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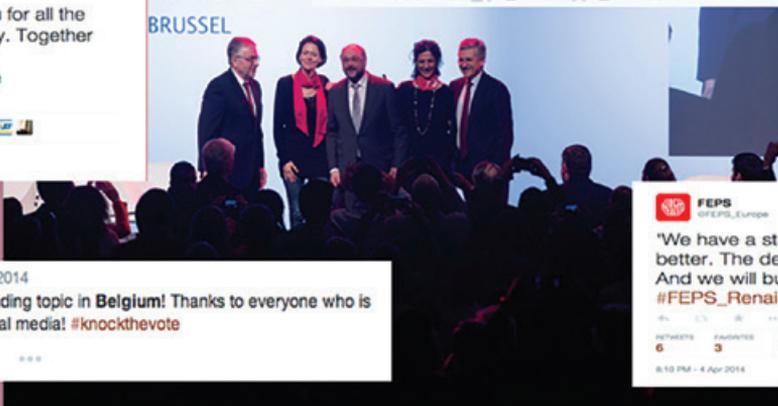


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FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



2014 has been an exciting year in the history of European integration; for the first time ever there was a direct election campaign for the top candidate of the European Commission in the framework of the European elections.

The provision that the Lisbon Treaty brought about since 2009, notably the new powers of the European Parliament in the appointment of the President of the European Commission really helped to personalise the campaign and bring European issues more to the forefront of the debates and we expect this feature to remain now at future European elections.

FEPS was at the forefront of leading this process within the Progressive family, through its publication in 2009 on the process of the top candidate. It is pleased the work from the Next Left research really fed into the preparations of the process for this and also pleased that through our joint work the PES was able to lead and promote this new-style of campaign.

As a consequence this will likely lead to a changing of the European electoral system, the need for more **Europarties and transnational lists** will become more apparent. FEPS aims to build on its work regarding this for future orientation of the Progressive movement. In 2014 we already did a lot of this in all the discussions and the **Next Left Volume 8 'Framing a Progressive Narrative'** treats these in detail and forms a large part of the little academic literature on these topics.



However this was the first European election since the economic crisis began. Austerity policies imposed by conservative-led economic institutions have led to severe deterioration of people's social and economic standards. The EU is at an all-time low in public opinion and extreme parties to the right and left greatly increased their proportion of the votes. Although the larger 'main' parties were expected to lose a lot to 'non-establishment' parties, Progressives were pleased that our vote remained largely intact.

Looking at the rest of the year's activities, the **Renaissance** initiative came to a close just before the European elections after two years of the initiative holding events in France, Germany and Italy. FEPS welcomed a huge gathering in Brussels, bringing together the Progressive movement for 3 days of political and cultural activities, including conferences, debates, workshops, music, literature cafés and key speeches from the European MEP and top-candidates.

We also couldn't ignore the atrocities of the migrants plights desperately trying to reach European Union shores in the Mediterranean which is why we dedicated our **4th Annual Call to Europe** conference this year to the topic of '**Building Solidarity in Asylum Policy**'. We had a film viewing of '**Leave to remain**' and interviews with migrants who are living in the UK and were actors in the film based on true stories. As each year, we gathered over 60 policy-makers, politicians, civil society representatives and academics on the topic to engage with a public of 150 people. Our work on this topic has continued into 2015, where now as we publish, the situation in the Mediterranean is becoming ever-more concerning and a holistic European approach needs to be taken to resolving these long-term problems. There was also an issue of our **Queries magazine focussing on asylum, migration and integration** policies in Europe.

TTIP, the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Plan has been at the forefront of debates this year. FEPS began work early on reflecting how this could be advantageous for our societies but that it needs to absolutely guarantee and improve social standards, not harm them. Unfortunately the European elections took some of the attention away from this crucial deal, and we as Progressives had not managed to work on our positions before the elections, which in the end made it a focus of a lot of campaign debates. Our work does continue of course, as it is likely to be a policy that could shape the next half century in terms of global economic and financial governance.

Alternative macroeconomic policies to overcome austerity continue to be a core focus of our work. Alongside the research projects we have begun to engage a lot more with policy-makers in Brussels and at national and international levels through our activities and concise policy briefs and viewpoints.

There are a lot of linkages with all our projects but one in particular which has been merged very well is the work on **finance and gender equality**. This is now a long-term research project, engaging many academics and policy discussions. The economic crisis has without doubt regressed the gender gap across Europe and is directly affecting economic and social status of women and the broader society.

FEPS work on **democratic malaise** has continued to draw attention this year. The concern of populist movements and their threat to democracy can be felt very strongly in many areas and we have witnessed this spreading to a larger national and European context, worryingly it no longer concentrates itself on small, localised areas. For that reason also we dedicated an issue of our Queries magazine to this issue.

The crisis in **Ukraine** highlighted Europe's sensitive relationship with Russia and in terms of energy and security policies, this has really predominated debates in 2014. In light of this, FEPS work on a **Progressive Energy Agenda** continued to engage the energy focus group in Brussels and autumn 2014 dedicated a semester of its work to fuel poverty and energy efficiency. Full publications released in 2015.

Fundamentally this year's focus has been about bringing our common work of the last few years together with our progressive partners in Brussels, 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 our member political foundations, think tanks and close network.

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

FEPS acting as a platform for debate succeeded in using its role to promote new ideas in the run up towards the European election and during its analyses afterwards.

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

A more Progressive Europe is fundamental in addressing the upcoming challenges of democracy.



Massimo D'ALEMA
President of FEPS



GENERAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Foundation for European Progressive Studies is the progressive, European, political Foundation.

Enclosed is the report of activities 2014 of FEPS. The work programme can be presented in four main themes for activities. The overall title and main objective of the existence of FEPS is “**Working Together for a Progressive Europe**”. The themes are used as a way of showcasing our work but they are not separate elements, rather they all interlace very much with an omnipresent focus on *progressive* Europe.

These main themes of work continue to be based on our core values of

Solidarity, Equality and Empowerment

To present the activities in the easiest way for the reader they are categorised into four different themes:

- **Next Left**
- **European Society**
- **Sustainable Economy**
- **Global Solidarities**

The activities are detailed according to this working plan throughout this activity report. More information on our ongoing projects can be found on our website www.feps-europe.eu.

In 2014 our research and activities can be divided into two parts, before and after the European elections at the end of May.

FEPS has continued its close cooperation with its member national political foundations and think tanks. This exchange and strong relationship really helps build on our work and to bridge the gap. A **multi-way connection** has been established and FEPS aims to foster this. Many discussions are taking place in different parts of our network on similar themes and there are many European progressive values that run through these which we as a progressive movement will harness wherever possible. FEPS often acts as a **platform for debate** and serves **mutual understanding** and development of ideas at a **transnational** level.

This pre-election year has really illustrated the significance of having **European political foundations** in order to be a platform for debate and a tool for bridging the divide between institutions and citizens. The results of FEPS work, particularly from the Next Left and Sustainable economy activities have helped directly serve our progressive partners in elaborating on their campaign agendas. Seeing our long-term research work contribute to the PES fundamental programme and the manifesto process, alongside witnessing the **process for selection of the top-candidate** has been a provided great satisfaction.

Our activities are realised with the direct support of our members. And this year we are pleased that we have done ever-more activities. Joint projects have seen fruitful results at local, national and European level in terms of policy reflection and discussion. We have also extended a lot of our work to associated organisations and universities which is very rewarding when we see the magnitude of people we are able to reach out to.

Indeed FEPS always participates and is involved in its member activities of its Brussels partners as much as possible also, PES, its member parties and their network meetings, conferences and meetings in the European Parliament with the S&D group or the Committee of the Regions with the PES group. Similarly the work of FEPS helps contribute to the reflections within these bodies and more widespread of the progressive movement.

Queries magazine is becoming more recognised and the level of contributions is exceptional. We have received input from high-level international politicians and we have also been able to promote and engage our larger network through the magazine. FEPS team and established networks regularly contribute too. It is available predominantly as an online magazine of FEPS aiming to reach out to a wider audience and it is now beginning to be sold in newsagents

Due to the political nature of our activities, in particular this year as it was election year, there are often changes to the original work plan. It should be noted that as FEPS is a think tank and according to its regulation, it slowed down activities and publications for two months before the European elections order to respect the working guidelines of a political foundation.



President of FEPS, Massimo D'ALEMA, former Prime Minister of Italy, continues to be very engaged in FEPS work and has been very committed to many of the activities throughout this year. His initiatives of Call to Europe and Renaissance have been even bigger successes this year and they brought a truly new momentum to the discussions for Progressives at European level.

FEPS continues to prove its value as a platform for debate and bridges the divide between the institutions and Europe's citizens. Our network is growing consistently we are reaching out to more people with each activity and we are improving the calibre of our work. This is recognised in the people involved and the quantity and quality of our activities.



NEXT LEFT

The FEPS Next Left Research Programme has continued to develop and transform, becoming a reference point for politicians, academics, experts and activists engaged in diverse projects focused on renewal of social democracy in Europe. Efforts to accelerate continue in terms of quality of research, allowed ensuring academic credentials and expand, involving different universities and scholars in the debate.

This year's three main thematic building blocks in the Next Left research project have been:

- **Future of the EU – identifying political choices and reforming our political parties**
- **Progressive Values – striving for equality and solidarity**
- **Welfare Societies – reaching the promise of social justice and prosperity for all**

It is chaired by Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, former Chancellor of Austria.

NOTABLE ACTIVITY IN THIS SECTION



A progressive answer to a Global Social Question I Conference

20-21 November | Chile

With the Renner Institut, Institut of Global Law and Policy of Harvard Law School, Desarrollo y Democracia Foundation and the Salvador Allende Foundation.

Building on earlier transatlantic exchanges conducted within the FEPS Next Left “Dialogue of Dialogues” The programme brought together four continents with European, African and North and South American speakers. The activity opened by the group being received by President **Michelle Bachelet** at the Presidential Palace, La Moneda for an informal discussion on current relevant progressive paradigms. Senator **Isabel Allende** opened the sessions which took place in the Senate alongside **Massimo D’Alema**, President of FEPS, **Alfred Gusenbauer**, Chair of the FEPS Next left Research Programme **David Kennedy** (Professor, Director of IGLP HLS), **Ricardo Lagos**, (former President of Chile).

The debates welcomed an array of top calibre progressive politicians, policy-makers, advisers and academics. The debates treated four topics in detail: ‘*A Challenge of Building Prosperous Societies: a progressive agenda to fight inequalities*’, ‘*A Challenge of Reconnecting with the Society: a modern understanding of a class struggle*’, ‘*A Challenge of Strengthening Multilayer Governance: the role of state in the times of global financial capitalism*’, and ‘*The Challenge of Unity in an International Movement: toward a common strategy for a new Global Deal*’.

President Bachelet kindly gave a video intervention as she could not come in person at the last minute.



FEPS Next Left delegation with President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet

Written contributions were submitted by many of the participants in advance which were also briefly discussed and will be brought together in a later publication.



Speaking at the conference, (from left to right) Ricardo Lagos, Isabel Allende, Massimo D'Alema, David Kennedy



Juan Somavia, Isabel Allende, Osvaldo Puccio

Fabian's New Year's Conference I Pro Europe, pro-reform, can the left win the Euro elections?

25 January 2014 | **London, UK**

FEPS workshop looked at the predictions for the upcoming European elections the panel discussed how the debate on Europe is shaping political discussions in the UK. Addressing issues such as a referendum, the effects a bigger UKIP delegation will have on the work of the European Parliament and how to campaign positively about Europe amidst a rising nationalistic, anti-European sentiment. **Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls MP**, opened the day's workshops and panel discussions with a major keynote speech from unveiled the Labour party's new fiscal policy.

Social State of Europe I Research

With Policy Network

Research on Europe's social reality in the wake of the global financial crisis. Focusing on the wealth and well-being of Europe's citizens and on the impact of post-crisis aftershocks on long-term structural trends, and their implications for the future of politics in the EU. Analysing trends related to austerity and the shrinking of the public sector, greater divergence within the EU, the impact of economic transition to knowledge and service-based economies, welfare state modernisation, demography, declining political trust and individualisation. The research began in the second half of 2014 with reports and seminars in 2015.

Socialist Europe I Seminar

7 March | **Paris, France**

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès, Policy Network, ItalianiEuropei, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Seminar to discuss the defining EU project for our movement and research into how to create momentum into this key topic. The project will extend over the next few years.

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Building Welfare Societies I Next Left Focus Group meeting and National Round Table

14-15 March | **Barcelona, Spain**

With the Renner Institut and Fundació Rafael Campalans The discussions featured a closing public session on the 'Progressive Commitment to Quality Employment and Prosperity for All' between **Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer**, Chair of the FEPS Next Left Research Programme and **Pere Navarro**, First Secretary of the Catalan Socialist Party (PSC). The event attracted an audience of over 50 participants. Sessions on the Welfare State and Social Europe made up the rest of the day's discussions. It gathered many members of the Next Left Focus and research groups whilst reaching out to other Professors who were involved in FEPS for the first time from various European universities think tanks and worker's associations.

The second day was devoted to a closed session of the FEPS Next Left Focus Group where members had prepared abstracts of their studies, which they were aiming at developing in the course of the common work in 2014. The themes include amongst others: Job Quality, Employment and Productivity; Citizens engagement for better democracy; Relaunching the European Social Model and Politics of Production and the Meaning of Work in the Post-Crisis EU.



Democratic Legitimacy and Political Leadership in the EU | Next Left National Round Table

23 March | **Rome, Italy**

With ItalianiEuropei and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Rome

This was a sequel-meeting to continue the debate held on "Democratic Legitimacy and Political Leadership in the European Union" held in January 2013. 'Euro sceptic vs; Europhile parties: A Scenario of the Next European Elections', and 'Politicising Europe: Political Leadership and Courage of Europarties?' were the titles for the two panels featured in the day's discussions, invited speakers included **Eleonora Poli** from the Istituto Affari Internazionali, **André Krouwel** from the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam and **David Bailey** from the University of Birmingham, members of the FEPS Next Left research programme. Forty-five participants attended and all the feedbacks served to accelerate the initially presented papers, becoming a content of a joint pamphlet "More Europe Vs. No Europe: Europarties and Euroscepticism in the 2014 European Elections".



Building Participatory Welfare Societies I

Round-table discussion

10-11 April | Lisbon, Portugal

With the Renner Institut and Res Publica

This continued discussions of welfare societies as an agenda for societal transformation aiming to find new socio-economic policies towards real social progress and prosperity by addressing inequalities and distributional conflicts. The programme featured 'ignite' sessions and live sketches illustrating the debates. The speakers came from a range of socio-economic associations and academic backgrounds and over 150 people attended.

Solving Distributional Conflicts within Welfare Societies I Next Left Focus Group and National Round Table

26-27 April | Ljubljana, Slovenia

With the Renner Institut, SD Slovenia and University of Ljubljana

Coinciding with a the commemoration concert – which celebrated the victory over fascism and reminded of importance of struggle for freedom and democracy in Slovenia (and beyond), this event gathered key researchers, academics and representatives of other political and social associations from across Europe and beyond. The panels treated the topics of 'Balancing the Costs of the financial crisis', and 'Solving Distributional Conflicts within Welfare Societies'



First analysis of the European elections | Seminar

4 June | **Brussels, Belgium**

With the Renner Institut

Just three days after the results of the European elections were announced this seminar brought together key experts from our networks to analyse the outcomes whilst still at their most freshest. There were over 50 participants from FEPS Scientific Council, the Young academic network, Next Left focus group and working groups. The exchange featured a presentation from the PES on their analysis of the campaign and the results. The discussions considered the significance of the results for progressives in Europe and this also within the framework of the Next Left debate. It prepared the basis for a collection of articles published in July analysing the elections in each European Member State.

Next Left Working Group meeting

5 June | **Brussels, Belgium**

With the Renner Institut

This was a closed session in order to present and peer-review the abstracts, which the respective members submitted in order to outline their research ambitions within the Next Left research programme in 2014. The themes are framed around the current debates on the European election campaign and its impact, Europarties and the state of the PES and alternative Progressive socio-economic policies. The essays feed into a later publication in the Next Left book series.

'The road to the manifesto' | Fabian Society's Summer conference

28-29 June | London, UK

With the Fabian Society

FEPS was involved with the workshops in the frame of the Fabians well-known summer event. This one reflected on the European elections and the upcoming political phase in the UK. Looking at which policies will be vital in building Labour's manifesto for the UK general election next year. Sessions looked at jobs, communities and fighting the new inequality: poverty, the middle and 'the one per cent.

Pre-distributive Social Policy – Future Changes in Welfare Societies | Next Left Conference at Oxford University

30 June – 1 July | Oxford, UK

With the Renner Institut and Policy Network

The seminar brought together leading academics from internationally renowned universities, politicians and policy experts from across Europe and the US. It set out to look in greater detail at concerns regarding how states alter the underlying distribution of market outcomes so as not to rely solely on post hoc redistribution through the welfare state, i.e. pre-distribution strategies and how these connect politically with core social democratic preoccupations such as securing the support of middle income and younger voters, and tackling societal inequalities and deprivation. Concretely the debate focused on three main areas; the labour market, education and skills and a new social model.

Return to Spheres of influence? Democratisation and Integration in Post-Cold War Europe | Conference

11 September | University of Helsinki, Finland, Seminar

With the Kalevi Sorsa Foundation

The aim of the conference was to analyse the state of democratic development and European integration in the former East-bloc 25 years after the end of the Cold War. And are spheres of influence making a return? The video of the conference is available to watch online. Professor of Russian history and politics **André Gerrits** (Leiden University) and professor of political science **Attila Ágh** (Corvinus University Budapest) were the keynote speakers.

Mass media: Competing for People's Hearts and Minds in Russia's neighbourhood

12 September | Riga, Latvia

With the Freedom and Solidarity Foundation, the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation and Meierovica biedriba In the framework of the Riga Conference 2014, our sessions looked at different media channels, formal and informal avenues of information generated in Moscow and by "local satellites" reaching out to target audiences across the borders. The included not only the well-known and conventional channels as TVs, radio, printed media, but also internet media and the latest methods – so called "managed civic journalism" and organised Internet trolling.

Next Left Working Group and National Round Table

18-20 September | **Warsaw, Poland**

With the Renner Institut, Amicus Europae and Institute for European Studies of Warsaw University

The working group meeting was an internal exchange and peer reviews session included presentations of the draft essays developed on the bases of abstracts presented in June. Also three members from FEPS Young Academics network presented their research on partisan reform and methodology of electoral research. A representative from the PES presented the Democracy Campaign. The round table discussion was framed around three topics: 'Electoral bases and sources of the political differences in Poland', 'Red-Green agreements and disagreements in the upcoming local elections' and the 'Relation between social democracy and trade unions in Poland and in Europe: Necessity for change?', it established a varied and valid discussion for the scholars to exchange upon.

1st National Congress of European Studies at the University of Warsaw | Academic panel discussions

20 September | **Warsaw, Poland**

With the Institute for European Studies at the University of Warsaw

FEPS brought in well-known academic experts and members of the Next Left working group were represented in three of the panels discussions. FEPS was promoted in the congress materials and it gave the opportunity to share and magnify the work of the Next Left research programme.

Labour's Next Majority? Winning from the Left after the Great Crisis | Fringe meeting at Labour Party Conference

22 September | **Manchester, UK**

With Policy Network

Taking place on the backdrop of the European elections and the referendum in Scotland, this discussion looked across the map of the left in Europe and what strategy Labour should be using for the General election in 2015. In an atmosphere of rising inequalities and growing insecurities, especially in the middle class, a credible strategy needs to be built for economic and state welfare management. Speaking were **David Blunkett** MP, **Rafel Behr** from the New Statesman, **Ania Skrzypek** of FEPS, **Patrick Diamond** of Policy Network with **Martin O'Neill**, Renewal journal of social democracy as Chair.

Popular and progressive: a new agenda for the left in Europe | Fringe meeting at Labour party conference

23 September | **Manchester, UK**

With the Fabian Society

This breakfast discussion profiled the new FEPS-Fabian pamphlet **'Europe was the future once and how it can be once again'** written by Mark Leonard. The discussion took place knowing the composition of the European Parliament



Gareth Thomas MP and Shadow Minister for Europe, Ernst Stetter, Katharina Klebba, Clare Moody MEP, Mark Leonard, European Council on Foreign Relations

but not yet the political shape and policy priorities of the new European Commission. The speakers emphasised the need to feel united once again under a common project, such as Social Europe, which moreover still remains to be followed through. The debate also touched upon how the results of these latest European elections are likely to give a strong indication to the UK General election in 2015. Whilst distrust in politics and the establishment is high, the participants of the debate, **Richard Corbett MEP** and **Sunder Katwala** of British Future agreed a return to local politics is key.

Political Youth Organisations and Grassroots Mobilisation: Movements for the Future I Network seminar & reform working group session

2 – 5 October | **Brussels**

With the Young European Socialists (YES)

The aim of this three-day event was to gather representatives of YES member organisations as well as youth grassroots activists, together with EU policymakers, to evaluate youth participation at the European level in the institutions and especially in the social democratic political family. The working group sessions were based around the idea for renewal of the Socialist youth movement and to what effect. The discussions looked at past experiences, current democratic trends and political structures. Around 40 members participated from across the EU and wider European region.

Meeting tough choices and uniting societal coalition – in the name of a modern welfare society I Focus Group and National Round Table

19-21 October | **Vilnius, Lithuania**

With the Renner Institute and Demos

The round table welcomed amongst other leading academics from the region and from FEPS Next Left network; **Dr. Algirdas Butkevicius**, Prime Minister of Lithuania, Leader of Lithuanian Social Democratic Party and **Mr. Gediminas Kirkilas**, former Prime Minister of Lithuania. The debates addressed how to restore trust in the state and the European Union, modern quality employment and equality and justice in modern society. The following day featured the presentations of the draft papers of the focus group in a closed meeting.



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End of the year Symposium with the Next Left focus group and working group

14-15 December | **Brussels**

With the Renner Institut

This rounding off of the year gave the opportunity for eighteen participants to present to the groups their articles which they have been working on over the year. The presentations were categorised into different topics which covered a range of relevant progressive issues which have been treated over the course of the year in the Next Left research programme.

PUBLICATIONS IN NEXT LEFT



Framing a New Progressive Narrative | Next Left Volume 8

November

With the Renner Institut and with the support of Rafael Campalans Foundation and the Institute for Global Law and Policy of Harvard Law School.

The book gathers a collection of 13 articles, each of which presents a set of daring thoughts. The common features is that they aim at mapping a route, which social democracy should take in order to successfully transform to become the political movement in a position to decisively shape the course of this century.

Contributions are from the academics who participated in the Next Left Symposium at Barçelona Pompeu Fabra Univeristy in May 2013. The articles give constructive proposals to answer divers challenges in the areas of; 'Reinstating Values-Based Politics', 'Defining Modern Progressivism', 'Stimulating Growth', 'Creating Jobs and Providing Welfare', 'Delivering within a Realistic Union'.



Back to Earth. Reconnecting people and politics

Edited by E. Wallis and A. Skrzypek

(ISBN: 978-0-7163-4122-2)

With the Fabian Society

With public trust in politicians at an unprecedented low, the democratic deficit has never felt so real. In this pamphlet, a collection of articles featuring 12 authors reveals that change must be rooted in an understanding of what citizens feel is wrong with politics. Solutions that ultimately put power back in the

hands of people, making them more connected to decision-making. Power needs to be recognised at a local level before people will feel that they have a stake nationally.



More Europe. No Europe: Europarties and Euroscepticism in the 2014 European Elections

Edited by H. Giusto and V. Caveliere

(ISBN: 978-88-89988-69-5)

Essays by E. Poli, A. Skrzypek, D. Bailey, ed. H. Giusto

With ItalianiEuropei and FES Rome

Stemming from discussions in Rome in March where new factors in the European elections were discussed which will provide a turning point into a new style of post-crisis leadership. It was agreed that the direct election of the President of the European Commission, and the development of the europarties and the creation of a competitive party system would enhance this and counter growing euroscepticism. The arguments centre around the need to heighten the EU political dimension and provide the common institutions with that democratic legitimisation which they are largely missing.



Europe was the future once and how it can be once again

Pamphlet, published in summer

Written by M. Leonard

(ISBN 978-0-7163-0637-5)

With the Fabian Society

Europe has emerged as a key dividing issue in British politics – and there is now a real danger that Britain could end up leaving the EU. This pamphlet sets out a new strategy for how to reinvent the pro-European cause. The different strands of this message – developing a new deal on migration, turning Europe from a zone of austerity to one of growth, and pioneering self-government for the 21st century – start with public concerns about the Europe we have but they try to map out a vision for a British future in a more complex world.



It's not just about Euro: Democracy, work and equality.

A new horizon for Europe

Written by M. D'Alema

The urgency to impact radical change to the project of European integration and EU policies brought about the idea to develop a concrete proposal for Europe to finally move beyond austerity to a more democratic and inclusive Union that aims towards work, innovation and sustainable growth able to recover its role on the international stage. Reflecting the views of FEPS and addressing the risks of advancing anti-European forces and populist movements, the book suggests a possible path towards a Europe that, starting from its core values and conscious of its unique potential returns to represent hope for the younger generation.

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EUROPEAN SOCIETY

Democratic malaise, gender equality and political understanding make up this section of our work. Looking at interpretation of democracy and how this changes lives in European society.

Call to Europe and Renaissance projects have been a large part of this section in 2014, calling on the politicians to answer to the citizens, aiming to bridge the divide between the citizens and the institutions. With growing discontent and populist movements filling the void of the current democratic malaise, the European project and politics in general is being questioned. A lot of our work this year considers these issues in the framework of the European elections. This section has two notable activities and is categorised into different themes for better reading presentation, although all FEPS projects and topics are closely interlinked.

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES IN THIS SECTION

A Progressive Renaissance for Europe

3-5 April | Brussels, Belgium

With fifteen member foundations and sister organisations of FEPS

With **3 days of political debates, 12 workshops, 12 leaders** of European social democracy, **21 partners** and organisations involved, **67 honourable speakers**, over **1000 participants** and over **2000 tweets** – the FEPS “Progressive Renaissance for Europe Forum” was the momentum through which all involved could truly live the bright spirit of European politics.

Held on 3rd – 5th April 2014, the event marked the 4th successful event of the cycle of the debates “Renaissance for Europe”. Following the mobilisation in Paris ahead of the French Presidential elections, then the rally in Turin before the Italian Parliamentary elections, and then after having celebrated the 150 years anniversary of SPD in Leipzig – we have taken a new step to connect what belongs together: national and European politics.

During the Leaders’ debate held on Friday night more than 800 people listened to the inspirational visionary speeches by **Kathleen Van Brempt**, top candidate of MEPs, Socialistische Partij Anders (sp.a), **Marie Arena**, top candidate of MEPs, Parti Socialiste (PS), **Bruno Tobback**, President of the Socialistische Partij Anders (sp.a), **Massimo D’Alema**, President of FEPS and former Prime Minister of Italy, **Elio Di Rupo**, Prime Minister of Belgium, and Martin Schulz, Candidate for the President of the European Commission. They took the time to challenge us to stretch horizons of our political imagination and to gain courage to pave the way towards a different Europe before the upcoming historical elections.

The format of the event aimed to incorporate fresh new concepts wherever possible so the leaders opened up with “Renaissance Spotlight” a television-inspired format to answer the most pressing and challenging questions from the audience.



Workshops the following day offered a possibility for all – FEPS, its members and partners – to share with one another what they would see as essential to stimulate Europe to take a different course on one hand, and on the other to enable citizens to entrust both the progressive politicians and Europe again.

Two working-lunch debate were organised, one of which focused on the question of Ukraine and the new geopolitical approach that Europe should take towards Russia. In parallel, the second was a literature cafe style debate featuring two authors of new volumes, **Bernard Guetta** and **Roger Liddle**, regarding their personal views on the future of Europe.

Abiding by the idea that European, national, regional and local levels are multi-pier features of the democratic governance another session involved mayors from 6 different countries; we asked why the social democratic agenda on the local level seems to have a power of a greater appeal than European level. This led us to deliberate upon the principle of subsidiarity and the ways it can still be understood in a progressive, pro-European idea.

The Saturday 5th brought together the FEPS Young Academics Network with the Young European Socialists (YES). The morning session had a 'fish bowl' style debate where the young academics presented their working papers followed by a lively discussion. It continued the debates from the previous days and led further in depth into different policy topics and the progressive movement, reflecting in particular on the upcoming European elections.

The afternoon session left time for the two groups to do their own activities, the Young Academics prepared their work for the rest of the year and we did a writing session of 2 position papers with the Young European Socialists.

See more on FEPS Young Academics Network in a section further in this report.

Writing session on Green Socialism and Democracy

With the Young European Socialists

The group split into 2 discussion groups and produced position papers to be used for the YES Bureau and Presidium. One on Green Socialism which based itself on Socialist values as a foundation for a green transition. A second position paper on Democracy in European countries (not just EU) received interesting input from the Turkish and Israeli members. The papers will continue to be worked on with other members of YES throughout the year's activities and will be finished in time to be approved for the following YES congress in spring 2015.



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Call to Europe IV: Building Solidarity in Asylum Policy

4 - 5 November | **Brussels**

With the S&D group, Jean Jaurès Foundation, ItalianiEuropei, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and SOLIDAR

This extraordinary event brought together more than 200 politicians, academics, civil society representatives and activists, who united their voices in the name of “Building solidarity in asylum policy”. This title constituted the core message, which was addressed at the EU institutions, EU Member States, respective societies and individuals.

The objective of the conference was to remind all that Europe is a Union built on a dream for a better future for all, regardless if they come from within or from outside of its borders. Therefore it must do better than just observe with shock and disbelief the horrifying pictures of human tragedies from Lampedusa and other Mediterranean ports. Instead, it must demonstrate serious commitment to fundamental human rights and international solidarity, which requires it to rethink its asylum and neighbourhood policies.

On the eve of the conference, the screening of “Leave to remain” by Bruce Goodison took place. The film illustrated the hardship of lives of child asylum seekers. The screening fed a passionate debate that followed till very late hours of the evening.



Actor, Ebrahim Esmail and Director Bruce Goodison from the film, 'Leave to Remain'



(left to right) Khalid Chaouki, MP, Italy, Kshetu Kyenge MEP, Yolande Ditewig, UNHCR - Office of United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Javier Moreno, S&D Group

The first conference session focused on designing a common European agenda for asylum policies. It was emphasised that neither the economic crisis, nor the structural internal difficulties can be of an excuse for the Union and its' Members for maintaining the current situation. They must act all together and they must act now, using all possible tools at hand to accelerate in development and aid policies on one hand, and on the other to ensure that all those seeking new life opportunities are welcome with solidarity and fairness.

The second conference session looked at the immediate neighbourhood of the EU. It was inspired by an understanding that fundamentalism is anchoring itself strongly in the prevailing political voices of the MENA region. The persecutions, the lack of stability and security, as also the overwhelming poverty are at the roots of why people take desperate decision to risk their lives crossing the Sea. In that context, the responsibility of Europe – both of its South and North – is perhaps greater than ever. They must commit to coherency, perseverance and convergence in effective use of all the good policies and solid resources at hand.

Finally, the lively debate in the conference hall was accompanied by the equally vivid exchange in the social media where participants took an opportunity to read through a new 5th issue of the FEPS Queries magazine – launched at this occasion. The virtual traffic was overwhelming, making this FEPS event already the second (after “Renaissance for Europe” Forum) top-Tweet activity this year.

Twelve proposals towards a solidarity-based European Asylum Policy were brought together in a policy brief and disseminated after the conference and has formed the basis of a dialogue with Commissioner Avramopoulos.

| GENDER

Woman Up! For enhancing women's rights and gender equality in the Middle East and North Africa |

Lobby tour and roundtable debate

19-20 February | Brussels, Belgium,

With SOLIDAR

During the lobby tour, a visit was paid to the European Endowment for Democracy, European Commission DG Employment, European External Action Service, and PES International Unit. In addition, there was a roundtable event with the upcoming publication presented, with several interventions from guest speakers, and with lunch with the International Trade Union Confederation.

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Woman up! For a new progressive agenda – Fifth transatlantic dialogue on gender issues I Conference

3-4 March | **Boston, USA**

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès

The fifth transatlantic conference was held under the framework of women's history month and covered six main topics, logically following the comprehensive strategy introduced in the FEPS policy document "Parity agenda: Reclaiming Ownership." Noteworthy speakers included Vivien Schmidt, Pia Locatelli, Andrea Petö, Linda McCain and many others. The conference proceedings were collected and further developed in the FEPS publication "Woman Up 2". The seminar aimed to revisit issues that are hindering progressive achievement and to find ways out of the deadlock.

It's main topics included: the (in)visibility of women in the left, changing narrative on gender issues, international dimension of gender issues, gendered analysis of the welfare state, gender and new forms of political activism, mobilizing women for the progressive cause. An exciting discussion emerged on the question where and how can progress be achieved? Do feminists have a chance to work within the system or do we need to be more radical to break away from neoliberalism? The book collects some inspiring thoughts in this regard and points towards new questions to be analysed within the framework of the next meeting.



Vivien Schmidt, Boston University

Act locally: Women in decision making I Conference

12 September | **Budapest, Hungary Seminar**

With the Tancsics Foundation

This conference addressed the need to empower women in the local level for setting their candidacy for the municipal elections. The topics touched upon political and economic circumstances relevant for female candidates, especially in the countryside, as well as the European dimension.

What are the new issues for feminism in Europe? I Seminar

15 November | **Paris, France**

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès

Various policy makers, academics and experts presented their work on the topics covered; 'What is the situation of European women in the political sphere?', 'What should be done for gender parity by the new European Parliament and the European Commission?' and 'Where are we with European feminism?'. The fruitful discussions expanded the initially planned, challenging existing framework of thought and discourses with regard to feminism and gender issues.

DEMOCRATIC MALAISE

Democratic Malaise & Populist Growth | Conference

28 February | **Rome, Italy**

This conference formed an important fringe event to the PES Congress and drew on FEPS publications *The Changing Faces of Populism* and the issue of *Queries Magazine* that focused on democratic malaise. The event was opened by Jurist Stefano Rodotà, closed by FEPS President Massimo D'Alema, and had the following as panelists: Christos Dervenis, President of ISTAME, Andrea Peto, Assistant Professor at the Central European University, Axel Schäfer, Vice-Chairman of the SPD Group in the Bundestag, and Michel Wieviorka, French sociologist and political scientist. The event was moderated by Lucia Annunziata, Editor of The Huffington Post in Italy.

Immigrant's integration into urban areas | Book launch

19 March | **Turin, Italy**

With *Italianeuropei*

It was emphasised that the providing local policymakers and administrators across Europe with some know-how, suggestions and examples – both positive and negative – to improve the performance of local administration in the field of integration of second generations of immigrants. The speakers included amongst others the Mayor of Turin, and FEPS President.

Youth participation in politics – Millennial Dialogue | Research project and data surveys

With Center for American Progress | September onwards into 2015

FEPS and CAP launched the “Millennial Dialogue” as a transatlantic initiative to engage with and better understand the priorities and values narrative of those aged between 15 and 34. These dynamics have proved very interesting with established parties faltering when attracting younger voters, but evidence of growing activism in non-party political movements and other civil society organisations. This project began with a large international survey on millennial values, using innovative and sophisticated methodologies to gain insights often absent from political discourse. This research aims to provide a basis for a comprehensive millennial policy agenda, one that interacts with young people rather than accepting their loss from the political process. The main focus of the project is many European countries, and stretches also to the USA.



Millennial Dialogue seminar

Europe's Tea Parties - Confronting the Populist Wave I Workshop

14 October | Brussels

With Counterpoint, UK

With populist parties becoming a solidifying presence on Europe's political scene, even topping the polls in the some member states during the European elections, this workshop offered an opportunity to explore why this has happened and what mainstream parties can do in response. It brought the Brussels public together with policy makers to discuss relevant progressive responses. The format of the workshop used innovative and playful tools.



ENHANCING DEMOCRACY IN THE EU NEIGHBOURHOOD

Enhancing democracy pre and post EU accession – Challenges of democratic transition I Seminar

17 February I **The Hague, the Netherlands**,

With the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity

This event took place in conjunction with the PES Democracy and Society Network Meeting on promoting a culture of rule of law. The afternoon session was dedicated to the research programme workshop and focused on the following topics: 'Defining Democracy', 'Rewriting History' and 'Political Culture'.

The Social Dimension of EU enlargement - active inclusion in the Western Balkans I Round table debates

1 April I **Brussels, Belgium**

With SOLIDAR

This event took place at the European Parliament, and consisted of two reflection rounds and presentations. IRIS Network presented the issue of CSO providers of social services in the Western Balkans as well as good practices of active inclusion through empowerment.

Enhancing democracy pre and post EU accession – Citizens' Europe I Expert meeting

31 May I **Belgrade, Serbia**

With the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity

This expert meeting was gathered with the aim to examine the research outcomes, with a special focus on populism and nationalism, through presentations and building further on existing content. Each paper presentation received feedback, including in a world café style. Members of FEPS Young Academics Network were actively engaged in this event as authors and presenters.

Enhancing democracy pre and post EU accession and Problems of Representative Democracy in Europe: A challenge for progressives I Book launch and discussion

21-22 November I **Vienna, Austria**

With the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity and the Renner Institut

This event was held in conjunction with the PES Democracy Network public debate. Numerous inspiring interventions shaped the book launch to be an overall success. The need for transparency, to fight for democracy and the problems within representative democracy was amongst those highlighted.

New Illiberal Democracies and their impact on Europe I Conference

27-28 November | **Budapest, Hungary**

With the Tancsics Foundation

The idea behind this conference theme was to look at the state of democracy through the lens offered by F. Zakaria – to focus on ‘illiberal democracies’, marking the authoritarian and antidemocratic tendencies amplified inside and outside the EU. The conference presenters expressed their concern with the state of democracies around the world, especially with regards to Hungary. It was questioned if the EU has legal tools to tackle illiberalism inside its borders. Several options as ways out from illiberalism were discussed. Unity, planning and discipline were the key terms offered from the experience of Serbian resistance movement. The gender panel took a critical look upon protection of women’s rights and minority rights in the context of illiberalism.

School of European Democracy - Ponti per e' Europa I Training and seminars

27 - 29 October, first session and 1 - 3 November, second session | **Talamone, Tuscany, Italy**

With Fondazione Socialismo

A project of education and dissemination of skills on European issues at local level in the frame of ‘Bridging the gap’. The first session addressed The evolution of Italian political system in the building up of the European Union, The second session was on the topic of Tuscany in the European common economy, competitiveness and development; in the spirit of the bridging the gap among local and European level. Speakers included Giuliano Amato, former Prime Minister and Gianni Pitella MEP, leader of the S&D group. Not being able, this year, to hold different seminars in the North and the South of Italy, Tuscany was chosen as a location easily reached by participants from various regions.

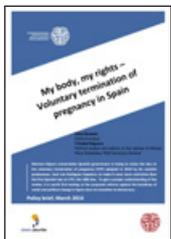
Civil monitoring for fair EU elections

February-July | **Bulgaria**

With the Institute for Social Integration

The new electoral code was adopted in March 2014, thus the project aimed to analyse the impact of this on the ground. The process followed particularly closely the day before and on the day of the elections around the polling stations, however the actual Monitoring project lasted for several months. It looked in particular at the role and effect of media and other communication tools in the election campaign. Many observers and media analysts were trained up and worked across all the regions in Bulgaria. It followed 3 modules: electoral legislation, media monitoring and monitoring in the day of the elections. Accordingly, for each stage, a separated group of observers was created. Educative meetings with the coordinators were organised. In addition, a movie with a simulation game of the electoral day was prepared and screened in trainings. There was also a practical written Guide for the civil observer. Indeed unfortunately the project recorded many severe deficiencies of the electoral legislation. This included violence of damage of property. All the violations of the electoral rules perceived were made public and the responsible institutions were made aware. For this purpose the network of civil observers was used and they in turn helped educate other civil observers. It is therefore a project that has provided good roots and aims to be long-standing in upholding democracy and fairness.

| PUBLICATIONS IN EUROPEAN SOCIETY



Parity agenda: Reclaiming Ownership

Written by Judit Tánczos
February

This set of policy recommendations underpin the need for Progressives to reclaim ownership of the parity agenda based on a comprehensive strategy. The latter should consist

of the following components: conscious recognition of structural inequalities, increased visibility for women, positive narrative about emancipation, gendered-analysis of the welfare state, fighting neoliberal ideology, using information and communication technology for advancing progressive feminism and a strengthened commitment for the international dimension.

Strengthening women's voice,

Written by Zita Gurmai, Pia Locatelli and Judit Tánczos
March

This article sheds light on the backlash against gender equality as not a mere side effect of the crisis but instead as part of a conscious strategy to create a conservative society with the support of austerity policies. To break structural inequalities, one must start by breaking austerity. The article is published online and later as part of "Woman up 2" publication.

Les femmes à l'assaut du numérique,

Written by Ghislaine Toutain

March

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès

This article focuses on the need for female occupation of the ICT in order to gain strength and legitimacy. More credibility can be gained by a move from "Cyber-Cinderellas" towards a smart economy. Women's choices of study cannot remain to be care work (as an extension of motherhood). It is important also to analyse the gender representation in media. The article is published online and later as part of 'Woman up 2' publication.

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My body, my rights –

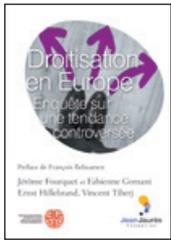
Voluntary termination of pregnancy in Spain

written by Silvia Benamú and Trinidad Noguera

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès

March

This policy brief is looking at the content and scope of Spanish proposed reforms on the law on the voluntary termination of pregnancy (VTP) in a timescale of changes. It is concluded that there is a religious interest and component in the anti-abortion movement which has been gaining ground in the West for the 2010s.



Droitisation en Europe: Enquête sur une tendance controversée

‘Veering to the right: Enquiry into a controversial trend’

Written by J. Fourquet, F. Gonnard, E.Hillebrand and V. Tiberij

Préface de François Rebsamen

ISBN: 978-2-36244-069-4

Published in March

With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Research publication assessing if there has been a move to the right in public opinion in Europe. With growing right-wing and popular movements across the continent there are diverging views on how far public opinion is moving to the right.

This collection of surveys seeks to try to understand the changing political landscape for the left in Europe. It follows from our work in 2013 of a survey carried out by l'ifop in the framework also of a seminar which took place on the same topic as the book. The authors assess the different social, economic, political and cultural trends which see a veering to the right in many ways.

However of course it's very difficult to decide on what perceptions and values are considered right or left and the true effect these questions have on opinion.



Women's rights in the MENA region

Report published in July

Edited by J. Tánczos, M. Claassens, M. Vingerhoedt, S. Hammerton

With SOLIDAR

This publication is focusing at the state of women's rights in the Middle East and North Africa region with regard to the Arab

Spring., looking at the main challenges case-by-case. The publication is based on 5 elements, namely: renegotiating space, legal constraints, socio-economic circumstances, building global solidarity and achieving greater pluralism.

Could the Scottish Vote awaken European democracy from its slumber?

Article written by D. Kitching

Published in Euractiv

September

On the energy around the Scottish referendum held on 18th September, the article looks at the challenges ahead for traditional and well-established institutions and how this will likely affect European debates and social democracy in particular.



**Problems of Representative
Democracy in Europe:
A challenge for Progressives**

Book published in November

Edited by J.M. Wiersma

With the European Forum for
Democracy and Solidarity and
the Renner Institut and the PES

Democracy Network.

This publication is the outcome of a successful research programme between the partners, focusing on the growing concerns about the state of representative democracy in Eastern and Western Europe. The articles indicate clearly that there are still several problems for the new Member States of the EU to overcome. Issues such as euroscepticism, populism, rise of authoritarian-like governing styles, and many other issues are touched upon.

The social dimension of EU enlargement

Study published in July

Edited by J. Tánczos, M. Claassens, E. Laino, S. Hammerton
With SOLIDAR

This publication aims to bridge the gap of social analysis of the EU enlargement process, pointing out amongst other issues, for instance, rise of populisms and the negative impact of the financial and economic crisis towards integration in the EU. Furthermore, gender dimension is highlighted in the context of (labour) policies and neo-liberalist agenda.



SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Europe is still suffering the effects of deep economic crisis and although there are some changes in policies, austerity is still prevailing in front as an answer to the problems caused by years of financial irresponsibility by the financial institutions. FEPS work in this section looks a lot at the effects of the crisis, especially towards gender issues and other inequalities. All FEPS research, articles and debates offer clear and realistic alternatives to the current economic policies on the table. We are regularly engaging with many high-level internationally renowned economists to promote our ideas.

NOTABLE ACTIVITY IN THIS SECTION:

The Challenge of Economic Inequality to Recovery and Wellbeing I Conference featuring Thomas Piketty with TASC and Carnegie Trust UK

19-20 June | Dublin

With Thomas Piketty, fresh from the success of his best-selling book *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, as keynote speaker, the conference drew an enthusiastic crowd of over 650 people to discuss and debate economic inequality, including policy proposals for more equitable alternatives to current systems and structures in Ireland and Europe.

The main message to come from the conference was that austerity policies, with their cuts in public services and government expenditure is having a disproportionate negative impact on more marginalised groups of our societies, thus exacerbating economic inequality. Another recurrent theme of the conference was the need for a rebuilding of the European financial system which currently reflects and reinforces three decades of deepening inequality

There is an increased public interest in rising inequality and social division, a weariness with old economic models that privilege the few to the detriment of the many, “a hunger for a better society, and a belief that it can be achieved”. This debate brought together a dynamic audience including economists, academics, policy makers, public representatives, social justice advocates and activists.

While Ireland has one of the highest GDP per capita levels globally, rising levels of extreme inequality are clear. The rise of the top ten and one percent of incomes occurred from 1975 to 2006, the peak of the ‘economic boom’, with 90% of the population losing a tenth of their income, putting to rest the idea that a rising tide may lift all boats and with the economic collapse resulting in deepening social divisions.



Thomas Piketty, Economist



(From left) Gary Dymski, Tom McDonnell, Diane Perrons (hidden behind Tom), Elissa Braunstein, Eckhard Hein and Özlem Onaran

The conference focused on three core issues;

1. The multi-dimensional aspects of inequality and the relationship between economic inequality and wider measures of well-being.
2. The impact of current neo-liberal economic politics on inequality and discussion of policy proposals to embark on a more equitable and sustainable development trajectory
3. How to break the nexus between the growth of finance and inequality. These ideas encompass changes in regulation, financial structure and financial and investment policies.

In addition to Thomas Piketty, speakers included, Richard Wilkinson, Katherine Scrivens from OECD Better Life Index, Patrick Honohan, Governor, Central bank of Ireland alongside many other economists such as Professor Gary Dymski (Leeds University) and Professor Ozlem Onaran (University of Greenwich) from our think tanks and larger networks.

Finance and Inequality research project

Three-year research project from 2013 to 2015

With Foundation Jean Jaures, Macroeconomic Policy Institute IMK, and Leeds Business School University of Leeds

The project brings together scholars from different disciplines (economic and geography) and geographies (both within and beyond Europe) to complement, extend and deepen existing analyses of the European financial sector. The main focus is to discuss and analyse the nexus between finance (financial structure) and inequality. Further, the project presents concrete policy measures both in terms of regulation and alternative financial system design.

The main output is a series of policy briefs, policy viewpoints together with detailed studies, which will be submitted for a special issue in an academic publication. Researchers in the project include: Prof. Gary Dymski and Dr. Annina Kaltenbrunner (University of Leeds), Dr Thomas Theobald (Macroeconomic Policy Institute, IMK), Dominique Plihon (University of Paris 13), Trevor Evans (Berlin School of Economics), Paula Moffatt (Nottingham Trent University) among others.



Nordic Model 2030

Three-year research project from 2012 to 2014

With Samak

Presentation of the final report and discussions organised in Norway in November and Brussels in 10th December

Objective of this seminar was to launch the final report of the NordMod2030 project. NordMod 2030 is a joint FEPS-SAMAK research project commissioned to FAFO (Norway) with the objective of identifying and discussing the main challenges that Nordic countries will have to cope towards 2030. The purpose of this research project is to contribute to the knowledge basis for further development and renewal of the Nordic model.

The seminar in Brussels gathered academics, trade unionists and policy makers also to discuss whether the Nordic model is the next model of welfare in Europe, and why? How should economic and social policies be reformed in Europe so that equitable and sustainable growth and the creation of quality jobs for women and men take centre stage? Speakers included the authors of the NordMod2030 report (**Jon Hippe**, **Tone Flåtten**, and **Jon Erik Dølvik** from FAFO), **Jon Kvist**, Institute of Society and Globalisation, Roskilde University **Maria Petmesidou**, University of Thrace, **Theodoros Papadopoulos**, University of Bath, **Veronica Anna-Maria Nilsson**, ETUC, **Marita Ulvskog**, MEP and Chair of the Social and Employment Committee in the European Parliament

Beyond Austerity. Towards Employment: a Gender-Aware Framework research project

Two -year-research project

With TASC, ECLM, The Open University, and School of Oriental and African Studies

The aim of this project is to investigate the changing position, role and pay of both men and women in Europe. The project assesses whether or not recent austerity policies have had particularly gendered effects and where the roots of such effects lie. Rather than investigating employment and wages alone, the project will also investigate the impacts of austerity (and recovery) on working conditions, job security and work-life balance. The project will also assess how to create the conditions for a gender equitable and expansionary macroeconomic framework in Europe and will give a full picture of various effects of policy change, such as austerity cuts as well as modelling alternative policies for a more inclusive recovery plan for both men and women. The project has resulted in a series of studies, which will be put together in an edited book published by Zed Books (see list of publications at the end of this section for more information).



Beyond Financial Regulation: Industrial Policies in the Wake of the Global Financial Crisis research project

Two-year research project

With International Institute of Social Science (ISS) University of Erasmus Rotterdam

This project has the objective to explore progressive monetary, fiscal, financial and industrial policies for Europe. The project brings together researchers from various European countries and will have the primary aim to address the following questions: 'What was the role of finance and the financial sector in the restructuring of European industries 1970 – 2010?' and 'To what extent current and proposed reforms of the financial sector will stabilise banking systems and support industrial policies that would create a sounder economic environment in which banks could operate?' The project will result in an edited volume published by Oxford University Press by the end of 2015 (see list of publications for more information).

Europe Within the Global Economy research project

Research project throughout the year

With Economic council of the Labour Movement (ECLM), Denmark and the Centre for Development Policy and Research (CDPR) University of London

The central issues governing the development of the joint 2014 research agenda will be how Europe can position itself economically and benefit the most from the projected rise of the global south and from the proposed new EU-US trade agreement. The positioning of Europe within the global economy will be based on the essentials of the scenarios developed in 2013 as part of the research project of FEPS-CDPR-ECLM "Alternative Macroeconomic Policies for Europe": 1) continuing current austerity measures and 2) implementing, instead, a strategy for employment-led economic recovery (the way out of the crisis). The objective of the 2014 research project is to refine the strategy for employment-led recovery in the light of the potential for strengthening trade and financial links with major emerging economies. Output of the project is a series of policy briefs and policy viewpoints and a high level seminar. (See next point)

Progressive Policies for Growth and Employment

Seminar

8 May | Copenhagen, Denmark

With ECLM and the LO, Danish Federation of Trade Unions

The progressive ideas discussed at the seminar included how an increased investment budget in the EU could act as a countercyclical instrument and secure financial stability in the future. The structures of the European labour market and the role and significance of active labour market policy were discussed along with ideas for improving the work-life balance in a gender equality framework. Finally the objectives of industrial policy were discussed.

Creating a Just Tax System in Europe

Seminar

27 January | **Vilnius, Lithuania**

With Demos, Freedom & Solidarity Foundation and Johannes Mihklesoni Kekus.

Just tax is a European question but one which is deeply at the core of many issues in the three Baltic countries in particular. This discussion aimed to bring together key researchers from those three countries to see what similarities and differences there are in the region and how a European debate on tax justice can be enhanced. In fact the three countries have very different tax systems however it was agreed that more research on a just tax system would be a huge boost towards Progressive policies in the region.

Can Tax Policy Simultaneously Promote Economic growth and reduce social inequality?

Conference

29 August | **Riga, Latvia**

With the Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

Bringing together employers' organisations, trade unions, economists, experts and politicians to discuss how domestic macroeconomic policies need to move away from an excessive emphasis on inflation, and focus much more on employment. Within an alternative macroeconomic paradigm a fair and progressive tax system plays a fundamental role.





Jorg LeichtFried MEP



Emma Woodford, European Public Health Alliance



Pedro Silva Pereira MEP



Kevin Gallagher, Boston University

TTIP- Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Two-year research project

With Global Progressive Forum, the Fondation Jean Jaurès, Policy Network, SOLIDAR, Renner Institut, Meeting held 3-6 February, and New York, USA

The objective of this project is to bring together researchers, policy markets and civil society from both sides of the Atlantic together to discuss and conduct research on the linkages within three dimensions of TTIP: 1) Defining positive progressive approach (conceptualising the values-based blueprint for the TTIP), 2) Conceptualise the ways through which a progressive TTIP can become a comprehensive concept within the scope of deliberative democracy, 3) Commitment to labour rights and standards; putting in place a quality-jobs-led growth; to the paradigm of sustainable development. The project consists of a series of roundtable debates and policy-oriented research.

Events in 2014 for this project include:

High-level dinner meeting

3 June | Brussels, Belgium

With the participation of President Massimo D'Alema, (FEPS), Ernst Stetter (FEPS), **Mario Telo, Andrew Gamble**, representatives of US and EU trade unions and civil society among others.



Olivier Blanchard, IMF



Ad Melkert, former Dutch PvdA
Labour leader



José Antonio Ocampo,
Columbia University

Conference

The Future of EU-US Relations: Political and Economic Reflections on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement

October | Washington DC, USA

Featuring high-level academics, policy makers from EU and US, and civil society

This conference call, together with PES Socialists & Democrats, the S&D Group, and the Global Progressive Forum, for a high-level roundtable debate in **Washington DC on October 14th 2014** to discuss: 1) How can TTIP promote sustainable economic growth, create quality jobs for women and men, and foster financial stability in both the US and the EU? And 2) How can TTIP enhance welfare, social protection, and labour standards in both the US and the EU?

Guest speakers included: **David Martin**, Member of European Parliament, S&D coordinator in the Trade Committee, **Damon A. Silvers**, Director of Policy and Special Counsel, AFL-CIO, **Alfred Gusenbauer**, Chair of the FEPS Next Left Research Programme and Chair of Renner Institute and Former Prime Minister of Austria, **Kevin Gallagher**, Professor of International Relations, Boston University, **Robert Kuttner**, co-founder and current co-editor of The American Prospect, **Lori Wallach**, Director, Public Citizen Global Trade Watch, among others.

Wage-led growth in Europe | Two year- long research project

With TASC, University of Greenwich, and Kingston University

This project studies the effects of reduction in wages as a share of national income in Europe on aggregate demand. It will consist of three modules, two of which are analytical in nature and will provide new econometric evidence and a third one that will summarise the project findings for a general audience and derive policy conclusions for the EU. The main project output is expected at the end of 2015. Key researchers include Professor **Ozlem Onaran** (University of Greenwich), Professor **Engelbert Stockhammer** (Kingston University).

Europe in the 21st Century. The reconstruction of Europeanism | Conference

21 – 22 March | Palma Mallorca

With the Gabriel Alomar Foundation

The conference aimed at analysing and studying the political and economic situation in the Southern European's countries through the exchange of views and experiences of more than 10 recognised experts. This event will also be an opportunity



to exchange how the crisis and the policies implemented in the last years affect the way in which the Southern Europeans face the next European elections, and if this will be key on the day of the election. Speakers include: **Enrique Guerrero Salom MEP**, **Francisco de Borja Lasheras**, Associate Director of the Madrid Office and Policy Fellow of Council on Foreign Relations and **Pasqualina Napolitano**, former MEP amongst others.

Economy debate between Martin Schulz and Thomas Piketty

25 May Brussels | **Belgium**

Video debate with Professor Thomas Piketty, École d'Économie, Paris and Martin Schulz, PES Candidate for the Presidency of the European Commission. Claude Weill, Editing Director of *Nouvel Observateur* moderated the debate. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUMpkpRyqBc&feature=youtu.be>).

European Co-operation: A different way of doing business | Fringe meeting at Labour Party Conference

23 September | **Manchester, UK**

With the Co-operative Party

This event gave an opportunity for politicians and representatives from the European co-operative movement to make the case for co-operation and discuss what steps need to be taken at national and European level to enable the movement to flourish – creating more jobs and distributing the proceeds of their success. Co-operatives create a diverse European economy, contribute to business start-ups and growth and generate jobs and wealth.

Personal Data Protection: A brake on the European Digital Economy | Conference

23 September | **Paris, France**

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès

Digital developments are increasing at rapid speed. This conference discussed what European strategy should exist to protect personal data. The relation between economic development and democratic rights is blurring and a Progressive strategy is needed in planning stages of new technologies. **Axelle Lemaire**, Secretary of State, in charge of the digital agenda in the Ministry of the Economy gave a keynote speech alongside other reputable experts and policy-makers on this topic.

Personal Data protection, what is at stake in the TTIP discussions, USA, Canada, Europe | Conference

20 November | **Paris, France**

With the Fondation Jean Jaurès

This is proving to be a very sensitive international topic, the discussions concerning TTIP and future likelihood of more free trade exchange between the Northern western hemisphere is looking to be changing with the onlook of TTIP the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Plan. The ever more frequent use of the internet and the exposure of personal data poses a real threat to personal protection. This conference discussed if we should oppose the change in the ban regarding the transfer of data outside the EU as provided for in the Free Trade Agreement. It also looked at public opinion on this issue. **Pascal Lamy**, FEPS Vice-President intervened alongside well-known academics and politicians concerned on this topic.

Investment for Growth and Employment I | Third annual conference

13-14 October, Washington D.C., USA

with Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD) and the support of Brookings Institute

The objective of this conference was to gather leading economists together in Washington during the IMF Autumn meeting to discuss the questions of (1) macroeconomic cooperation in a world of independent monetary and fiscal policies, (2) alternative fiscal policies for jobs and growth in Europe and (3) European investment policies. Speakers include: Adam Posen, President, Peterson Institute for International Economics **Peter Bofinger**, Professor of Economics, University of Würzburg **Olivier Blanchard**, Chief Economist, International Monetary Fund, Damon A. Silvers, Director of Policy and Special Counsel, AFL-CIO **Stephany Griffith-Jones**, Financial Markets Program Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue , **João Carlos Ferraz**, Senior Vice-President, BNDES, Brazil Development Bank **Mariana Mazzucato**, **R.M. Phillips** Professor in the Economics of Innovation, University of Sussex. The conference was also preceded by an evening debate with and a video recoded speech by Nobel Prize Winner Professor **Joseph Stiglitz** on the 70 Years since the Bretton Woods. Speakers at the evening debate included: **Alfred Gusenbauer**, Former Chancellor of Austria, **Adam Posen**, President, Peterson Institute for International Economics, **José Antonio Ocampo**, Co-President, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Stephany Griffith-Jones, Financial Markets Program Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Ernst Stetter, Secretary General of FEPS.

Beyond Austerity. Towards employment: Progressive Economic Policies for Equitable Growth and Jobs | Seminar

12 December | Barcelona, Spain

With the Rafael Campalans Foundation

Austerity policies are undermining growth and job creation for women and men across Europe. Further, there is significant evidence that the negative impact of austerity on employment and social welfare could erode achievements towards gender equality. This discussion examined the changing position and role of both women and men in the labour market in Europe. The participants considered to what extent recent austerity policies have had particularly gendered effects and where the roots of such gendered impacts lie.



(From left) Ernst Stetter, Stephany Griffith Jones, Adam Posen, José Antonio Ocampo, Alfred Gusenbauer

| PUBLICATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

POLICY BRIEFS



Can Conventional Macroeconomic Policies Prevent Persistent Stagnation in the European Union.

Written by G. Cozzi, J. Michell, and T. McKinley

FEPS Policy Brief No.5

Beyond Europe's financial bifurcation point: policy proposals for a more stable financial system

Written by Dymski, G. and Kaltenbrunner, A.

FEPS Policy Brief No.4

Banking Union a response to Europe's fragile financial integration dreams

Written by Gabor, D.

FEPS Policy Brief No.3

A gendered investment plan

Written by Ansen, S. and Andersen, L.

FEPS Policy Brief No.2

POLICY VIEWPOINTS



Eurozone Faultiness Have Reached the Core

Written by Michell, J.

Policy Viewpoint No.9

Recovering Investment, Jobs and Growth In Europe. A Proposal

Written by Cozzi, G. and Griffith-Jones, S.

Policy Viewpoint No.8

TTIP: Another free-trade charade?

Written by Cozzi, G.

Policy Viewpoint No.7

A Large Share of People Think They Can't Find a Job

Written by Bjorsted, E.

Policy Viewpoint No.6

Every Fifth Low Skilled Worker in the Workforce is Unemployed

Written by Bjorsted, E.

Policy Viewpoint No.6

Youth Unemployment Figures Understate the True Impact of the Crisis

Written by Michell, J.

Policy Viewpoint No.5

Bringing Europe Back to Life Using Investment

Written by Cozzi, G. and Griffith-Jones, J.

Policy Viewpoint No.4

The youth are trapped in unemployment

Written by Bjorsted, E.

Policy Viewpoint No.3

The UK's debt-led recovery is unsustainable

Written by Michell, J.

Policy Viewpoint No.2

The problem of long-term unemployment

Written by Bjorsted, E.

Policy Viewpoint No.1

STUDIES AND EDITED BOOKS

Finance and Industrial Policies: beyond financial regulation

Cozzi, G., Newman, S. and Toporowski, J. (edited book) Oxford University Press. (forthcoming). With contributions by Mariana Mazzucato, Riccardo Bellofiore, Giuseppe Garibaldi, Jan Toporowski, Michael Aglietta, among others.

Employment focused recovery for Europe: an alternative to austerity

Written by Cozzi, G. and Michell, J

Journal for a Progressive Economy, May

Designing a fiscal capacity for the Eurozone

Written by Rodrigues, M.J

FEPS Studies

Next European Commission Challenges

Written by Rodrigues, M.J

FEPS Studies

Gender Equality and Economic Crisis: Ireland and the EU

Written by Barry, U.

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The role of gender equality in an equality-led sustainable development strategy

Written by Onaran, O.

FEPS Studies

Towards a pink new deal

Written by Corsi, M.

FEPS Studies

Industrial and investment policy: What a well-structured package can achieve

Written by Kollatz-Ahnen, M., Griffith-Jones, S. and Bullmann, U

FEPS Studies

ARTICLES IN THE PRESS

Time is running out for the Eurozone

Written by Griffith-Jones, S, published in The Guardian (UK)

Juncker's Investment Plan: Good But too Small

Written by Cozzi, G. and Stephany Griffith Jones, published on Euractiv (English) and Mediapart (French).

The Need for Investment-led Recovery for Europe

Written by Cozzi, G. and Griffith Jones, S, published in the Financial Times (English), Il Sole 24 Ore (Italian), Die Zeit (German), Mediapart (French), El Economista (Spanish)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Investment led growth: a solution to the European crisis

Written by Cozzi, G. and Griffith-Jones, S. In Mazzucato, M. and Jacobs, M. (eds) Rethinking Capitalism, Wiley-Blackwell (Forthcoming)

Finance and Investment in the Eurozone

Written by Cozzi, G. in Cozzi, G. Newman, S. and Toporowski, J. Finance and Industrial Policies: beyond financial regulation, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

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GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

This section focuses on solidarity and internationalism as the basis of Progressive values in our work. Stability and development projects in different global areas has led to deeper understanding and work on progressive values in a globalised world. In addition climate and energy policy has been a large focus of our work in 2014. The EU desperately needs a progressive energy agenda to address fuel poverty, energy security, to make our energy more efficient and to transfer to clean and green energy technologies. Through the energy focus group FEPS has been involved in the EU 2030 climate end energy targets with key stakeholders.

NOTABLE ACTIVITY IN THIS SECTION:

Socialism, Development and democracy in Africa and Europe I Conference

9-13 July | Saly, Senegal

With - Imagine Africa Institute and the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

The seminar was addressed by the leader of the Senegalese Parti Socialiste, Ousmane Tanor Dieng and hosted a wide variety of progressive politicians from Senegal and brought them together with European counterparts. This included academic researchers who are members of the Next Left programme, members of FEPS Scientific Council, an MEP and representative from the PES in debate with Senegalese politicians and policy-makers. The objective was to critically evaluate socialist parties who have been in power to feed reflection amongst progressive parties in Africa and Europe on how to overcome neoliberal obstacles and provide renewal for the movements. Participants looked at the potential for greater unity on the Senegalese left and compared this with European political systems and patterns. It established a programme for research to improve the capacity of the Senegalese left to become more responsive and better-developed. There aims to be a follow-up of the conference and these issues in 2015. The debates stretched over two days and touched upon the future of the Socialist International, the role of the State and our welfare societies and how to better represent the different levels of people, who many at the moment are dissatisfied with the way politics is run. Around 25 participants took part in a lively and frank discussion where each had the chance to present and intervene. A lot of the debate looked at recent history but also concrete proposals were given in how to progress better for the future of the movements. Notably more activities such as these and regular communication on joint issues would also serve for more-rounded and more-representative policies.



Ernst Stetter with Ousmane Tanor Dieng, Leader of the Parti Socialiste Senegal

A Progressive Energy agenda for Europe

This project had several different elements, desk research, focus group discussions in Brussels and a forum in another European capital.

Research carried out throughout the year with the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) included various aspects of European energy policy. The results were published at the beginning of 2015 in the report on **Energy Union: New Energy for the EU**. The Emissions Trading Scheme, the EU 2030 energy and climate targets, looking at a green growth agenda as having a positive impact on investment, business and job creation. How the crisis in Ukraine is affecting EU energy policy and how the EU should face big players in shaping up international climate negotiations.

Energy focus group

18th March and 2nd June | **Brussels**

Regular focus group meetings established the year before gather together leading stakeholders from a range of associations in Brussels specialising in energy policy. From Trade Unions, NGOs to leading energy companies and analysts. The meeting in March focused on the EU 2030 Energy and Climate package which was proposed in January 2014 by the Commission. The meeting in June brought our colleagues from IPPR, **Will Straw and Joss Garman**, working on the Progressive Energy agenda for Europe project together with the FEPS energy focus group. Key issues of the desk research were presented to the group and feedback and discussions followed. This predominantly fed into the study and final report.

Energy Efficiency: Saving Europe's energy agenda

September 8th, Brussels | **Presentation and discussion**

With **Paul Hodson**, Head of unit for energy efficiency in DG energy at the European Commission. Ahead of the EU Council summit in October due to address energy efficiency as a priority the discussions looked at the current state of play of the proposals from the Commission and upcoming issues in this area. The debate gathered a large audience of stakeholders from the energy sector in Brussels.



Paul Hodson, European Commission DG Energy Efficiency

Energy Efficiency and Independence: Key to Social and Economic Security | Roundtable debate and public conference

November 28th | **Riga, Latvia**

with the Freedom and Solidarity foundation

The main messages from the forum were based on how energy efficiency is key to solving many social and economic problems, such as fuel poverty and what measures can be taken to use efficiency to its full potential. There are some big gains to be made in Latvia, especially in the housing sector, however there is a huge problem of trust in efficiency

measures, often due to negative publicity. The conference was streamed online. The forum gathered a mixture of Latvian experts, from NGOs, businesses and politicians alongside experts from the region and from European level.

Towards COP21 climate summit

With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

This two-year project started in October 2014 and will go on until the UN climate summit in December 2015 taking place in Paris. A mixture of publications, missions, seminars and an international conference will establish the project. In 2014, there were several missions to key countries of the climate change negotiations, **India and Chile**. Both presented the opportunity to discuss with leading climate negotiators in those countries of how consensus can be built and what issues will cause positions to block. The representatives met during the missions will be invited to attend an international conference in Paris in April which will bring together the people and experiences who we have engaged with in the project to a larger debate.

Climate mission India

30 September – 5 October

Common but differentiated responsibilities is key for the Indian representatives in the climate negotiations. With a huge population and many living below the poverty line, climate adaptation aims to be closely linked to addressing poverty in India. The delegation reached very open and frank discussions on how India aims to combat climate change and adaption measures needed to be put in place already. Meetings took place with representatives from the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Indian Council for Research on International Economics Relations (ICRIER), Center for Science and Environment, Council Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) Center of Human Sciences, Schumacher Center for New Economics and network of farmers linked to a Trade Union.

Climate mission Chile

13 – 15 November

Chile was chosen to visit as it is an important Latin-American player for the climate negotiations for various reasons but mainly because its role within the AILAC group, Independent Alliance of Latin American and the Caribbean, including Costa Rica, Peru, Guatemala and Panama is interesting. Chile aims to maximise its potential in climate diplomacy and hopes this will have a positive impact on the region, especially towards its larger neighbour Brazil, it is willing to commit to the proposed climate contributions. The mission gave the delegates from the project the opportunity to have private meetings with Ricardo Lagos, former President and climate envoy, the Ministers and representatives from the foreign and environment ministries, think tanks, climate NGOs politicians and environmentalists.

Climate Change and the progressive agenda, the Challenges we Face

14 November | **Santiago, Chile**

With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès, Chile 21, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Santiago

During this mission to Chile in the framework of the COP21 negotiations coming up in December 2015, a public conference was held. Speakers included **Heraldo Muñoz**, Minister for Foreign affairs, **Pablo Badenier**, Minister for Environmental affairs, **Camila Vallejos**, Parliamentarian and other high-level senators and representatives from climate NGOs from Socialist, Green and other parties and other experts from different regions in Chile, as well as Costa Rica and Colombia. Around 100 people attended the day's conference and a lively debate with the audience took place.

A common vision for a progressive Arab world | Conference

24-25 March | **Amman, Jordan**

This conference formed part of a series of events organised by FEPS, the GPF, the S&D Group and the PES in co-operation with different partners in the aftermath of the Arab uprisings. It represented a substantial effort by European socialists and social democrats to show their full support for progressive partners in the Middle East and North Africa, committing to the shared message of ending social injustice and reducing social inequality. FEPS President Massimo d'Alema addressed the gathering, while FEPS also organised a seminar on "The role of progressives in supporting and promoting political movements, civil society and trade unions in the Middle East and North Africa"

Reflections on new paradigms for Israel and Palestine | Conference

26 March | **Jerusalem**

Hosted by the Bruno Kreisky Forum this conference looked at the possibility of framing alternative political thinking for Palestine/Israel, showcasing two alternative joint initiatives; namely, BKF's 'Alternatives to Partition' (AtP) and the grassroots One Homeland Two States (OHTS). It engaged local political actors with these new paradigms and looked at a possible revisiting of political arrangements in light of the history of partition politics in historic Palestine. The seminars brought together grassroots civil society and political activists alongside intellectuals and opinion shapers, and was addressed by FEPS President Massimo d'Alema.

Promoting stability and development in Africa: Fostering cooperation between public and private sector

3 July | **Brussels**

With Istituto Affari Internazionali and the cooperation of the National Democratic Institute in Washington D.C.

Launched in July, this project will be ongoing for 18 months. This first gathering was a kick-off meeting to lay the groundwork for research and was followed by an International Conference in Turin at the Centro piemontese di Studi Africani in October. The project involves representatives from the European Union and United States institutions, governments of African, European and third countries, as well as speakers from different private sectors, to discuss around the three thematic clusters of the research project: economic development; good governance and democracy; peace and security, all of which have had in-depth papers based on selected case studies.

Tackling Inequality: A Programme for the Left to Promote Inclusive and Sustainable Growth – Experiences from Around the World | Fringe meeting at Labour Party conference

22 September | **Manchester, UK**

With the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Progressive Alliance and the UK Labour Party

With half the world's wealth shared by only 10% of the world's population, inequalities visibly undermine social solidarity. In education, healthcare, gender equality, wages and more, the discussion highlighted proposals to address global inequalities. Speakers were: **Lord Ray Collins**, Labour's spokesperson on International Development in the House of Lords; Jennifer McAllister, President of the Australian Labor party; **Johnson Asiedu Nketia**, Secretary General of the NDC in Ghana; **Anne McGrath**, National Director of the NDP in Canada; **Leo Clarke**, General Secretary of the Saint Lucia Labour Party; Chair: Ernst Stetter, FEPS.

Technological Change and Inequality

3 November | **Helsinki, Finland**

With Kalevi Sorsa Foundation – Part of the Research and Policy Days Seminars

The aim of the conference was to explore the effects of technological development and robotisation on employment and inequality. Will today's occupational change transform affluent countries into enlarged middle-class societies? Or will the future consist of increasingly divided class societies? Lectures were given by Professor **Gilles Saint-Paul** (Paris School of Economics), Associate Professor **Daniel Oesch** (University of Lausanne), Head of Social Policy **Anna Coote** (New Economics Foundation) and Professor **Rainer Kattel** (Tallinn University of Technology), with comments by **Rita Asplund** (Etna) and MP **Tarja Filatov**.

Middle East: Challenges for Progressive Politics in Israel | Seminar

17 November | **Brussels**

Seeking alternative viewpoints on the Middle East situation, this seminar sought to examine the socio-economic landscape in Israel, including the effect of economic liberalisation on the welfare state and religious-secular relations. It also asked why it is so difficult for Israeli progressives to be heard domestically? What can national and international progressive organisations do to improve their position? Can EU “soft power” have an influence on Israeli politics?

Radical Left project | Long-term research project

With Center for Reform of the State (CRS)

The Radical Left project examines the place on the political landscape of radical left parties since the end of the Cold War and the fall of Europe's Communist regimes. The first phase involves a compendium of case study reports from across the EU member states, analysing the leadership, membership, ideological orientation, electoral performance and structure of the significant parties in each state. This will be compiled, analysed and presented as a book publication in 2016 and FEPS member foundations have been invaluable in their contributions to the case studies.

| PUBLICATIONS IN GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

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

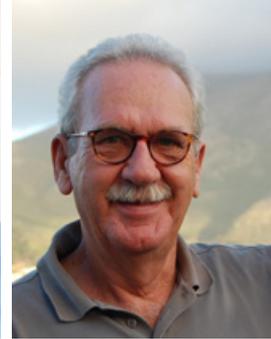
Clouds gather for election season in India, South Africa and the European Union

Article written by K. Voll, A. Wehmhoerner and D. Kitching
21 May

This article draws on the analyses by the FEPS Correspondents in India and South Africa on the recent elections in those countries and looks for common themes and insights for the European elections.



Klaus Voll



Arnold Wehmhoerner

FROM INDIA AND THE REGION

South Asia Dossier

Collection of regular articles

Written and compiled by K. Voll

Throughout the year

FEPS South Asia correspondent, Klaus Voll released a monthly dossier throughout 2014 charting political events throughout the region, with a particular focus on India. He was joined in this by his wide network of academic, political, diplomatic and journalistic contacts ranging from Manoj Joshi and C. Uday Bhaskar to Joyce Lobo and C. Raja Mohan.

India: Triumph of Nationalism and Good Governance?

Article written by K. Voll

21 May

The overwhelming victory of the BJP/NDA and the virtual decimation of the Congress will unfold a different form of governance with “a strong man” at the helm. Narendra Modi, admired and vehemently opposed, faces tremendous expectations, which cannot be fulfilled by nationalism and populism.

India and the WTO stand-off

by J. Lobo

September 3rd

India has emerged as a voice amongst the developing countries at the WTO while negotiating or proposing agenda. One such area has been the public stock holding for food security purposes that it brought into the agenda of the WTO's Ninth Ministerial Conference at Bali.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND THE REGION

Mandela's Legacy Betrayed

Article written by A. Wehmhoerner

28 March

While the world mourned Nelson Mandela and while in many speeches his achievements and personality were praised, many commentators from overseas but also in the local press point out that the present South African leadership is not living up to Mandela's ideals and has betrayed his legacy

South Africa's voters defy President Zuma's scandals

Article written by A. Wehmhoerner

21 May

The scandals surrounding President Zuma brought predictions of a rout for the ruling African National Congress, but the emotional link to the liberation party is still strong and the party still attained a massive 62% of the vote, in spite of some slippage.

'For the times they are a-changin' – homosexuality and social values in Africa

Article written by A. Wehmhoerner

12 June

This piece looks at the dynamics around debates on sexual orientation in Africa amid a rise in anti-gay legislation in several countries. He charts the situation wherein cuts in development aid are portrayed by traditionalist leaders as post-colonial interference in African affairs.

The Ukrainian Crisis: Options for Russia and the West

Article written by André Gerrits

10 April

The annexation of the Crimea by Russia is an unprecedented event, with highly uncertain consequences. In this paper, André Gerrits asks if this is the beginning of a new area in global politics. What are the immediate and longer-term consequences of the Ukrainian crisis?

On the border of the Islamic State

Article written by A. Lund

21 October

Aron Lund is a Swedish freelance writer and journalist specialized in the politics of the Middle East. For FEPS, he previously published the book *Divided They Stand: An Overview of the Syrian Political Opposition*. He visited Iraq in late August and wrote this article about the political landscape where local Kurdish militias try to defend their communities from Islamic State forces.



A new phase of Russia and Ostpolitik has begun

Article written by K. Voigt

3 November

Karsten Voigt suggests in this article that a pan-European peace order including Russia should still remain the long-term goal for European leaders. However, with authoritarian developments in Russian domestic politics, the turning away from Europe, the annexation of Crimea, and the war-like conflict in eastern Ukraine, the general conditions of pursuing pan-European peace policies have changed. Thus, we are on the verge of a new phase of social-democratic policies toward the East and Russia.

FEPS YOUNG ACADEMICS NETWORK

The FEPS Young Academics Network was established in 2009 with an aim to gather promising progressive PhD candidates and young PhD researchers ready to use their academic experience in a debate about the Next Europe. Realised with the support of Renner Institut, the project has gathered more than 60 members. Their exchanges and interdisciplinary research have resulted in a number of stimulating studies, providing a relevant contribution to the European progressive movement.

Once the cycle of new members has been set, they set themselves into categorised working groups depending on the specialities. Within this group they work together to write joint essays to be published by FEPS.

Currently they work within 9 thematic groups:

Labour I B. Wilhelm, A. Andraghi, S. Lavery, P. Paulusma, N. Werner, I. Erdnic, P. M. Cardoso, P. Plewa, R. Penny, M. Venhaus;

Class I M. Boffo, D. Raponi, A. Imberon, G. Papanagnou, G. Bottos, B. Balev, L. Lombardozi, T. Havlin, M. Comelli, J. D'Attona;

Europolitics I J. Dahl Kehlstrup, N. Leron, N. Genga, L. Antonoupoulos, M. Gavenda;

Eurogovernance I P. Cebulak, D. Ragone, D. Sardo, D. Preshova, B. Bonizzi, H. E. Kelly;

Media I D. Gutierrez-Peris, I. Pugliese, T. Slavev, I. Stefanovski);

Democracy and Renewal I M. Fiorillo, B. Rydlinski, R. Martin Lopez, A. Turco, A. Gregor, G. Moreno Cabalillas;

Gender I M. Sobocinski, K. Lendak-Kabok, N. Lozano, A. Finnegan, M. Martín de Almargo, D. Goddard, A. Gromada, K. Aavik,

Gender and Ideology I W. Grzebalska, E. Soos, G. Gober;

Migration and Asylum I H. Iqbal, S. Nitsche, A. Blaszczyk-Sawyer, E. Marschall, R. Mavin, M. Kaukko, A. Goossens, L. Borelli, E. Korkmaz, S. Montgomery, K. Jablonowski.



In addition to the meetings coordinated specially for them, the Young Academics Network has become an integral part of nearly all FEPS activities. The members participate in other research activities and often write up detailed scientific reports of the discussions for further use.

The YAN as it is fondly called by the members is supported by the Renner Institut. The seminars usually take place in their building in Vienna, Austria.

Seminars took place this year at the Renner Insitut in Vienna:

9-13 July

The meeting was devoted to brainstorming on the research and activities for the 2014 cycle. The important element of the session was the inclusion of the new members, as following the latest call for new members 25 new participants joined. The session featured a mix of methods – from traditional panel debates (with Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, Chair of the FEPS Next Left Research Programme; Dr. Zlta Gurmai, President of PES Women and Vice-President of FEPS; as also Brando Benifei, MEP); through peer reviews of the respective abstracts (as submitted by the participants) and up to the interactive methods serving network building.

6-9 November

This meeting was devoted to reaching three objectives: integrating and expanding the network fully to the new members; progressing with the research within the respective working groups and designing the strategy to finalise the cycle in 2015.

5-6 April | **Brussels, Belgium**

Due to this year being slightly different due to the European elections in May the Young Academics were heavily involved **in FEPS Renaissance for Europe** activity in April in Brussels. In fact they moderated the 10 workshops and worked as rapporteurs – providing a complex report of the entire activity. The Saturday 5th April of that week of the Renaissance event was dedicated to a YAN seminar in order to prolong the Renaissance for Europe discussions. It also presented the opportunity to bring together the YAN with YES – Young European Socialists for half a day. Here using the 'fish bowl method' papers of 2014 Young Academics were presented, promoted and debated. The second session was devoted to deliberations regarding evaluation of the debates of Renaissance which included an exchange session on social media with Elena Gil (FEPS Communication Intern) and then on preparing the 2014 work cycle.

| PUBLICATIONS OF THE YOUNG ACADEMICS

Enhancing EU enlargement

Written by Denis Preshova and Ben Taylor

Published in June

Get the party started – modernising progressive politics

*Written by Lorenza Antonucci, Marc Esteve Del Valle,
Teodor Slavev, Laura Ballarin Cereza, Jesper Dahl Kelstrup*

Published in April

Towards a new European polity? Social democrats and the 2014 EP elections

*Written by Laura Caroli, Nicola Genga, Alvaro Imbernon,
Iulian Stănescu*

Published in April

Precarious employment in Europe

*Written by Pedro Miguel Cardoso, Isil Erdinc, Jeroen
Horemans, Scott Lavery*

Published in April

Full employment in Europe

*written by Jeremy Green, Carlo D'Ippoliti, Marianne
Muona, Pim Paulusma, Dragan Tevdovski, Michael
Weatherburn And Benjamin Wilhelm*

Published in May

Full employment in Europe.

*Written by Jeremy Green, Carlo D'Ippoliti, Marianne Muona,
Pim Paulusma, Dragan Tevdovski, Michael Weatherburn
And Benjamin Wilhelm*

Published in May

Young and easily allured? A comparative analysis on the relationship between populism and youth in Europe

*Written by Giacomo Bottos, Anikó Gregor, Niko Hatakka,
Davide Ragone, Danilo Raponi*

Published in May

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**FEPS
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THE EUROPEAN PROGRESSIVE MAGAZINE



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CALL FOR SOLIDARITY
Asylum, migration, and integration
policies in Europe.



The only European Progressive magazine published by FEPS aims to reach out to a broader audience. It was established too to promote a more European thinking of the news. With many news portals still being very nationally focused, there is a lack in 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.

The format is colourful, lively, with some shorter, punchier pieces and some longer scientific essays, each aiming to be thought provoking and to instigate debate and reflection into not only political discussions but also cultural discussions. It features contributions from artists, musicians, film directors and cartoonists, also photo exhibitions and interviews. Graphics are used in the 'In numbers' section to describe certain trends and analyses. Portraits are drawn from up and coming politicians in the 'ones to watch' section. The focus part in 2014 and running through to the end of 2015 is on climate change. The Internationalist spirit of FEPS is brought in through 'My Europe' interviews each time offered from a leading politician from outside Europe, describing their opinion of the EU. There is also a review of national press, each time on a different topic, highlighting how the same news pieces are portrayed differently. Book and music reviews and lots of publications and reports form FEPS and its members and close network. The contributors build on an extensive range of journalists, policy-makers, academics, artists, musicians, civil society and more.

All the editions can be read online for free. It is also sold in hard copy in some newspaper stands in Brussels, Paris, London, Rome and Berlin, this hopes to become more widespread as it should become more available on the shelves alongside other political news analysis. A subscription is also available to be able to have each issue in printed version posted to your address for a small fee. The website offers further information and engaging articles, interviews, videos and photos in supplement to what is produced in the actual magazine.

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Queries Issue 3

Facing democratic malaise. A Challenge for a political union.

April 2014

The topic of this issue began by discussing populism, however it soon became clear through FEPS research work that populism is a very narrow view of seeing what is happening in our political societies across Europe currently. Democratic malaise describes the whole system of discontent, populism, nationalism and a turn away from mainstream centre parties towards more extreme parties right and left of the political spectrum. The issue discussed these aspects through different contributions looking at national contexts, political representation in the European Parliament, gender inequalities through populist rhetoric, integration and different religious perceptions and democracy. The 'My Europe' section was a view from **Mustapha Ben Jaafar** and the profile of the up and coming politicians in 'ones to watch' section was of Swedish, now Prime Minister **Stefan Löfven** and **Najat Vallaud-Belkacem**. This issue also published an article from **Jean-Pascal Ypersele**, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental panel on climate change and the work of **FEPS Young academic Network** was included with an essay.



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The Turning point for European democracy?

This issue also featured various analyses from the European elections, including a spread of 28 EU Member States describing the results of the European elections. It also featured a contribution from **Joseph Stiglitz**, nobel prize winner in economics and a view from **Lula Da Silva**, former President of Brazil on how he sees Europe in the 'My Europe' section. The 'In numbers' section illustrated interesting graphs and images of the EU election vote. There is an insight into the crisis in Ukraine offered by **André Gerrits**. Up and coming politician to watch in this issue is **Yasmin Fahimi**, the new General Secretary of the German Social Democratic Party (SPD). In addition musician and conductor **Sir Roger Norrington** wrote a piece for FEPS about why he believes more musicians should become more politically active as he is worried about the current democratic malaise.



Queries Issue 5

Call for Solidarity: Asylum, migration and integration policies in Europe

November 2014

When we printed the magazine at the end of October 2014, already 2,500 people had died, trying desperately to escape war and poverty. Around 20 academics, politics and members of civil society through fundamental contributions called with us into this magazine for solidarity. The debate continued as we launched this edition during Call to Europe IV on the same topic. 'My Europe' featured an article from **Khalifa Sall**, the Mayor of Dakar, Senegal. An opinion piece from **Benjamin Stora**, historian on 'Immigration as a source of pride for Europe'. The vision section focused on the issue of fuel poverty. The 'ones to watch' section features profiles of **Ed Miliband** and **Micaela Navarro**. The discovery section shows artwork from the current exhibition of Anselm Kiefer, 'the troubled waters of European history'.

COMMUNICATION

During 2014 FEPS developed its online communication improving the already existing tools (Facebook and twitter) and joining other new ways aiming at being closer to its audience (Youtube, Flickr and Storify).

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Website

Website (<http://www.feeps-europe.eu>):

After the European elections FEPS changed its website simplifying the format and doing the navigation more user friendly. The content is now divided in news, events and publications. The information is also structured by projects and the main “political momentums”, in which FEPS is doing a remarkable research, are highlighted in the homepage. FEPS website had almost 20.000 single visitors last year. Most of the visits, as it is shown in the table, came from the UE member States and United States:

Country	Sessions	% Sessions
1.  Belgium	8,956	31.36%
2.  Italy	2,606	9.12%
3.  United Kingdom	2,578	9.03%
4.  France	1,815	6.36%
5.  Germany	1,795	6.29%
6.  Spain	1,068	3.74%
7.  United States	1,018	3.56%
8.  Netherlands	611	2.14%
9.  Hungary	456	1.60%
10.  Austria	431	1.51%

Sessions per country in 2014 (The 10 countries with more visitors).

Source: Google Analytics

Social Media

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

FEPS Facebook page boosted its traffic in 2014, increasing its followers from 2999 visitors (January 1st, 2014) to 3742 followers by the end of the year. The publications with a higher feedback where those related with FEPS' main events (Renaissance, Call to Europe IV or Next Left Seminary: A Progressive Answer to the Global Social Question in Chile) research publications on topics such as TTIP or FEPS' reflections after the European Elections had the bigger impact on FEPS' wall. FEPS' Facebook page has contributed to improve the dialogue between our academic network, social democrat policy makers and civil society.

The following graphic reflects the evolution in the number of followers during the year.

(Source: Facebook):



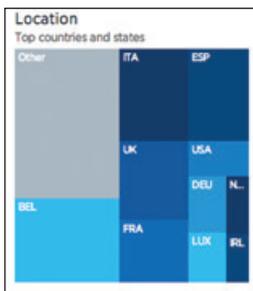
Twitter (@FEPS_Europe):

FEPS used Twitter during 2014 as a platform to disseminate the outcomes of the roundtables and conferences organised on the different research topics. It was also a useful tool to stream using “tweets” the main events and to promote FEPS’ network. The hashtag “FEPS_Renaissance” was trending topic in Belgium during the three days that this event lasted thanks to the dialogue created with the participants, the politicians and the civil society. FEPS Twitter account increased its followers from 1845 to 3035 during 2014.

Here are some examples (Source: Twitter Analytics):



Followers by country (Source Twitter Analytics):

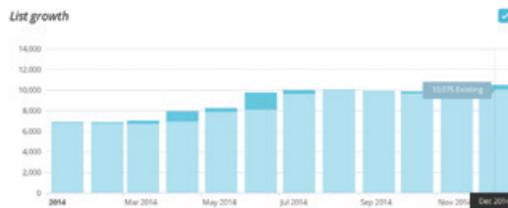


Newsletter

(<http://www.feps-europe.eu/en/newsletter-archives>):

The subscriptions to FEPS newsletter grew from 6858 to 10076 in 2014. FEPS sent 43 newsletter campaigns to its contacts including focuses on the main research topics, policy papers gathered by different issues, invitations to events, news items or special communications.

Newsletter subscriptions' growth.
(Source: Mailchimp)



You tube and Flickr:

In 2014 FEPS also opened a **Youtube Channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCroB-bvfEQGE4DyJzqliVPg>) (with more than 10.700 views) and a **Flickr account** to disseminate the audiovisual material produced by the Foundation.

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.

The Nordics: A point of reference for the European Union

16 November

France and the European Union:

There is no "*exception française*"

18 September

The Juncker Commission:

New Orientation should have been different

11 September

Is Mario Draghi kicking out financial capitalism and austerity policies?

6 June

Towards the 'Martin Juncker-Commission'

28 May

10 Observations on the European elections campaign

23 May 15

Common Foreign and Security Policy:

Sovereignty must be shared

19 February



Press coverage

In 2014, we consolidated some relationships with some media portals such as Euractiv (EU), Mediapart (France), Info Libre (Spain), Dagens Arena (Sweden), Il Manifesto (Italy). We used this network to distribute policy view points, columns and articles made for Queries such as the one from former Brazilian President Lula da Silva. There is also a section of the website dedicated to the press coverage found here <http://www.feps-europe.eu/en/press-room>.

PARTICIPATION

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

PES Women Annual Conference

27 February | **Rome, Italy**

58th UN Commission on the Status of Women

9-14 March | **New York, USA**

European Women's Lobby conference:

No more excuses. Gender equality after the European elections – What's next?

9 July 2014 | **Brussels, Belgium**

IUSY festival

24th August | **Malta**

High-level delegation to China of the Party of European Socialists

September

International Symposium on Building Governance Systems and Capabilities in BRICS countries

8 December | **Beijing**

On the invitation of the International Department of the Communist Party of China, FEPS sent its two representatives from the BRICS countries India and South Africa, Dr. Klaus Voll and Arnold Wehmhoerner to attend.

INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Scientific Council meetings

28 January, discussed our main political priorities for the year

4 November gave special attention to security policies

Bureau meetings

- 10 February
- 28 April
- 25 June
- 8 December

General Assembly

25 June

Meeting with member foundations and think tanks to coordinate programmes

- 26 June
- 6 November



General Assembly

| MEMBERS:

NATIONAL POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS AND THINK TANKS

 Austria - Karl Renner Institut |  Belgium - Gauche réformiste européenne / Stichting Gerrit Kreveld / Institut Emile Vandervelde |  Bulgaria - Institute for Social Integration |  Czech Republic - Masarykova Demokraticka Akademie |  Estonia - Johannes Mikkelson Centre |  EU - SOLIDAR |  Finland - Kalevi Sorsa Säätiö |  France - Europartnaires / Fondation Jean-Jaurès |  Germany - Friedrich Ebert Stiftung |  Greece - Institute for Strategic and Development Studies ISTAME / RE-Public |  Hungary - József Attila Foundation / Tancsics Mihaly Alapitvány |  Italy - Associazione Bruno Trentin / Centro Riforma Stato / Fondazione ItalianiEuropei / Istituto Gramsci / Fondazione Socialismo |  Latvia - Freedom and Solidarity Foundation |  Lithuania - Demos |  Luxembourg - Fondation Robert Krieps |  Malta - Fondazzjoni Ideat |  Netherlands - Max Van Der Stoel Stichting / Wiardi Beckman Stichting |  Nordic - SAMAK |  Poland - Foundation for Fundamental Rights |  Portugal - ResPublica |  Romania - Ovidiu Sincai Institutul |  Slovenia - Kalander Foundation |  Spain - Fundación Pablo Iglesias / Fundació Rafael Campalans |  Sweden - Tankesmedjan Tiden / Olof Palme International Centre |  United Kingdom - Policy Network / The Fabian Society / IPPR – Institute for Public Policy Research

OBSERVER NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

 Austria - Chifley Research Centre |  Croatia - Novo Društvo |  Denmark - Arbejderbevaegelsens Erhvervsrad (ECLM) |  Ireland - TASC |  The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Progress Institute |  Netherlands - European Forum |  Serbia - Center for Democracy Foundation |  Slovenia - CEE Network for Gender Issues |  Spain - Fundació Gabriel Alomar (Balearics) |  Turkey - SODEV Sosyal Demokrasi Vakfi / Progressive Thought Institute

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF FEPS

 EU - PES, Party of European Socialists / S&D - Group of the Progressive Alliance of the Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament / PES Group in the Committee of the Regions / PES Women / YES - Young European Socialists

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BUREAU:

As at FEPS General Assembly June 2014.

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The Bureau

TEAM

FEPS team throughout the year 2014:

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EXPENDITURE

Eligible expenditure	Budget 2014	Actual
A.1: Personnel costs	1.080.000,00	1.152.633,08
1. Salaries	1.025.000,00	1.074.170,73
2. Contributions	36.000,00	57.481,73
3. Professional training	10.000,00	2.323,86
4. Staff mission expenses	3.000,00	0,00
5. Other personnel costs	6.000,00	18.656,76
A.2: Infrastructure and operating costs	304.770,00	304.424,18
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	189.770,00	195.131,90
2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	21.000,00	29.680,67
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	52.000,00	33.632,48
4. Stationery and office supplies	10.000,00	12.396,21
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	25.000,00	30.747,54
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	2.000,00	0,00
7. Other infrastructure costs	5.000,00	2.835,38
A.3: Administrative expenditure	673.051,00	900.509,88
1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases)	10.000,00	5.499,18
2. Costs of studies and research	636.051,00	872.892,00
3. Legal costs	5.000,00	19.618,70
4. Accounting and audit costs	10.000,00	0,00
5. Support to affiliated organisations and subsidies to third parties	10.000,00	2.500,00
6. Miscellaneous administrative costs	2.000,00	0,00
A.4: Meetings and representation costs	983.000,00	1.087.801,90
1. Costs of meetings of the Foundation	936.000,00	1.058.624,50
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	40.000,00	26.969,47
3. Representation costs	2.000,00	1.627,12
4. Cost of invitations	2.000,00	580,81
5. Other meeting-related costs	3.000,00	0,00
A.5: Information and publication costs	318.230,00	326.295,87
1. Publication costs	262.750,00	296.090,69
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	25.000,00	9.171,04
3. Publicity costs	15.000,00	10.124,30
4. Communications equipment	5.000,00	5.957,05
5. Seminars and exhibitions	5.000,00	0,00
6. Election campaigns	/	/
7. Other information-related costs	5.480,00	4.952,79
A.6: Expenditure relating to contributions in kind	272.355,00	60.330,92
A.7: Allocation to "Provision to cover eligible expenditure to be incurred in the first quarter of N+1"		
A. TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	3.631.406,00	3.831.995,83
B.1: Non-eligible expenditure	0,00	36.812,28
1. Allocations to other provisions		
2. Financial charges		19.104,33
3. Exchange losses		
4. Doubtful claims on third parties		3.445,81
5. Others (to be specified)		
5.1 Charges related to 2013		4.573,14
5.2 Non-eligible Contribution in Kind		9.689,00
B. TOTAL NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	0,00	36.812,28
C. TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3.631.406,00	3.868.808,11

REVENUE		
D.1 Dissolution of "Provision to cover eligible costs to be incurred in the first quarter of N"1		
D.2 European Parliament grant	3.086.695,00	3.086.695,00
D.3 Membership fees	0,00	0,00
3.1 from member parties		
3.2. from individual members		
D.4 Donations	0,00	0,00
4.1 above 500 EUR		
4.2 below 500 EUR		
D.5 Other own resources (to cover eligible expenditure) (to be listed)	272.356,00	536.899,54
Support from members of FEPS towards activities	272.356,00	536.899,54
D.6 Contributions in kind	272.355,00	60.330,92
Support from members of FEPS towards activities	272.355,00	60.330,92
D. REVENUE (to cover eligible expenditure)	3.631.406,00	3.683.925,46
E.1 Additional other own resources (to cover non-eligible expenditure) (to be listed)	0,00	38.328,14
Other revenue		38.328,14
E. REVENUE (to cover non-eligible expenditure)	0,00	38.328,14
F. TOTAL REVENUE	3.631.406,00	3.722.253,60
G. Profit/loss (F-C)	0,00	-146.554,51

FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

FEPS is co-funded by the European Parliament on an annual basis since September 2008, which means that 85% of its total yearly budget comes from an annual grant from the European Parliament. 15% of the budget must come from own resources, mainly brought in by the members and partners of FEPS supporting the activities implemented with their support. In 2014 FEPS did not receive any kind of membership fee from its members.

Provisional budget 2014:

For the year 2014 FEPS was allocated a total provisional budget grant of 3.631.406,00€, of which the European Parliament grant represents 3.086.695,00€.

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