igualdad de género y escuchar a la ciudadanía.



**Rupa Huq MP** 🇬🇧 @RupaHuq · Oct 10  
Back in office after couple of invigorating days in Brussels of progressive policy international cooperation with [@FEPS\\_Europe](#)

Had to stress to international colleagues Brexit is not inevitable and thanks to [@UKLabour](#) UK has not left EU

Opted for [@Eurostar](#) [#londoncityairport](#)



**Dan Luca** @DanLucaEU · Oct 13  
Excelenta dezbateră de săptămână această de la Academia [@FEPS\\_Europe](#). Ma bucur să fiu unul dintre paneliști.



## THE IMPRESSION BY FEPS PRESIDENT, MARIA JOÃO RODRIGUES



*“As the new EU mandate began, the FEPS Annual Autumn Academy (AAA) gathered the most promising national political representatives and actors from the Progressive family across the EU in Brussels. We discussed the ways in which we can bring about a more Progressive and Social Europe by bringing about concerted actions from local, national to the European level, together. Truly remarkable 3 days of inspiring conversations, debates and an impressive representation and engagement by our political family at the European level to make the AAA a big success!”*

## THE IMPRESSION BY FEPS SECRETARY GENERAL, LÁSZLÓ ANDOR

*“The AAA became a show of talent from all different countries of the EU, and a real moonshot for FEPS. Thanks to the great organisational efforts and the quality implementation, we made a giant leap towards a leading role in political education within the Progressive Family.”*



## THE WINNER OF THE FEPS AAA DRAGONS DEN DEBATE



Kadri Kõusaar, Member of Tallinn City Council, Estonia



## THE FEPS AAA ADDRESS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, URSULA VON DER LEYEN

### The Inaugural FEPS Annual Autumn Academy Call for European Revival

#### Preamble

- i. We, the undersigned, representatives of the Progressive forces of Europe, in Brussels on the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of October for the inaugural FEPS Autumn Academy,
- ii. *Guided by* a belief that human rights; participatory approaches; transparency; gender equality; fairness; diversity; economic social and environmental justice must sit at the heart of a people's Europe,
- iii. *Concerned that* a Europe undermined by catastrophic inequality; disaffection and scepticism; gender-based violence; rising nationalism and isolationism cannot survive;
- iv. *Determined to confront* the existential threat of climate breakdown; biodiversity collapse and the degradation of our soils and seas;
- v. *Seeking* effective and meaningful, cross European cooperation between all Progressive actors;
- vi. *Determined to assert* an action-oriented vision for European revival that creates a people-centred, equal, compassionate, empathetic and international Europe,
- vii. *Call on* our newly elected representatives in the European Parliament and European Commission, who wish to realise this vision with us, to deliver the below priorities as defined by our collective efforts at the FEPS Autumn Academy,

#### Priorities

- a) **Urgently declare** an inequality emergency within the European Union and mobilise all institutions of the Union to eradicate poverty and realise a decent standard of living for all;
- b) **Reject unconditionally** the reinstatement of any hard border on the island of Ireland or British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar and put people's interests first in seeking a resolution to the Brexit crisis, in particular those EU citizens living in the United Kingdom;
- c) **Build capacity** and make available the necessary supports to member states to eliminate gender-based violence within the European Union by 2025;
- d) **Create** an unemployment insurance benefit scheme financed by new taxation on accumulated fortunes above EUR 10 million on EU level in order to offset the problems of job automation and problems related to the "race to the bottom" between member states;
- e) **Finance** a Green New Deal for member states based on the Climate Pact for the European Union<sup>1</sup>;
- f) **Create** the enabling environment to a Just Transition to a zero-carbon future by building local wealth through procurement practices that give social and environmental externalities an equal weight to economic value;
- g) **Foster** fair management of migration in order to protect rights, dignity and fair living conditions for refugees;
- h) **Vigorously support** community led local development in young democracies across Europe to nurture a sense of European citizenship, international solidarity and greater cohesion within the Union;

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<sup>1</sup> More information available at : <https://www.pacte-climat.eu/en/the-call/>

## LIST OF FEPS AAA PARTICIPANTS

1. **Josh ABEY**, Researcher at the Fabian Society, United Kingdom.
2. **Mirela AHMETOVIĆ**, Mayor of Omišalj Municipality from SDP, Croatia.
3. **Sanchia ALASIA**, PES Women Executive Member and CoR Member, United Kingdom
4. **László ANDOR**, FEPS Secretary General, Hungary.
5. **Sylvia ARCOS-SCHMIDT**, Prevention of Harassment Trainer, France.
6. **Ainara BASCUÑANA**, Head of Office of the President of FEPS, Spain.
7. **Olivia BAILEY**, Deputy Secretary General of Fabians Society, United Kingdom.
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18. **Tiago CUNHA**, Activist, YES - Young European Socialists, Portugal.
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20. **Catherine DE NORRE**, FEPS Administrative and Events Officer, Belgium.
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27. **Matevz FRANGEZ**, Founding Member of Progresiva and SD Head of Strategic Communication, Slovenia.
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60. **Daniel KALLO**, among the youngest MSZP candidates for the EP elections, Hungary.
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87. **Victor NEGRESCU**, Vice-Rector of the SNSPA, former Romanian EU Affairs Minister and former Member of the European Parliament in the S&D Group, Romania.
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