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/Introduction

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/Preface



2007 was a transitional year for the European Union. During this year the Union faced several difficulties and went through a period of skepticism. As a young person I felt frequently the threat of insecurity. A substantial question was raised that preoccupied the young generation of Europeans: Does the European Union represent what we have learned in our academic books all these years?

Our generation was brought up with the knowledge that the European Union has been in progress for 50 years now. We believed that the unique structure that we call the European Union is the best example of cooperation and compromise for our common future. But suddenly clouds came to shadow this dream. The rejection of the Constitutional Treaty was a big blow to the stability of the Union. The European citizens felt that they could not trust anymore the European Union as a guide for the forthcoming years.

At that time the European Union needed the leadership which would drag us out of the crisis and give hope for the future. The leaders of Europe, especially those of EPP - decided to make an additional effort to reach a new agreement. It was not easy but the belief in this structure provided the motivation for compromise again. This compromise is called the Lisbon Treaty. As the President of YEPP, I can promise that our organization is going to be in the front line in this fight. YEPP is a pro-European organization. In its 10 year history YEPP is always present fighting for the future of Europe - our common future.

YEPP in 2007 made important decisions regarding the future. At the beginning of the year we tried to prepare for reforms. We undertook a financial reform in order to give YEPP the opportunity to solve financial problems that existed or could appear in the future. At the same time we needed to decide on the main topics that concern our generation and form a political agenda for the term 2007-2009 which will drive us to the next European elections. In May both of these projects were voted in our 6th Congress in Stockholm. In this Congress we voted on the base of financial stability for YEPP and my board was provided with its core political program for the future.

This Congress was the beginning of a period of serious political work for our organization. YEPP is the biggest youth political European organization and must influence the decision makers. Our voice must be heard loud enough in every room in Europe where decisions are being made. That is our target and under these conditions we are working. We believe in the European Union and we will use all our efforts to further progress. We need to convince the leaders that they must provide our generation with a stronger Europe, a real political Union.

From the beginning of this mandate, we engaged in a discussion on the climate change where we presented our own proposals in Croatia in September, we had a constructive debate on demographical challenge in Slovenia in December and we are continuing with our efforts. We will be ready at the end of 2008 to present our proposals on the most important issue for young Europeans and - we want YEPP to have an active role at the campaign for the next European elections.

YEPP is an organization with the most active and experienced young politicians. Our aim is for this group of very different people - who come from all over Europe- to combine their political thoughts in such a way that will provide YEPP with ideas that will recommend new proposals to the European Union. YEPP must be the vehicle that will drive our dreams into reality. YEPP is a unique chance for young people to put a small piece to the puzzle of the European Union. It is our decision how we are going to use it!

This Yearbook is a summary of what YEPP achieved in 2007. By just having a look you can understand what YEPP is about. We want to communicate to the readers the spirit of our organization. Nevertheless a book cannot replace the reality thus, I invite you to come and enjoy the unique experience of YEPP meetings. At last, I would like to thank all the young activists who follow YEPP, all the people who have contributed to this Yearbook and also the Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy for sponsoring our Yearbook for 2007.

YEPP President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Ioannis K. Smyrlis'.

Ioannis K. Smyrlis

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/ Board 2007-2009



President: Ioannis K. Smyrlis- (27) was born in Athens where he attended both school and University. He has a bachelor degree in Political Science and Public administration and a Master degree in European and international studies. He was President of MAKI (School

Student Organization of ONNED) for 3 years (2001-2004) and Secretary of International Affairs and Emigrant Helenism of ONNED (Youth of Nea Demokratia Political Party) for 3 years (2004-2007), permanent member in the Executive Committee of ONNED and also member of the Executive board from 2001. He was Vice President of the Youth European People's Party (YEPP) 2005-2007. He worked through a stage program at the National Constitution of Social Security (IKA) for 3 years and currently he works at the Ministry for Workers.



Secretary General: Martin Humer (Junge ÖVP, Austria) grew up in Linz an industrial town about 200 km west Vienna. He currently works as counsellor responsible for home affairs for the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU. Before this he served as Secretary General of Junge

ÖVP from 2000 until 2005 and is still a member of the national board. He was elected Secretary General in 2005 and re-elected in 2007.



Deputy Secretary General: Huibert van Rossum, born March 4 1977 Dirksland the Netherlands. Now 31 years old and living with wife and baby-daughter in, the City of Cheese and Syrup-waffles, Gouda the Netherlands. In daily life he earns a living as Liaison/policy assistant on European Affairs for the Christian

Democratic Group in de Dutch House of Representatives. Member of CDJA (Christian Democratic Youth Appèl) since 2001 and International Secretary within YEPP before he was elected in 2005 as Deputy Secretary General. In 2007 he was re-elected for a second term.



Treasurer: Sigborn Aanes (26) studied Public Relations at the Norwegian School of Management in Oslo. He worked before as political adviser and nowadays he is Adviser to Aabo & Co AS (PR Agency). He is active at different levels in Unge Høyre and he is project manager for democracy

projects in Tanzania and Uganda. He was elected as the first YEPP Treasurer in May 2007.



First Vice-President: Thomas Schneider (JU, Germany) born in 1976 in Mittweida (Saxony), close to Dresden (Germany). He studied Economy at the Technical University of Chemnitz and the Southampton Institute (UK). He works as a chief of cabinet in the German

Bundestag and part-time lecturer in Politics. He is also member of the advisory board of the World Security Network Foundation. He is chairman of the international commission of JU and member of the working group "European Affairs" of CDU Saxony. Since 2004 he is elected as a councillor of the county of Chemnitzer Land (Free State of Saxony). In the year 1990 he joined JU with founding regional organisation of JU after the iron curtain fell down.



Vice-President: Vaidas Augunas (JKD, Lithuania) was born in Kaunas. Received bachelor's degree Cum Laude in Political Science from the University of Vytautas Magnus (1999) and graduated as a Master of Law from the University of Mykolas Riomeris (2006). Carried out internship program in the Business

Management field in the US for 2 years. After his return to Lithuania (starting from 2003), he was offered a position in the Ministry of National Defence of Lithuania where he deals with International Relations. Vaidas was Chairman of JKD (Young Christian Democrats of Lithuania) for 2 terms.



Vice-President: Carlo De Romanis was born in Rome in 1980. He studied in Rome, Connecticut and Madrid. He is a graduate of international political science from the University of Roma 3, with a thesis on the European People's Party. In 2002 he moved to Brussels for an internship at the EPP-ED

Group, following the European Convention on the Future of Europe. Since 2004 he has worked as parliamentary assistant to MEP Antonio Tajani, EPP Vice-President. In 2005 he was elected Counselor of the Roma 2 District on behalf of Forza Italia. Since 2002 he has been the International Secretary of F.I.G.-Lazio and since 2006 Vice-chairman of F.I.G. International Board as well as Member of the F.I.G. National Board.



Vice-President: Paula Gómez De La Bárcena - (28) was born in Madrid, studied in other countries around the World (Sénégal, Paraguay, Switzerland). She is Secretary of International Affairs of Nuevas Generaciones (Youth of Partido Popular) and Vice-President of the Youth European People's

Party (YEPP). She studied law and she worked in a public enterprise in Madrid from 2005 to 2007. Currently, she works in the City Council of Madrid as a Political Advisor.



Vice-President: Darija Jurica (MHDZ, Croatia) was born in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in 1981. She studied Economics at the University of Zagreb. Currently, she is working as the Head of Department in the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia and is also a member of two working groups

for the preparation of Croatian negotiations with the EU on two individual chapters. Darija holds the position of International Secretary and is a member of the Presidency of the Youth of the Croatian Democratic Union (MHDZ). She was the financial auditor of YEPP before being elected as a Vice-President.



Vice-President: James Lawless (23) is a native of North County Dublin and has been involved in Young Fine Gael (YFG) since he was 15. He has served as chairman and secretary of numerous local associations of YFG and in 2004 was a member of the YFG National Executive, with responsibility for European elections. He is

currently Vice Chairman of the Swords Branch of Fine Gael in Dublin. In 2003 he was awarded the Joan Fitzgerald Memorial Shield for YFG Member of the Year. James has served as YFG International Secretary. James has studied law and political science at the University of Limerick and Tuebingen (Germany) and currently a postgraduate at the School of Law, University College Dublin. James previously worked as a researcher at the European Parliament and is a freelance contributor to national and local publications in Ireland.



Vice-President: Irina Pruidze (AME Georgia) was born in Tbilisi, Georgia in 1976. She studied Medicine at Tbilisi State Medical University and Psychology at Tbilisi Institute of Anthropology and Political Science. She is a member of the AME (Young Rights of Georgia) since 2002. From 2003-06 she was AME

Secretary General and in December 2006 she was elected as President. In 2004-06 she worked as the Head of Staff of the New Rights Party Group in Tbilisi City Council. She is a board member of the National Council of the Youth Organisations of Georgia and Deputy International Secretary of the New Rights Party of Georgia. She represents YEPP in the European Youthforum.



Vice-President: Laurent Schouteten (Jeunes Populaires - UMP, France) was born in Tourcoing in 1981 and grew up in the North of France. After graduating in general engineering (major in process) in 2005, he worked in ERP implementation in the agro-food industry before beginning post grad studies in entrepreneurship.

He now works as international project manager in the business travel sector. Laurent has been in charge of international relations and debates in his local section of Jeunes Populaires in the North of France between 2003 and 2005. He was appointed delegate of the National Board of Jeunes Populaires for international relations. He is now international secretary of Jeunes Populaires since 2006.

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of KDU and works in Stockholm. Charlie is Fraction Chairman of the Christian Democratic Group in Hammarö Municipal Council since the elections in 2006, and member of the Regional Council in Värmland.



Vice-President: Daniel Fanguero [27] was born in Matosinhos, Portugal He studys Management Degree in Catholic University of Oporto, and he is Vice-Mayor of the city of Matosinhos. He is a former Chairman of the National Board of Juventude Social Democrata (Youth of Social Democrats). Currently he

is President of the Congress of JSD and Vice President of the Youth of the European People 's Party (YEPP).



YEPP Executive Officer: Ann-Pascale Mommerency (jong CD&V, Belgium) [34] studied communication and marketing. She was working for 2 years at the Cabinet of the Minister of Justice. Afterwards she was Parliamentary Assistant to a member of the Federal Chamber and worked

during 3 years in the European Commission. Within JONG cd&v she was 3 years International Secretary. Nowadays she is member of the CD&V Committee for International Affairs. She is also elected as Vice-President of the regional CD&V.

YEPP Financial Auditors

Marialaura Marinozzi (GDC, San Marino)
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/Basic values and Principles

Human dignity

YEPP affirms the inalienable dignity of every human being. We regard every man and every woman as unique, irreplaceable, and free by nature. Every person has the right and the duty to be fully responsible for himself and his acts. The protection of human rights is inseparably linked with the protection of the rights of ethnic, cultural, and/or religious minorities.

Society

Each human being within society depends on others. Because they are free, responsible and interdependent, people must take part in the construction of a pluralist society. The family has a central role in such a society.

Values

Our thoughts and political actions are based on fundamental, interdependent, equally important, and universally applicable values : freedom, responsibility, fundamental equality, justice and solidarity.

Democracy

We consider that democracy is the only political system supporting and protecting the integral development of the individual. There is no alternative to democracy and the rule of law.

Economy and social policy

The concept of market economy and competition is central in our approach to the economic life. Together with democracy it makes it possible to achieve freedom through the decentralisation of power. The economic and social systems are inseparably linked to each other according to the principle "as much market as possible, as much state as necessary". We consider that it is vital to ensure social justice and solidarity based on partnership and participation at all levels, non-governmental and governmental, local, national and international.

Environment

Our concept of man calls for management of the earth with respect for the self-regenerating potential of nature. Protection of the environment and the concept of sustainable development are bound up with that of responsible growth and must be incorporated into every policy, at every level of power. Political, social and economic action must be geared to ensure that all potential is safeguarded for future generations.

Peace and security

We believe in the need of a common security architecture for Europe to guarantee the peace, stability and freedom of the continent.

Europe

We believe in the European Union, as it stands for a future of freedom and security, progress, prosperity and solidarity. European Union membership must be available to all countries of the European continent that meet the requirements of democracy, human rights and market economy.

Hand in hand with the enlargement must go further integration. For us there is no alternative to European integration.

Subsidiarity

We believe in the sovereignty of states which enables them to work freely and as good as they can to ensure the well-being and development of their people and to defend and reinforce the international legal order. This also means, however, that states must share their sovereignty in supranational and international organisations where they cannot take effective action individually. The European Union as a decentralised community of nations and peoples, not as a unitary super state, must take into account local, regional, national and European levels according to the principle of subsidiarity.

Participation

It is the citizens of the European Union who by their support give it its legitimation. The European Union requires the active participation of European citizens. Europe is not - and cannot be - the affair of governments alone.



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/ YEPP celebrates its 10th Anniversary in 2007!

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/YEPP 10th Anniversary and VI Congress “Agenda Setting in Europe”

2007 will always be a special year for YEPP as the organization celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Founded in 1997 in Brussels under the leadership of Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt, current Prime Minister of Sweden, YEPP felt honored to be able to celebrate this anniversary in Sweden, in the presence of the Prime Minister.

In its 10 years YEPP has developed into the largest youth political organization in Europe. Apart from being active within all the structures of the EPP and the EPP-ED Group within the European Parliament, YEPP is committed in a large number of other international fora where youth policy has a central role. Beside the political work, we are also keen to note the close political and personal friendships and partnerships which have been developed.

It was a big honour for YEPP to be hosted for the VI YEPP Congress by the Full Members Young Christian Democrats (KDU) and the Young Moderates (MUF). Our topic was 'Agenda Setting in Europe'. The Congress took place in Stockholm from 10-13 May 2007.

The welcome dinner was hosted by Mrs. Gunilla Carlsson, Minister for International Development Cooperation and former EPP Vice-President, who stressed the importance of constructive European efforts to fight global poverty.

Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of Sweden welcomed more than 200 young delegates from all over Europe. Prime Minister Reinfeldt presented the efforts of the





Swedish government in terms of job creation, enhancing opportunities for young people in society and creating an environment where entrepreneurship is thriving. Furthermore, he emphasized the government's ambition to be in the core of the European Union.

Jakob Forssmed, State Secretary, gave a presentation on the work of the four party centre-right Alliance for Sweden. Furthermore, Mr. Wilfried Martens, President of the European Peoples Party honored us with his presence and by his speech at the event. The participants were also addressed by Mr. Mats Odell, Minister for Financial Markets, who gave a speech on how to revitalize the Lisbon Strategy, and proposed steps for Europe to take in order to become the world's most competitive region. Erik

Zsiga, Program Director for Timbro/The Free Enterprise Foundation elaborated on dynamics which Western leaders could learn from politicians in New Europe. Having just released his book "Goodbye Eastern Europe", he described his experiences of pro-reform sentiment and optimism among political leaders in New Europe.

On 12 May, the Congress was officially opened in the Riksdag (Second Chamber of the Swedish Parliament). Besides electing a new board, the Congress adopted a new political programme for YEPP, 'Tomorrow's Answers Start Today'. Mr. Ioannis Smyrlis, President of YEPP at his speech stated the main goals of the new elected Board. The prior aim for YEPP is to form a complete arsenal of political positions for the major issues that



occupy the citizens of our countries with these issues that greatly affect all Europeans and Europe as a whole. YEPP will introduce political stands on European Union policies concerning youth issues such as the formation of a new employment strategy, while aiming to form concrete political positions on high politics issues (New European Constitutional Pact, Migration Policies, New Neighborhood policy, integrated Defense Policy) as well as other tasks that may occur as key policy issues in the near future.

The congress dinner and the celebration of the 10th anniversary took place in Solna, where the delegates were received by the hosts, presidents Ella Bohlin (KDU) and Niklas Wykman (MUF).

The event was very successful. 10 years of experience, 10 years of learning and evolution, 10 years of networking, 10 years of passion for youth politics and EU policy in general ... we are now more than ever ready for the upcoming years: the Future is ours, the Future is YEPP!

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/Reflexions



Hans-Gert Pöttering

Dear Youth of the European People's Party,

It is a deep pleasure to me as a father of two sons as well as a Member and even more as the President of the European Parliament to see young people who are interested in politics. You as the Youth of the European People's Party are not just interested in politics but want to become involved in the debates and the decisions about concrete policy questions. You offer yourselves to take over responsibility for our European societies as well as for the European project as a whole. Therefore, the 10th Anniversary of the Youth of the European People's Party in 2007 is a reason to celebrate and to congratulate. Over the last decade YEPP has become the largest political youth organization in Europe and a strong association with the EPP. Gathering and connecting 55 national member organizations from 35 different countries and coordinating more than one million members you contribute to international and intercultural communication, integration and friendship amongst the youth of Europe and also beyond European borders.

In times of globalization the cultural and political exchange becomes more and more important. It is the way to mutual respect and understanding. This exchange does not take place just between institutions and social groups but has to root in personal encounters and relationships. YEPP is a role model for frameworks and platforms we need more to bring together young people from all over Europe.

In the year 2007 you focused on climate change and demographics. Your proposals on how to face these challenges help to urge the European People's Party to be more proactive in these regards. By participating in such political conscience of the young European generation and shows its awareness for social responsibility. Furthermore YEPP not only realized a financial and statutory reform but also adopted a new political program which contains its visions and ideas of a sustainable Europe for the generations of tomorrow.

I would like to encourage your Chairman and all other YEPP members to continue the successful work of the past ten years. The success has a fundament we as European People's Party rely on: The Christian and moral values between nations, unconditioned human dignity, the rule of law and the promotion of democracy. Thus knowing where we are coming from and what we are working for we will face another decade of great development for Europe, for the European youth and for the Youth of the European People's Party.

With my very best wishes,
Hans-Gert Pöttering
President of the European Parliament



Joseph Daul

Dear friends,

I was honored to participate at the Seminar that has been organised at Strasbourg on the 18th of January 2008, and to be given the chance to communicate with you about the cultural diversity in Europe. The total package of your activities, seminars and meetings proves that for you all, diversity and intercultural dialogue are not only considered as a priority, to you it is so obvious, that it seems to be your way of life!

In general, I am very happy to see young people like you, who are ready to prepare Europe to deal with all possible future challenges.

In this era of globalization, emergence of new powers and climatic changes, while facing the rising power of terrorist threats, the PPE-DE group is convinced that only an united and confident Europe can permit us to regulate our economies, our social models, and assure that our voices will be heard by our partners.

While facing the increasing radicalism, our Group is convinced that inter religious and intercultural dialogue should remain - more than ever - a priority.

In order to have the maturity to open up to others, we must know ourselves. That is why the EPP-ED Group strongly engages itself in defending European values, in other words those of respect concerning human nature and dignity, tolerance and dialogue, and freedom of personal opinion and speech. These are equally your values, and your engagement at YEPP is the proof of your dedication.

Europe certainly needs committed people like you, who stand up for good values, who open up to others, are dynamic, multilinguistic, and who show a strong belief in the European structure.

I am asking you to continue in that way, and would like to congratulate you on your actions and vigour. Europe needs you.

Joseph Daul
Chairman
EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament



Wilfried Martens

2007 was a crucial year for the European Union. After the political identity crisis resulting from the negative referenda in France and The Netherlands on the Constitutional Treaty, Europe was looking with skepticism to the future. The citizens questioned whether the European Union is merely an economic agreement, or is the European Union a political structure moving towards further integration? These are the key questions to be dealt with by every European politician.

The EPP, the largest European political party, had a clear vision of Europe since its foundation and has lead the way taking the driving seat in the step stone decisions during its young history. Most recently we were the most instrumental party in the crucial decisions on our currency, in the Convention and on the Lisbon Treaty.

Today's European leaders must continue our strife and face the challenges in solidarity and with integrity and should relentlessly foster the further development and integration of our Union. At present we all need to engage ourselves in order to conclude the Treaty's ratification successfully and to focus on the campaign for the European elections because it is our duty to lead the European Union of the future.

2007 was the year that YEPP elected a new Board with the mandate to prepare the next campaign for the European Elections of June 2009. The newly elected President Yannis K. Smyrlis included in YEPP's agenda the most important topics regarding the future of Europe and its Youth. These are also topics of EPP's coming Congress Manifest. Amongst them the most important are the challenges of climate change and demographic shift. Your endeavours to work out the necessary policies for motivating the citizens and the future generations will be crucial.

YEPP's focus on these demonstrates its responsible attitude. Therefore the EPP is confident that YEPP will succeed in its goals and I look forward to your strong participation in the working organs of the EPP and especially in the preparation of our campaign for the European Elections.

Wilfried MARTENS
President
European People's Party

/New Political programme - key points

**David Hansen**

A Blue Star for Bigger Dreams

Among many memorable moments from six years in the YEPP Board, I think particularly of when we accepted new members to our midst. Accompanied by generous applause and welcoming handshakes. Occasionally even a kiss or two, or three. - Exotic for a Nordic, like me, but moreover a thrilling moment for those accepted. At our Congress in Stockholm this included Omladina DSS from Serbia and the Asocijacija Mladih SDA from Bosnia Herzegovina. Along with this the Council opened a process with the Youth Force Union of VMRO-DPMNE from FYRO Macedonia.

If there's one test to European efforts it should be whether they contribute peace. While earlier generations had wars and rivalries reconciled through European integration, deep-rooted conflicts still persist in some regions. Among these we find the Western Balkans. But here YEPP with our local members and partners have bigger dreams.

One blue star was right from the beginning in 1997 been YEPP's logo. In 2007 we gave it a graphical brush-up for the 10th anniversary. I hope it continues to inspire those bigger dreams needed to shape the Europe we want. Here I return to another achievements of YEPP in 2007. We developed and adopted a new political program titled "Tomorrows answers starts today". The European Elections in 2009 are to be prepared for by making sure the EPP formulates and adopts a solid Action Program for the next European Parliament (2009-2014). This draws a wider perspective to our activities.

YEPP is provided a window of opportunity with its presence and role in the EPP. My call to you is to continue to dream big. That is what YEPP is for; bigger dreams for Europe.

David Hansen
President (2005-2007)
Vice President (2001 - 2005)

**Ioannis M. Varvitsiotis MEP**

With the signing of the Reform Treaty, the EU exits a two-year long period of uncertainty that was generated by the failure of adopting the Constitutional Treaty. The EPP has constantly worked on the establishment and strengthening of European institutions that would contribute to the formation of a strong Europe, ready to face the challenges of a rapidly changing international system. The EPP party family has exercised leadership in all major European developments through its common view and joint efforts.

YEPP perhaps represents the most vibrant and dynamic pillar of the EPP family as it encompasses within its ranks the leaders of a generation that will be shortly called on to advance the realization of the European ideal. YEPP has during the last years brought together a growing number of national youths of our party political family and its work has revolved around the implementation of a steadily increasing number of initiatives and activities, including the adoption of several key resolutions.

The Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy (CKID), the official think-tank of "Nea Demokratia", the governing party in Greece, salutes the YEPP endeavours to perform with success its key role in European politics. The CKID strongly supports the strengthening and further development of Europe's most promising party of youth.

On behalf of the Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy, I wish every success to the YEPP in the implementation of its hard work and I express our readiness to always stand by your side.

Ioannis M. Varvitsiotis MEP,
Chairman
Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy

YEPP adopts a new Political Programme in 2007

"Tomorrow's Answers Start Today"

During the VI Congress of YEPP that took place in May 2007, YEPP adopted a new Political Program. This document was the result of several months of work of its members during various working groups.

We are all aware that Europe is facing different challenges such as globalization, demographic imbalances, global warming and growing inequality. YEPP is truly convinced that on its own, each EU country is too weak to successfully tackle the global challenges we face. A united Europe can be the solution, where leadership is shown. The belief in a common project is an inspiring project where all European citizens can be involved.

Political decision-making is all about values and principles. YEPP surely emphasizes:

- respect of human dignity and of minorities in our common European space;
- the importance of family and close communities;
- the inseparable links between economic and social policy;
- the promotion of democracy and the rule of law;
- the protection of the environment;
- a strong belief in the European integration process;
- subsidiarity and participation;

YEPP concluded his visions in a new document "Tomorrow's Answers Start Today".

The complete document can be found at www.yepp-eu.org. Below you can find an overview from the themes that are dealt with in the Political Programme.

1 Economy and Innovation

- 1.1 Governance of the Lisbon Agenda
- 1.2 Knowledge and Innovation
- 1.3 Role of the Euro
- 1.4 Taxation
- 1.5 Business environment

2 Employment and Education

- 2.1 Tackling unemployment
- 2.2 Flexicurity
- 2.3 Youth Pact
- 2.4 Life long learning as a dynamic factor of European Markets

- 2.5 Higher education
- 2.6 Mobility

3 Energy

- 3.1 Diversification of the gas sources
- 3.2 Nuclear Energy
- 3.3 One EU voice on Energy
- 3.4 EU Energy Policy
- 3.5 EU's Governments Energy Policy

4 Home Affairs

- 4.1 Human Rights and Data Protection
- 4.2 Internationally organized crime
- 4.3 Terrorism
- 4.4 Schengen
- 4.5 Asylum & Migration

5 Foreign Policy and Neighbourhood Policy

- 5.1 European Foreign, Security, Defence and Development Aid Policy
- 5.2 Strengthening the role of the EU in the world
- 5.3 The Role of the Armed Forces in an Integrated Security Architecture
- 5.4 Strengthening the EU role in the United Nations
- 5.5 Transatlantic Partnership as a Prerequisite to coping with International Challenges
- 5.6 Making Russia a reliable partner
- 5.7 Belarus
- 5.8 Peace and Security for the Middle East
- 5.9 Cooperation with New Powers - China and India, as well as Mexico, Brazil and South-Africa
- 5.10 Intensify the cooperation with Africa
- 5.11 EU Enlargement, Partnerships and Neighbourhood Policy

6 Social and Societal Issues

- 6.1 Social Europe
- 6.2 Intergenerational justice
- 6.3 Families
- 6.4 Health
 - 6.4.1 Combating abuse of alcohol and drugs
 - 6.4.2 Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- 6.5 Fighting poverty and social exclusion
- 6.6 Value of cultures and religion

7 Environment

- 7.1 A long-term plan
- 7.2 Energy
- 7.3 Transportation
- 7.4 Cross-sectoral

8 EU Institutions and decision making

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/Activities

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/YEPP seminars in 2007

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/YEPP Seminar: Rotterdam (NL) 17-20 January 2007

Proving Europe's worth. Transport the Energy to Drive Europe's Future!

The YEPP seminar, hosted by Full Member CDJA, took place between the 18th and 21st January 2007 in The Netherlands. For transport and especially harbours, Rotterdam is the right setting. The huge harbour, hinterland activities and cross-border logistics make the value of Europe's open borders clear. It therefore proves the worth of Europe.

The first session was hosted by the Port of Rotterdam. Mr. Van der Tak and Van Keulen gave a broad introduction on the variety of assets that are relevant for the future of the port in enlarging the possibilities for the

economical development. Besides the national aspect the relevance for a major part of Europe was presented by giving an insight into the transport networks which run in and out Rotterdam.

According to the Port of Rotterdam, particularly two issues are of great importance for the future:

1. fasten procedures for spatial building and construction projects, taking into account and with respect to good governance
2. reduce the huge governmental involvement of many public stake holders in projects.

The second session was conducted by Mr. Frank van den Heuvel, a trainer from the Eduardo Frei Foundation

(EFF). The related topic was 'energy'. He gave an overview on the different possibilities in coping with energy questions; bio fuels, solar energy, nuclear energy and other resources. Van den Heuvel also opened the discussion on 'Gazpromization';

Between the lunch break - in which participants were offered a boat tour on the river Maas - and the afternoon programme, participants could choose between two working groups : Statutory Reforms or one on the Working Paper and Resolutions.

On the Saturday, the YEPP Council meeting was held. During the Council meeting the working paper 'Proving Europe's worth. Transport the energy to drive Europe's future' was adopted.

Three speakers came to address the Council on Saturday: Mr. Jan van Laarhoven (chairman EFF), Ms. Corien Wortmann-Kool (MEP EPP-ED) and YEPP was also honoured to have former prime minister of the Netherlands Mr. Ruud Lubbers. He gave an introduction into his work and experiences on the issue of sustainability since the 70s.

The seminar was a great success in its content and organisation.



Adopted papers

- Adopted working paper on Transport
- Resolution on Nuclear Energy
- Resolution on Tax competition
- Emergency resolution on the Death Penalty

Working paper on transport

- The EU should investigate the efficiency of the EU wide transport flows, its needs for main transport routes, from inflow points at its borders (sea or land) and the infrastructure necessary to support freight transport within the EU to the hinterland
- The EU should invest in cross border logistic systems and appeal to countries to take swift action and not delay these developments. The EU must particularly invest in better infrastructure in Eastern and Central Europe to unlock these countries and stimulate fast routes between sea ports and inland markets
- To guarantee an efficient mobility and transport system within Europe, these harbour networks must take up a leading role in implementing the concept of "model shift", meaning that the most effective (combination of) mode(s) of transport must be used to bridge the distance between the harbour and the hinterland. This concept of "model shift" also contributes to the development of an environmentally friendly transport system by supporting railway and inland water transport systems.
- To guarantee good living conditions and to avoid environmental damage around Harbours and transport routes, EU wide measures need to be taken to combat fine dust exposures by cars and trucks, especially diesel-driven vehicles. Vehicles will have to be fitted with catalytic converters and soot filters. This would make diesel-driven cars as clean as today's petrol-driven cars.
- The European Commission and the International Maritime Organisation should agree upon tighter pollutant emission standards on shipping and the EU should play a world wide role both in researching and advocating this



06.1.2

/ YEPP Seminar: Zagreb (HR) 6-9 September 2007

The Youth of the Croatian Democratic Union (MHDZ), YEPP full member, hosted the YEPP Seminar around the topic of Climate Change in Zagreb, Croatia, 6-9 September 2007. YEPP had the honour to have Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia and the HDZ President addressed the seminar with an opening speech. The Prime Minister reported on the political situation in Croatia as it moves towards Euro-Atlantic integration. Speaking about climate change, Mr. Sanader emphasised the need of implementing comprehensive measures to address the challenge of global warming and concluded that it can only be done through international cooperation at the global level.

The participants were also addressed by Mr. Bozo Biskupic, Minister of Culture and HDZ International Secretary at the welcome dinner and, during the seminar, by H.E. Vincent Degert, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Croatia, speaking about the EU policy related to climate change, Mr. Nikola Ruzinski,

State Secretary for Environmental Protection and member of the Negotiating Team for the accession to the EU, who gave the presentation on what society can do to limit the effects of climate change, Mr. Vladimir Paar, academician and member of the Croatian Academy of Art and Science, spoke about the human and scientific responsibility for the climate change, Mr. Ante Curkovic, Professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, indicated the importance of the development, of research and use of the renewable energy and Mr. Kreso Pandzic, Assistant Director at the Meteorological and Hydrological Service, focused on the effects of the global warming on life on Earth.

Furthermore the first meetings of the Permanent Working Groups on European Affairs and Intergenerational Justice took place, which were followed by Working Groups on the working paper and the resolutions. These meetings were following by the YEPP Council meeting.



Adopted papers

- Adopted Working Paper on Climate Change
- Emergency resolutions on the fires
- Resolution on the Ukrainian elections

Working paper on Climate Change

The Politics of Globalisation

YEPP recognises the chief responsibility which must be borne by developed industrial nations to 'lead the way' in the fight against global warming. European nations must therefore "set this issue as an overarching priority and to speak with a single European voice."

Considering the multilateral approach to climate change adopted by Member States, the EU must continue "constant dialogue" with those developed nations who continue to refrain from ratifying the Kyoto Protocol in order to achieve a common global consensus and partnership in this most important of issues.

Developing countries also have responsibilities to undertake their contribution to reducing the rate of global warming - in this regard the use of "green diplomacy" by the EU and other developed countries is a key strategy which must be employed. The linking of economic cooperation and development cooperation to global climate change objectives must be the way to achieve global objectives on climate change.

The Strategy Going Forward

We must focus clearly on the targets being set for GHG emissions reductions over the next fifty years. YEPP is committed to the full realisation of the following targets:

- overall emission reductions for all industrialised countries of 30%, in comparison with 1990 levels, by 2020
- increase the share of renewable energy sources to 20% by 2020
- to obtain a 60-80% reduction in emissions, as compared with 1990 levels, by 2050

The need to combat the problems with "carbon leakages" inherent in the ETS system.

Incentivising environmental technologies.

The need for greater interdepartmental cooperation within European public policy in achieving climate change objectives - "so that...industrial policy and transport, agriculture, research and development and other initiatives are better coordinated with climate change targets.

Noting the significance of the decision by the European

Council of Ministers to include statistics on aviation emissions within the reduction targets after 2011. Considering the exponential expansion of air-travel in Europe, YEPP calls on immediate action to be taken to reduce carbon emissions drastically from this form of transportation. Unless immediate action is taken on this point, progress made in other areas of emissions reductions will be less meaningful.

Energy and Climate Change

As developed nations our reliance on electricity and other forms of energy is inextricably linked with our emissions problems. YEPP calls for the urgent deployment of renewable energy and environmentally friendly technologies.

Investment in the most modern forms of electricity transmission as well as in new electricity grids must be a priority in the objective to achieve greater energy efficiency.

Tariffs on energy efficient products must also be removed.

YEPP also recognises the individual responsibility of all citizens to be conscious of their contribution as consumers to carbon emissions and energy efficiency. A citizenry which is conscious of the gravity of environmentally unfriendly energy must be prepared to pay a premium for renewable energy.

06.1.3

/ YEPP Seminar: Ljubljana (SI) 6-9 December 2007

The YEPP seminar on Demography was organized 6th-9th December 2007 in Ljubljana, Slovenia and was attended by 73 representatives young politicians. It was organized jointly by three youth organizations of Slovenian members of the European People's Party (SDS (Slovenian Democratic Party), NSi (New Slovenia) and SLS (Slovenian People's Party)) - SDM (Slovenian Democratic Youth), MSi (Young Slovenia) and NG SLS (New Generation), all three being full members of YEPP.

The first evening of the seminar, a welcome dinner reception for participants was hosted by Mrs. Ljudmila Novak, MEP. The conference was officially opened on Friday morning by the president of YEPP Mr. Smyrlis, and the presidents of the three hosting youth organizations - Mr. Robert Ilc (MSi), Mr. Nikolaj Oblak (SDM) and Mr. Rok Ravnikar (NG SLS). Afterwards the conference continued with the presentation of Professor Mrs. Jana Bezenšek, who introduced the topic. She stressed that it is crucial for our societies to establish such conditions, which will encourage young families to have children, if we wish to turn around the negative demographic trends in Europe.

After the introduction and discussion, the participants were addressed by Mr. Janez Podobnik, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning and Vice President of the Slovenian People's Party (SLS) and Mr. Primo Pirc, the Director of the Slovenian Housing Fund. They focused mainly on those aspects of demography, which are influenced by spatial planning (housing for young families,...). Minister Podobnik stressed in particular certain incentives that have been put in place for young

families. The goal of the government housing policy in Slovenia is to enable housing security for as wide a circle of Slovenian citizens as possible.

On Friday afternoon, the panelists were Mrs. Marjeta Cotman, the Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs and Mr. Davor Dominko, Director General of the Directorate for Social Affairs at the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs. Minister Cotman stressed the importance of the chosen topic, especially for the young generation, which will have to deal with the consequences of demographic changes in Europe. She also pointed out certain priorities that Slovenia will deal with in this regard, also during the Slovenian EU Presidency in the first half of 2008. Mr. Dominko further explained some examples of Slovenia's efforts to stop the negative demographic trend, pointing out the successful reduction of youth unemployment, which contributes to better social security and can consequently also contribute to a better demographic trend.

After the presentation, conclusions of the day were made and the participants invited to a sightseeing tour of the cave "Postojnska jama". After the tour, the YEPP Board returned to Ljubljana for their scheduled meeting, while the other participants enjoyed a typical dinner in the Stanjel castle in the Karst region.

On Saturday morning, there were meetings of YEPP working groups, where participants discussed the draft working paper on demography and the proposed resolutions.

Before lunch, there was also a presentation of the upcoming Slovenian EU Presidency by Mr. Anže Logar, M.Sc., the Director of the Government Communication Office. He listed some priorities, namely: the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, EU enlargement and Western Balkans, EU Neighbourhood Policy, Energy Policy, Intercultural Dialogue and the Lisbon Strategy.

The lunch in the hotel was held in the presence of Mr. Milan Zver, Ph.D., Minister of Education and Sport and Vice President of the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS). Minister Zver pointed out the importance of such conferences, as they represent a further means of cooperation between youth from all over Europe and are important for the exchange of good practices.

After lunch the participants attended the YEPP Council Meeting, during which they adopted, with minimum amendments, the draft working paper on demography, entitled "Demography: our common challenge" and several resolutions.

After the Council Meeting, participants had the choice of attending the YEPP basketball match or going for a sightseeing tour of Ljubljana.

In the evening, the goodbye dinner was held in a scenic restaurant near Ljubljana, where the participants could choose from a variety of typical Slovenian dishes. The dinner was attended by Mr. Lojze Peterle, MEP and Vice-President of the EPP, who welcomed everyone to Slovenia and together with the hosts, taught the participants to dance some Slovenian traditional dances!



ADOPTED PAPERS

- Working Paper on Demography
- Resolution on the upcoming elections in Georgia
- Resolution on Schengen area
- Resolution on Nato
- Resolution on Safe Shipping
- Resolution about Financial Responsibility within EU
- Emergency resolution on Kosovo and Serbia

Working paper on demography

Demography is a crucial topic which is on the table in all Member States, as all our societies and economies will have to face future evolutions, due to this worrisome demographic situation. In the document, YEPP welcomed the inclusion of this issue into the priorities of the EU trio presidency programme (German, Portuguese and Slovenian presidencies of the EU). The role of YEPP was stressed in taking an active stand and putting forward certain concrete proposals, which could prove useful in tackling this challenge. The aim was not to find one solution to the problem, but rather to present some factors, which are perceived as having an impact on demographics and propose some solutions, which could serve as guidelines for policy-makers. Below are listed only the main ones, for more see www.yepp-eu.org :

- The FAMILY as an institution deserves our special and concrete support, so that balancing work and family life would be easier for both women and men.
 - Authorities must be aware of the need to facilitate suitable HOUSING for young families.
 - We must strive to improve the availability and access to CHILDCARE FACILITIES.
 - SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS have to adapt to the new challenges but at the same time retain their solidarity and viability.
 - Some of the most crucial proposals are related to the PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GENERATIONS. This partnership is very valuable to us and in this regard, we stated that PENSION systems need to be revised and the LABOUR MARKET needs to undergo certain changes, in order to keep social security systems financially viable in the long run and maintain them as socially acceptable.
 - Reforms of our education systems must continue, if we wish to make them more flexible and efficient.
- Our political family has been tackling these issues for some time already, either through policies of our national governments, our party manifestos, through the EPP, the EPP-ED group in the European Parliament or various events at an expert level. We are aware how important it is to tackle them promptly and efficiently, if we are to continue to live in an area of peace, prosperity and solidarity. We therefore invited the EPP to be even more proactive in this regard and again urge its members to act nationally in favour of such policies, which aim to improve the demographic situation in Europe.

06.2

/YEPP Summerschool: Limassol (CY) 27 June - 1 July 2007



The Summer School of the Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP), took place between the 27th of June and the 1st of July 2007, in the city of Limassol in Cyprus. 53 participants, from different European countries, attended the event, which was hosted by YEPP's full member, the Youth of the Democratic Rally (NE.DI.SY). The event was based at the seafront hotel, Kanika Pantheon.

The topic of the summer school was: "European Neighbourhood Policy. The Case of the Middle East". It is beyond dispute, that several problems, which the EU is faced with, (illegal immigration, racism, xenophobia), are related with the long lasting disputes in the Middle East. In the framework of the YEPP Summer School, the

participants, discussed measures, which could lead to a comprehensive European policy for the bloodstained Middle East.

Cyprus, is the nearest member-state of the European Union to the Middle Eastern region, and for this reason, Cyprus, was the ideal place to host a YEPP summer school with this burning topic.

During the event, we had the opportunity to invite a number of politicians, diplomats and academics, from Cyprus, the Palestinian Authority and Israel to give a speech. Among the speakers, were: His excellency, the Israeli Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. Avraham Haddam, who introduced the topic: "Israel and the European

Neighbourhood Policy", Mr. Bassem Eid, Director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, who introduced the topics: "The dispute among Israelis and Arabs" and "The current situation within the Palestinian Authority", the Deputy President of the Democratic Rally, Mr. Averof Neofytou, who introduced the topic: "Economical aspects of the European Middle Eastern Relations", the Dean of the Technological University of Cyprus, Professor Andreas Demetriou, the MEP of EPP/ED Group, Mr Panayiotis Demetriou, who introduced the topic: "European Integration Policy. Immigrants from the Middle East" and the spokesman of the Democratic Rally, Mr. Tasos Mitsopoulos, who introduced the topic: "EU-Middle East: Prospects and Challenges".

The most distinguished speaker of the summer school was the candidate for the presidency Republic of Cyprus, MEP of EPP/ED Group, Mr. Ioannis Kasoulides, who gave his speech during the Gala dinner, on Thursday, the 28th of June.

During their stay in Cyprus, the participants had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather and the beach, as well as the traditional food and drinks and the summery night life of Limassol

06.3

/ YEPP Working Day: Brussels (BE) 31 March 2007

YEPP was dealing with major dossiers in 2007. During the council meetings in Bruges (Belgium) and Rotterdam (The Netherlands), all YEPP Members therefore decided to gather once more for preparatory work ahead of the YEPP Congress that took from 10-13 May in Stockholm, Sweden.

This day consisted of several workshops. The aim was to finalize the statutory reform and the discussions on the draft new YEPP Political Program took place. A draft version of the political program was sent out before the meeting in order to receive in advance amendments.

The working day took place at the CD&V Headquarters and around 75 representatives were present.



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/ Permanent Working Groups

In the beginning of 2007 YEPP continued her efforts of the work that started in 2006.

We have concluded a financial reform, that was necessary for guaranteeing the future of YEPP, as well as a Statutory reform which was needed. Furthermore the need for a new political programme was underlined. The work was done in different working groups that took place during the seminars. The conclusions were approved and concluded during the Congress in Stockholm in May 2007.

Working Group on Political Affairs

Working Group I, chaired by First Vice-President Robert Golanski and Vice-President Jeroen Vanden Berghe, focused on the Rome Manifesto of the EPP, the YEPP seminar working papers and the resolutions. It was also the forum where the next political program was prepared. Based on the values and principles all YEPP member organizations share, but tailored to the expectations of future political generations. The document invigorated the political debate between the member organizations, but will also set the political framework for the upcoming YEPP Board 2007-2009.

Working Group on Financial Reform

The difficult economic situation of YEPP urged the organization to undergo a thorough financial reform. The strongest contributing factors to the difficulties were an increased level of activity and the rise of the amount of members.

Working group on the Statutory Reform

This Working Group was chaired by vice-president D. Cermak and Deputy Secretary General H. van Rossum. The working group focused on the process to adjust the YEPP statutes from the current situation and be of service for the future. YEPP recognised that through the growth of the organisation certain adjustments in the statutes had to be made. The goal to reach is to establish a statutory reform that can serve the functioning of YEPP in the upcoming years.

After the Summer of 2007 the new board introduced two new permanent working groups.

Working Group on Intergenerational Justice

YEPP's political program has introduced our high interest on reforming Europe's society and economy and to have the right and convincing answers not only to the fellows of our generation. Demographic change, with continually lower birth rates, is leading to a Social Security system where the needs of the older generation must be met by an ever-smaller group of wage earners. At the same time the burden of taxes and repayment of state debt are falling on ever fewer shoulders.

The aim of the Working Group on Intergenerational Justice which is chaired by Thomas Schneider, First Vice President, and Laurent Schouteten, Vice President, is to take demographic change and intergenerational justice as a special concern of our work. We see intergenerational justice and sustainability not only as principles of environmental policy, that is of course a main point, but also as part of social and financial policy



/YEPP active player around the world

YEPP as constructive partner with EPP, EPP-ED Group

YEPP is represented in each working group of the EPP as well as the EPP Political Bureau. They try to play a constructive role within all these working groups and they also try to put youth issues on the political agenda.
www.epp.eu
www.epp-ed.eu

YEPP in cooperation with other EPP Associations

In 2007 YEPP invested also more in its cooperation with other EPP Associations, such as the EPP Women, European Senior Citizen's Union (ESU) and SME-Union.

Besides the presence during congresses of the Women and Seniors associations, YEPP organized a joint meeting with SME-Union in Belgrade on the 14th December in order to promote Young entrepreneurship in the Balkan region. In the future such projects will be expanded.

YEPP will try to expand these forms of cooperation and will also try to cooperate closer with the European Union of Christian Democratic Workers (EUCDW).
www.sme-union.org
www.epp-women.org
www.eu-seniorunion.info
www.eucdw.org

Besides these events, YEPP also was active in the European Ideas Network (EIN).
www.ein.eu

Together fighting for youth issues!

YEPP is a member of the European Youth Forum and is also part of the meetings between all European political parties.

www.youthforum.org

They have a special relation with the European Democratic Students (EDS) as well as DEMYC.
www.edsnet.org and www.demyc.org

YEPP as grateful partner

YEPP can in its political and organizational work count on the following partners: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), the Robert Schuman Foundation, Hans-Seidel Stiftung (HSS), IRI, E. Frei Stiftung and K. Karamanlis Foundation, Institute for Democracy.

Cooperation outside the EU

YEPP attended several congresses and events outside the EU and established relations with possible partners in the US, Latin-America, Africa, Middle-East, ...

In August 2007 a study mission was undertaken in Tanzania with the Young Decision Makers Programme of the European Parliamentary Forum (YDM - EPF), where topics such as sexual and reproductive health were discussed. The meeting had a follow-up event in Lisbon (September 2007).

In the beginning of December YEPP was present at the JODCA Congress, Youth of the Christian Democrat Organization of America in Bogota (Colombia).



/Adopted YEPP Documents in 2007

- Adopted Working Paper on Climate Change
- Adopted Working Paper on Transport
- Adopted Working Paper on Demography

- Emergency resolutions on the Fires in Southern Europe
- Emergency resolution on the Death Penalty
- Emergency resolution on Kosovo and Serbia

- Resolution on the Ukrainian elections
- Resolution on Nuclear Energy
- Resolution on Tax competition
- Resolution on the upcoming elections in Georgia
- Resolution on Schengen area
- Resolution on Nato
- Resolution on Safe Shipping
- Resolution about Financial Responsibility within EU

- YEPP Political Programme "Tomorrow's Answers start Today"
- YEPP Statutes

All documents can be found on www.yepp-eu.org



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