



Report on the Oslo Seminar and Council meeting **7th of October – 10th of October**

In October 2004, Kristelig Folkepartis Ungdom (Norway) and Unge Høyre (Norway) hosted a YEPP seminar on the topic **'Social Europe: More freedoms – more opportunities'**. The seminar started on Thursday afternoon with a reception at the Parliament of Norway. The reception was addressed by YEPP president Daniel Bautista, Dagrunn Eriksen, Vice President of Kristelig Folkeparti and MP Julie Christiansen of Høyre. This was followed up by a welcome dinner for all at "Centraal", a restaurant situated near the parliament.

Most of the weekend was spent at the Office of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association, where the seminar, working groups and Council meeting took place. First up was a session called "Social Europe and Public Health Issues", addressed by Helmut Wagner, director of the Amsterdam Group. Next up was a session on the value based approach to politics, addressed by the prime minister of Norway, Kjell Magne Bondevik. Luc Vandeputte, Deputy Secretary General of EPP, later held a presentation on EPP and the need for YEPP as a youth organisation within the party. The final speaker on Friday was Erna Solberg, President of Høyre and Minister of local and regional affairs, with a presentation on the challenges of a multicultural Europe. That night, delegates were taken to dinner at TGI Fridays on Carl Johans boulevard, at the centre of Oslo.

The next day, Saturday was set aside for the YEPP working groups and the YEPP council to meet. Most of the day was spent to discuss the draft political programme, "Social Europe: More freedoms – more opportunities", which was later accepted by the Council. A resolution on the October election in Ukraine was accepted, in addition to a resolution on Croatian and Bulgarian accession to the EU. In the evening, the delegates were taken to have dinner at Hvalstrand Bad, which later was followed by a party hosted by Unge Høyre, at the office of the Conservatives.

On Sunday the delegates were given the opportunity to attend a guided tour in Oslo, before returning home.