

# Annual Report 2017



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## A Message from our Co-Presidents

The European Union and its member states have been facing unprecedented challenges over the last few years. The rise of authoritarian and extreme-right forces seeking to dismantle democracy, jeopardising human rights, and promoting closed societies is unfolding in many countries. We also see too little progress in the critical fight against climate change, and for a truly sustainable economic and social system. On the other hand, the number of civil society organisations, grassroots movements and citizens uniting in defence of their rights and European democracy is increasing every day.

The given context placed our organisation before a great political challenge, which we chose to tackle through the foundation's conjoint efforts with our partners, directed towards citizen empowerment, capacity building and tabling important topics that are often overlooked.

In 2017, we contributed to the European political and intellectual debates by initiating the 'Green Salon' project - an invitation-only event designed to collect inputs from Green actors from the European and national level as well as independent experts and thinkers. The first edition of the Green Salon sought to balance a fringe debate on European Security and Defence with the magnitude it carries in times of insecurity.

This process was complemented by the work of the Green European Journal, which contributed to a larger discussion on political ecology and the future of European democracy with the regular inflow of articles and two printed publications. The 'Fear and Trembling: Perspectives on Security in Europe' edition was our strong shot on looking beyond today's politics of fear, towards a politics of hope. In a similar spirit, the latest, 16th edition of the Journal, 'Talk of the Town: Exploring the City in Europe' illustrated how European thinkers and members of the Green political family pull these two topics closer to each other and wrap the debate around cities as political centers.

Our Fundraising Training for organisations working on Migration, Refugees & Asylum, on the other hand, built a strong case for change we aim to bring to different communities across Europe. This project is a great example of GEF building bridges and empowering citizens to claim an active role in shaping the future of Europe and the European society.

We believe that young people are becoming a driving force for societal and systemic transformation, and it is therefore of utmost importance to make political education more accessible to European youth. Just to name a few, our 'European Green Activists Training' is tapping into the momentum and shortening the distance

between youth and European decision-making. Along these lines, our digital learning platform 'GEF-learning.eu', developed in cooperation with the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament, has become central to demystifying the work of the European Institutions for the purpose of higher civic engagement and building the capacities of young activists.

Finally, through our network of national and regional Green foundations, we have implemented numerous transnational projects and summer schools, resulting in workshops, seminars, trainings, exhibitions, debates and publications all over Europe. We tackled crucial topics for the Green movement, from economy and climate to energy, democracy and human rights, in our efforts to promote a European public sphere where citizens are empowered to participate in European politics.

We will continue striving to ensure that the development of the European project is inspired by and built through exchanges between national and European actors, who can learn from their differences and work together to forge a shared European vision. We thank all of you who have been part of GEF in 2017 and count on your Green engagement this year and the years to come!

With warm regards,

Lucile Schmid & Susanne Rieger




## Our Mission

The Green European Foundation (GEF) is a European level political foundation funded by the European Parliament. It is linked to, but independent of, other European Green actors such as the European Green Party and the Green Group in the European Parliament.

The mission of GEF is to contribute to the development of a European public sphere and to foster greater involvement by citizens in European politics, ultimately forging a stronger, more participative democracy. GEF strives to mainstream discussions on European policies and politics both within and beyond the Green political family. It works to create a common Green vision for Europe and to communicate this to the wider public.

In its contribution to building another Europe, GEF seeks to encourage cross-border cooperation and exchanges. The foundation therefore acts as a platform to discuss Europe's shared challenges by bringing diverse actors together, from European to national foundations, think tanks, academics and NGOs. In other words, GEF aims at bridging the gap between activism at the national level and the decisions that are being made at the European level by coordinating a lively network.

GEF aspires to reach broader audiences across Europe by acting as a laboratory for new ideas through the Green European Journal and other publications in different languages. The Foundation also develops capacity-building and political education programmes for its partners and for young activists eager to get involved at the European level. Finally, GEF supports its national partners across Europe in organising conferences, seminars and other exchanges, mainly through transnational projects. GEF operates within a European context beyond the borders of the EU, due to the EU's ongoing expansion and Europe's shared values and history.

GEF's work programme is organised around three pillars, which will be further illustrated throughout this report: Study and Debate, Capacity Building, and Networking.



# STUDY & DEBATE

Encouraging European-level study and debate is central to GEF's efforts to create a truly active public space for exchanging and developing new ideas. GEF invests in research on a variety of European topics, highlighting innovative Green approaches. The results are disseminated through both printed publications and online articles. Furthermore, transnational projects, organised with the support of Green foundations across Europe, foster reflection on topics of utmost importance as they provide spaces for debate and exchange.



## Green European Journal

[www.greeneuropeanjournal.eu](http://www.greeneuropeanjournal.eu)

In 2017 the Green European Journal continued its work of providing a vibrant and multilingual platform for exchanging ideas, sharing analysis and sparking debates. It built upon its new Green Observatory feature releasing three round-ups on 'Tax Injustice', 'Security', and 'Robotics and Artificial Intelligence'. It created a new 'In Focus' feature (a week-long promotion of a selection of articles on a particular topic) and had four these editions throughout the year about Germany, Poland, Robotics, and Gender. It also built upon its Interview of the Month feature by creating videos of the interviewees of the month, as well as videos of other authors and contributors. The Journal published 145 interviews and articles on a wide range of topics and continued to promote inclusiveness for readers around Europe, with 70 new translations and dozens of articles being republished in publications around Europe. Several GEF projects led to articles and new contributors to the Journal. The Green European Journal's social media platforms, established in mid-2016, started to generate a significant amount of traffic, engagement, and attention. The annual page visits for the website almost tripled, jumping from just under 40,000 in 2016 to more than 106,000 in 2017.

# GREEN EUROPEAN JOURNAL



Two thematic editions were released, broaching topical issues and bringing together a wide range of voices and approaches. April saw the launch of 'Fear and Trembling: Perspectives on Security in Europe', which attempted to identify the sources of fear and insecurity in Europe today, and possible solutions, launched in Liverpool, UK. 'Talk of the Town: Exploring the City in Europe', released in November, looks at urban politics and the potential of the city as a laboratory for progressive ideas, launched in Karlstadt and Zagreb, in collaboration with the Institute of Political Ecology. The Journal also printed more than a dozen booklets in French, Dutch, Polish, and English.

The Journal was also present at various summer schools across Europe, at Ecopolis, the Green Group in Parliament's 'Study Days' in Ostende, the European Youth Congress in Gdansk, and was represented by Beatrice White at the 'Journées D'été' in Dunkirk. The Journal also held board meetings, and the first 'Network of Green Partner Publications' meet up in November. The Journal also said goodbye to longstanding deputy editor, Beatrice White, and welcomed Jamie Kendrick as editorial assistant.



## Future of the European Union

### The Potential Impact of Brexit on the Prospects for a Green Transition in Europe

*With the support of Green House Think Tank (United Kingdom), Fundacja Strefa Zieleni (Poland), Green Foundation Ireland, Cogito (Sweden), Fondation de l'Écologie Politique (France), Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (Germany)*

This project intended to trigger the much-needed public discussion of Brexit's impacts on individual Member States, as well as on the EU level, while exploring what this means for the Green movements' endeavour in the transition to sustainability. The main objective of the project was to identify ways of how the European countries could streamline their efforts to counter climate change and work towards a greener economy beyond a common membership of the European Union.

Within the framework of the project, a series of public events were organised in Stockholm, Paris, Puszczykowo and London. The concluding conference of the project 'The potential impact of Brexit on the prospects for a green transition in Europe', coordinated by Green House took place in November, and was attended by experts in the field, GEF Co-President Lucile Schmid, Caroline Lucas, as well as Terry Reintke and Molly Scott representing the Greens in the European Parliament.

The report can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – [www.gef.eu](http://www.gef.eu)

### Good City for All

*With the support of the Institute for Political Ecology (Croatia)*



Urban politics is central to community building and proves to be a great platform to engage in local politics. With that in mind, we organised an event together with the Institute for Political Ecology in Zagreb, Croatia on December 6, entitled 'Good City for All'. The event gathered researchers, activists, scholars and European as well as local politicians to discuss opportunities to foster political change on the ground. The inputs from the panelists drew a sharp outline of a debate on the transformative power of urban politics in Europe.

Moreover, the Green European Journal hosted a panel of experts discussing the transformative practices in European cities. The panel was named after the winter edition of the journal: 'Talk of the Town: Exploring the City in Europe'.

# European Defence Policy

## Green Salon

*In cooperation with the Green Group in the European Parliament*



The Green Salon is an invitation-only event series for the Green family to discuss core issues that shape the future of the European Union. The first Green Salon took place on October 18 and addressed the topic of the future of European defence, which has re-emerged on the European agenda, raising questions as to its direction, ambitions and goals.

The two main contributions from Nicoletta Pirozzi, Istituto Affari Internazionali, and Sven Biscop, Egmont Institute, served as a springboard for the debate. After their input, an open discussion between all participants under Chatham House rules formed the core of the event.



The official [YouTube channel](#) of the foundation hosts two videos of the Green Salon project.

# Green Economy

## A Green Transformation - Freedom and Security in Uncertain Times

*With the support of Oikos (Flanders, Belgium), Grüne Bildungswerkstatt (Austria), Green Foundation Ireland, Ecopolis (Hungary), Institute for Political Ecology (Croatia), Green Institute (Greece), Green House Think Tank (United Kingdom)*

Building on last year's transnational project 'ECOPRO – Sustainable Work for All', we continued to look into alternatives to the growth-based economy that no longer represents a feasible development path for the contemporary society.

The 2017 edition of the project aimed to address questions on how to adapt the economy, the labour market, and the welfare state to this changing environment, while striving for ecological alternatives that allow a good life for all.

Following the development of the framing paper, 'Freedom and Security in a Complex World', an international congress was organised on December 1 in Brussels, Belgium, along with other small-scale debates in various countries with the input of more than 10 speakers. The publication can be found in English, French, German and Hungarian under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – [www.gef.eu](http://www.gef.eu)

## Revision of the Economy in the Balkans

*With the support of BlueLink (Bulgaria), Sunrise (Macedonia), Networked (Serbia)*

This transnational project gathered best practices from the three participating countries with the aim of showcasing and promoting a transformation of the economy towards environmental, low-carbon and energy efficient production along with increasing prosperity and equity in society.

The project was concluded with a two-day conference on November 9 to 10 in Sofia, Bulgaria, where all findings from the conducted study, such as key concepts, facts and figures of green economy as an alternative to traditional economy, as well as formulated policy proposals were summarised.

The publication can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – [www.gef.eu](http://www.gef.eu)



## Digital Transformation

### Ecopolis 2017: Digital Together

*In cooperation with Oikos (Flanders, Belgium), and Etopia (Wallonia, Belgium)*

Another successful event - Ecopolis took place on October 8 and explored the impact of the digital era on relationships between people, between people and organisations as well as between people and politics. The full-day programme accommodated several keynote speeches, high-level panel discussions and round table workshops, which converged around the possibilities of digital technologies to unite people in different ways. One of the core questions was how we can build political communities in the digital era and what policies can be developed on the EU level to facilitate this goal?

The Green European Journal also hosted a panel debate 'Fear the Robot!' moderated by Aurélie Maréchal. Aleksandra Przeglasińska and Aaron Sterniczky discussed the ethical and normative questions that the increased use of robotics brings up.

Check out the full video and written interviews with Aleksandra and Aaron on the official [YouTube channel](#) of the foundation or the social media accounts of the Green European Journal.

### Digital Commons - Towards A European (W)E-Democracy

*With the support of Oikos (Flanders, Belgium), Etopia (Wallonia, Belgium), Fondation de l'Écologie Politique (France), Fundacja Strefa Zieleni (Poland), Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe*



This transnational project on the commons focused on the possibilities that are emerging in the digital age, firstly for citizens to organise themselves in innovative ways, such as through citizens' online platforms or discussions around new digital rights, and, secondly, transforming the way citizens can influence and even co-create policy decisions that affect their lives. The activities organised aimed to foster an understanding of how citizens build online communities in order to participate in political processes and how a political party can reinvent itself.

A trend paper with the title '(W)E-Democracy – Will parliament survive the digital era?' was produced and printed in the framework of this project.

The publication can be found under the Tools & Publications section on our website – [www.gef.eu](http://www.gef.eu)

## Religion and Secularism

### Green Values, Religion and Secularism

*With the support of Green Foundation Ireland*

Following the successful transnational project 'Green Values, Religion and Secularism' of the past two years and the publishing of the book with the same title, the conference Green Values Religion and Secularism took place in Dublin, Ireland on July 1. The conference was a reminder to a wide audience of both academia and Green activists of the necessity to consider the values underpinning European democracy and civil society and to engage in a dialogue to educate a wide public on Green viewpoints on how these values can be practiced in the world today.

As a follow up to our last year's transnational project on basic income, our six project partners organised a series of events to address the ever-growing concerns of the European citizens regarding our social security structures and the future of work and formulate corresponding solutions. The aim of the project was to work towards finding a common language and philosophy, among other things, by summarising the ongoing European debate on the topic of basic income and highlighting the differences and common points.



## Work and Solidarity

### Living with Dignity – Basic Income for All EU Citizens?

*With the support of Fundació Nous Horitzons (Catalonia, Spain), Fundació EQUO (Spain), Green Institute (Greece), Visio (Finland), Federation of Young European Greens, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (Germany)*



Within the framework of the project two study visits in Barcelona, Spain and Helsinki, Finland were organised.

Written accounts by our experts entitled 'Constraints Against and Prospects Towards the Implementation of the Basic Income in Greece Within the Crisis' and 'Basic Income Model of the Finnish Greens' can be found under the Tools & Publications section on our website – [www.gef.eu](http://www.gef.eu)

# CAPACITY BUILDING

GEF promotes education and training and provides opportunities for building capacity and encouraging networking amongst Green actors across Europe. Our aim is to raise awareness among citizens about Green solutions to the challenges Europe faces, and to enhance the ability of activists and Green actors to work on issues on the European level. We implement this through transnational events, such as workshops, seminars, public conferences and summer universities, organised with national Green foundations, as well as through online and face-to-face trainings.

## European Green Activists Training

*With the support of Institute for Active Citizenship (Czech Republic), Visio (Finland), Ecopolis (Hungary), Ceratonia Foundation (Malta) Green Window (Croatia)*

Already in its third year, the project continued its efforts to train young, Green-minded people on European politics and active citizenship, to enable them to promote Green values and politics in society. The project now has grown in size as well, and it is adding a European dimension to existing trainings on the national level even more actively. The five project partners selected the participants in early autumn and simultaneously hosted training courses in their respective countries on local, national and European politics as well as on key green topics.



The training will culminate in a common Brussels study tour, scheduled for early March 2018, where the participants from the five countries will gather together for an exciting week of discoveries and exchanges at the heart of Europe.

## European Youth Conference

*In cooperation with the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Warsaw*



Last year's European Youth Conference titled 'Regain or Retreat? European Youth in an Age of Uncertainty' was organised in cooperation with the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung office in Warsaw and European Solidarity Centre in Gdansk, Poland. The three-day conference hosted multi-topical discussions and workshops, addressing issues including globalisation and European and nationalist answers to it.

GEF staff members coordinated the sequence of workshops on presentation skills, online learning and curriculum design, as well as creative writing and digital journalism.



## GEF-learning.eu

### **Impact Europe: Online Course for Green Activists**

*In cooperation with the Green Group in the European Parliament*

'Impact Europe' is an online course for those who want to look at the past, present, and future of the EU, the battles Greens carry continuously at European level and why they matter. It also presents ways in which young people can become engaged in order to shape the future of Europe.

It is based on unique content and a stimulating learning environment and methods; there is no wonder the course became an instant hit after it was launched in January 2017. By October Impact Europe was refreshed with new content and promoted it with a large-scale promotional campaign. By the end of 2017, the platform had registered over 1,000 learners.

### **Fundraising for Political Activism**

This new course is designed to support citizens, activists and organisations who are looking to mobilise resources to support their cause. The course content ranges from general fundraising strategy tips to practical information on setting up a crowdfunding campaign.

### **Campaigning Strategies**

This is a course aimed at citizens who want to engage in political campaigning, whether as part of citizens movements, civil society organisations or political parties. The course presents easily accessible tips on building campaign strategies.

### **EU Elections**

This mini-course is designed for citizens interested in exploring the role of the European Parliament and discovering how their vote in the European elections can make a difference. Equally, the course content can be used by organisations dedicated to the promotion of European democracy in their communication with citizens.

## Migration, Refugees & Asylum Seekers

### **My Life According to Me**

*With the support of Fundaci3n EQUO (Spain), Fundaci3n Nous Horitzons (Catalonia, Spain), Green Economics Institute (United Kingdom), Green Institute (Greece), Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)*

This project is a continuation of the 2016 transnational project 'Refugees and Migrant Policies – The Local Level', aiming to empower migrants to become politically active and be the narrators of their own stories by organising trainings with them in Greece and Spain. As planned, seminars on film-making and storytelling, along with photo exhibitions took place in both countries.

Within the project frame, the platform [www.mylifeaccordingtome.eu](http://www.mylifeaccordingtome.eu) was created, which later hosted multimedia submissions from refugees. One of the participants was awarded a professional video-making certification course.





## Funding Projects for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

*In cooperation with the Green Group in the European Parliament*

In 2016, GEF and Greens EFA collaborated on the 'Guide to EU Funding on Migration and Asylum', a publication available in 16 languages which showcases EU funds available to local activists and organisations across Europe. Between September 28 and October 1, GEF organised a training in Athens, Greece, which allowed 20 organisations working on these topics to exchange best practices, at the same time as reinforcing their fundraising capacities.

Besides the objective of equipping selected organisations with practical skills on fundraising (both European Commission funding and innovative ways of fundraising, such as crowdfunding and public-private partnerships), the training provided a space for discussions on the current situation in Europe and ways in which different grassroots organisations can cooperate to reinforce each other's work in the area of refugees and asylum seekers. A public panel with local political actors, representatives of the European Commission, and the Green Group in the European Parliament was live-streamed via GEF's social media.

## #GEFsummer 2017

In 2017, GEF attended Escola d'Estiu, the summer school of our Catalan partner foundation, Fundació Nous Horitzons, which took challenges to European democracy as its main focus. The topic of our workshop was freedom of expression and the power of language in the context of political communication. GEF also led the plenary debates on the question of 'The Left and Environmentalism in Southern Europe' with the aim to discuss the possibility to outline a pan-European alternative.

In July, GEF supported the Summer Academy of Fundacja Strefa Zieleni with the title 'Hope and cope', set in the National Park Puszczykowo near Poznan. The summer school provided a platform to Greens from different countries to exchange knowledge on a broad variety of European topics, such as the success of far-right movements and dangers to democracy, women's rights, trade policies and environmental issues.



Once again in 2017, GEF organised a workshop during the Austrian Summer Lab entitled 'Disputed Democracy - Democracy in Societies of Decline', which was hosted by the regional office of the Austrian Grüne Bildungswerkstatt Grüne Akademie Steiermark. GEF hosted an in-depth workshop, exploring various narratives for change: how can we create alliances of different forces in Europe, which oppose the status quo while disassociating from the far right at the same time.

The #GEFsummer workshop series was concluded in September with the 9th edition of Univerde, organised by the Spanish Fundación EQUO under the title 'The future of Europe: Democracy and borders in the era of global society'. The Summer University was full of interactive workshops and plenary sessions on topics such as post-Brexit Europe, populism, borders and mobility.



# NET WORKING

GEF acts as a framework for cooperation between Green actors at the European level. This is a key element of its work and helps to ensure the sustainability of its activities, as the contributions of diverse European partners are vital to create and encourage European debate. GEF believes that Europe is also built through exchanges between national actors, who can learn from each other and work together to forge a shared European vision.

## European Green Family

### GEF at European Green Party Councils

The Green European Foundation was present during the 2017 Global Greens and European Green Congress in Liverpool from March 30 to April 2 as well as European Green Party Council in Karlstad, Sweden from November 24 to 26.

As part of the Congress, GEF organised a workshop for Green foundations and institutes from around the world to provide a platform of exchange and to support the definition of common political goals and cooperation opportunities. Furthermore, GEF organised a workshop on E-learning, presenting its own experience of GEF's 'Impact Europe: Online Course for Green Activists' and discussing participants' resources and needs to get involved in E-learning, while the Green European Journal launched its newest edition, 'Fear and Trembling – perspectives on Security in Europe', in the format of a panel discussion on the edition.

In Sweden, GEF and Green European Journal conjoined efforts to increase the visibility of the foundation amongst the members of the European Green family. We promoted online learning and training, which has a potential to provide opportunities for building capacity amongst Green actors across Europe. The workshop was based on our experience with developing the 'Impact Europe' course together with the Green Group in the European Parliament.



GEF in cooperation with the Heinrich-Böll Stiftung European Union office also organised a panel debate entitled 'Greens in Negotiations'. The panel was an echo of our successful 'German Greens in Coalition Governments' collaborative project, which resulted in a publication reviewing the experience of the Alliance 90/The Greens Party succeeding in taking over governmental responsibility in the majority of the 16 federal states.

Through this debate, we created a space for the representatives of national Green parties to exchange their experiences with coalition talks and negotiation tactics. The speakers from Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Portugal addressed the question of reasonable conditions for a coalition government.

In parallel, we launched the latest edition of the Green European Journal entitled 'Talk of the Town: Exploring the City in Europe'.



## National Green Foundations

### GEF Day on Education and Training

In October, GEF hosted its annual Education and Training day in Brussels for its partner foundations. This annual event serves as a platform for exchange amongst its participants and as an opportunity to identify the needs of GEF's national partner foundations in regard to trainings and educational offers. This time around, we focused on troubleshooting on the involvement of young people in the work programme of foundations, through a comprehensive workshop on how to organise a 'European Green Activist Training'. National foundations were also provided with a hands-on training on livestreaming, as a means of improving the outreach of their activities through online communications.

### Members Networking Programme

In 2017, we expanded networking platforms within our partners' network programme. We invited all our partners to make use of the opportunity by applying to GEF or other GEF partners' events throughout the year and get their travel costs partially reimbursed! We are extremely pleased to see that our partners made very good use of this opportunity.

## GEF Board and General Assembly Meetings



In order to ensure the overall decision-making of GEF, the Board met six times throughout 2017, in Brussels and Karlstad. Two General Assemblies were held in June and October to discuss overall direction of the Foundation.

At the same time, the Annual Strategic Meeting held in March provided the GEF members, partners, board and staff with an opportunity to exchange on the main challenges we face nowadays, as well as the strategic outlook for the foundation.



## Financial overview\*

EXPENDITURE	
ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	EUR
Category 1: Personnel costs	461.535,92
1. Salaries	282.382,05
2. Contributions	109.861,48
3. Professional training	10.218,75
4. Staff mission expenses	9.545,11
5. Other personnel costs	49.528,53
Category 2: Infrastructure and operating costs	109.749,87
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	64.101,58
2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	6.338,86
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	15.382,67
4. Stationery and office supplies	6.420,09
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	11.825,11
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	5.681,56
7. Other infrastructure costs	0,00
Category 3: Administrative expenditure	35.757,87
1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases)	985,31
2. Costs of studies and research	6.981,25
3. Legal costs	12.269,59
4. Accounting and audit costs	13.712,60
5. Miscellaneous administrative costs	1.809,12
Category 4: Meetings and representation costs	84.749,90
1. Costs of meetings of the political party	49.037,08
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	29.438,14
3. Representation costs	6.226,43
4. Cost of invitations	48,25
5. Other meeting-related costs	0,00
Category 5: Information and publication costs	495.348,27
1. Publication costs	118.303,14
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	61.589,72
3. Publicity costs	3.732,81
4. Communications equipment (gadgets)	0,00
5. Seminars	311.722,60
6. Exhibitions	0,00
7. Other information-related costs	0,00
Category 6: Expenditure relating to contributions in kind	95.271,95
TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	1.282.413,78
TOTAL NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	367,99
TOTAL BUDGET	1.282.781,77
REVENUE	
1. EP grant**	1.090.051,71
2. Membership fees	0,00
3. Donations	0,00
4. Own resources	106.626,84
5. Contributions in kind	95.271,95
6. Revenue to cover non-eligible expenditure	0,00
TOTAL REVENUE	1.291.950,50
SALDO 2017 ( to be transferred as reserve in 2018)	9.168,73

GEF is co-funded by the European Parliament on an annual basis since September 2008. It means that 85% of its total yearly budget comes from an annual grant awarded by the European Parliament to Political Foundations at European level. For GEF, this funding is mainly linked to the size of the Green Group in the European Parliament. 15% of GEF's total budget must come from own resources, mainly brought in by members and partners of GEF supporting the implementation of GEF's activities.

\*as of 24 April 2018, as revised by external audit and approved by the GEF Board. Pending confirmation by the GEF General Assembly.

\*\*pending confirmation by the European Parliament

## Members of GEF

### Members nominated by national political foundations:

**Anne de Boer** (Stichting Wetenschappelijk Bureau GroenLinks, Netherlands), **Michel Genet** (Etopia, Belgium, until October), **Mohssin El Ghabri** (Etopia, Belgium, as of October), **Ingrid Facchinelli** (Fondazione Alexander Langer, Italy), **Sandor Fulop** (Ökopolisz, Hungary), **Raúl Gómez** (Fundacion EQUO, Spain), **Dirk Holemans** (Oikos, Belgium), **Frida Johnson** (Cogito, Sweden), **Miriam Kennet** (Green Economics Institute, Great Britain), **Klaus Linsenmeier** (Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Germany), **Mike Mathias** (Gréng Steftung, Luxembourg), **Madeleine Petrovic** (Grüne Bildungswerkstatt, Austria, until October), **Sabine Pucher** (Grüne Bildungswerkstatt, Austria, as of October), **Susanne Rieger** (Nous Horizons, Spain), **Lucile Schmid** (Fondation de l'Ecologie Politique, (France), **Tommy Simpson** (Green Foundation Ireland, Ireland), **Ville Ylikahri** (The Green Cultural Association Visio, Finland), **Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield** (European Green Party, France), **Monica Frassoni** (European Green Party, Italy), **Marie Toussaint** (European Green Party, France), **Marie Utter** (European Green Party, Sweden, until November), **Adam Ostolski** (European Green Party, Poland, as of November), **Heidi Hautala** (Green Group in the European Parliament, Finland), **Pierre Jonckheer** (Green Group in the European Parliament, Belgium), **Claude Turmes** (Green Group in the European Parliament, Luxembourg)

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**Lars-Olof Karlsson** (Green Forum, Sweden)  
**Olga Kikou** (Greek Green Institute, Greece)  
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