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A Message from our President

This year, rather than beginning our Annual Report with enumerating the immense challenges the European Union has faced in 2018, we are first looking at the smaller and bigger steps the Green European Foundation has taken towards making the European Union greener and a place where social justice prevails.

We have not been alone in our efforts - 2018 has also been a year in which cities continued emerging as spaces for change and in which an ever-growing number of civil society organisations, grassroots movements and citizens mobilised to defend their rights and strive for a more sustainable and just future.

At the Green European Foundation, we worked in conjunction with our partners across Europe to empower citizens and promote debates on seminal topics often overlooked. To this end, we held 69 events in 17 different countries, spanning a total of 23 projects. These events included conferences, workshops, seminars, debates and training sessions that discussed and tackled the important issues facing Europe today, encompassing economy, climate, energy, democracy, migration, and human rights, to name but a few.

2018 saw the return of the 'Green Salon' event for its second edition, in which we invited Green actors, as well as independent experts and thinkers to discuss the radical implications artificial intelligence will have for the future of work.

The world of employment was also the central theme of the 17th edition of the Green European Journal, entitled *Work on the Horizon: Tracking Employment's Transformation in Europe*. Addressing a key political question of our time, the edition explored the centrality of work and its changing nature in the face of social and technological developments. Elsewhere, the Journal has continued to promote a vibrant and multilingual European platform for exchanging ideas, sharing analysis and sparking debates with the regular publication of online articles and interviews, showcasing voices and perspectives from across Europe. The Journal has also expanded its commitment to accessibility and inclusivity by launching a new podcast, featuring its articles in audio.

Now more than ever, young people have been at the forefront of movements calling for societal and systemic transformations, making access to political education of the utmost importance to equip the youth of Europe with the skills and tools they need to enact change. In its fourth year, the 'European Green Activists Training' brought together 79 young trainees from four different countries to explore the inner-workings of the European Union. Meanwhile, we launched our new www.mygreenlearning.eu website featuring updated

content offering learners interactive and dynamic courses to demystify the European Institutions and fortify their capacities as activists. We actively supported a programme of Summer Academies by bringing a diverse European element to each session, allowing participants to exchange information and network to better improve their understanding of hot topics.

Moving into 2019, we will need to face new challenges: with Brexit and the tumultuous European elections around the corner, GEF strives to empower its green network of foundations and activists, build synergies with other actors who are developing positive initiatives everywhere, and to work on proposals which allow us to have a bigger impact in public debates.

For the work done in 2018 we would like to thank all of those who have been a part of GEF at different levels, roles and positions! Together we will continue striving for change in the critical year to come, to create Green spaces for debates and exchange. Together, we will create spaces for developing new, innovative ideas and implement the ones already on the table.

So, we look forward to working with you all on a whole range of exciting projects and initiatives in 2019 and beyond!

On behalf of the GEF Board



Susanne Rieger
Green European Foundation President



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

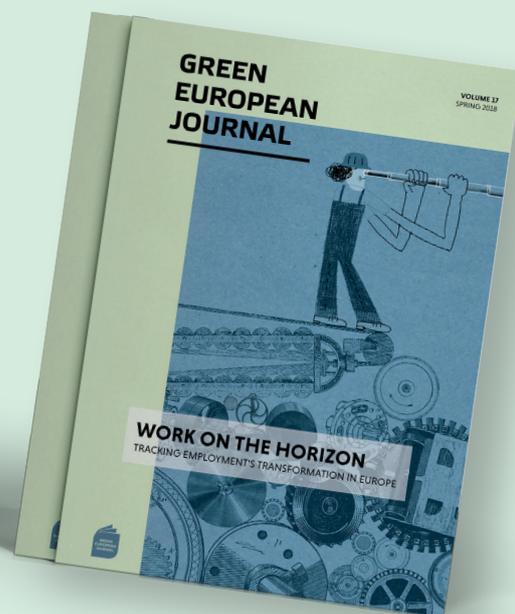
The European Venue for Green Ideas

www.greeneuropeanjournal.eu

In 2018, the Green European Journal continued to contribute to debate on a European-wide level with a vast array of dynamic, multilingual and stimulating articles and interviews. The *Green Observatory* feature returned, with three roundups published throughout the year, covering the state-of play in European countries on the topical themes of *Fake News*, *Drug Policy* and *Basic Income*. The *In Focus* feature also returned this year, with week-long promotions of curated selections of articles on the topics of *Gender*, *Plastic* and *Basic Income*.

The Journal published 146 articles and interviews, covering a wide breadth of topics and maintained its commitment to inclusiveness for readers across Europe, with 61 new translations and 62 republications in media ranging from traditional print to trans-European alternatives to Green publications. On social media, the Journal's audience and presence grew further, while traffic for the website averaged between 10,000 and 12,000 visitors per month (compared to 6375 in 2017).

The 17th thematic edition of the Green European Journal was published in May and was promoted at the EGP Council in Antwerp, as well as at events in Paris and Strasbourg. Entitled *Work on the Horizon: Tracking Employment's Transformation in Europe*, the edition explores the future of work as one of the key political challenges of our times. Featuring articles and interviews with activists, politicians and thinkers, the edition also introduced new feature formats, diagrams and a photo essay.



The Journal expanded its accessibility and inclusivity by launching the *Green Wave* podcast. Released at the EGP Council in Berlin in November, *Green Wave* showcases the Journal's articles covering progressive politics and green ideas in audio and is available on all major podcast applications.

Networking and partnership building were key areas of activity for the Journal in 2018. Close collaboration continued with the expanding network of partner publications. The COP24 summit in Poland provided an opportunity for strong editorial cooperation with Zielone Wiadomości, while elsewhere new relationships were cemented with Europe-wide Political Critique and in Malta with Isles of the Left. The Journal partnered with Heinrich Böll Stiftung to support the organisation of the *Public Sphere for Europe* conference, held in December 2018 in Stuttgart, Germany, for which the Journal provided a series of articles and advice on contents.

The Journal's work on media freedom was also the basis for cooperation with the Ethical Journalist Network on new materials and republications. The 17th thematic edition sparked a relationship with the European trade



union movement (ETUC and ETUI), for whose annual conference the Journal was a media partner, and a series was published on social rights in Europe with more planned for 2019. Participation in the Basic Income Earth Network Congress in August and the subsequent focus was a source of coverage in and collaboration with the BIEN activist network and will also be pursued in 2019.

Climate & Energy

The fight against climate change is at the heart of the Green mission. To tackle this shared challenge, the Green European Foundation offers a multi-perspective approach which examines both the economic and social implications of climate change. The aim of our activities in this field is to empower citizens, activists, and politicians who want to deepen their knowledge and boost their actions in the areas of climate and energy.

Towards COP24 in Poland

With the support of Fundacja Strefa Zieleni (Poland), Green Economics Institute (United Kingdom) and Fondation de l'Écologie Politique (France)



In the run-up to the UN Climate Conference (COP24) held in December, in Katowice, Poland, this transnational project aimed to raise awareness about the importance of this crucial climate summit, in which the action plan to implement the Paris Agreement was to be adopted. The project strove to promote Green expertise and practical solutions of green energy production and debunk ostensible proposals.

As part of this project, a one-day conference was held in June with the support of Green Economics Institute in Oxford, UK. The project was then concluded with a conference in Katowice alongside the COP24, entitled Towards a New Climate. Held in a former coal mine turned into an art gallery, the day featured multiple panel discussions, with a range of renowned experts, politicians as well as civil society actors. The event explored the intricacies of a just transition in mining regions looking with a particular outlook for the Katowice and the entire Upper Silesian region. Secondly, the conference tackled the prospects of a zero-carbon job market in conjunction with the research done in the GEF transnational project *Strengthening Climate Targets, Creating Local Climate Jobs*. Other panels discussed possible technological solutions to combatting climate change, as well as a fourth panel that highlighted why nuclear energy is problematic, the dangers of uranium mining and how to achieve more sustainable solutions for decarbonisation. The day was complemented by a screening of the documentary *Human Energy* which revisits energy cooperatives across Europe and explores the concept of energy democracy.

Strengthening Climate Targets, Creating Local Climate Jobs

With the support of Green House Think Tank (United Kingdom), Ecopolis (Hungary) and Green Foundation Ireland

Building on work done in the concluded transnational GEF project *A Green Transformation: Freedom and Security in Uncertain Times*, in 2016 and 2017, this project aimed to quantify and publicise the EU-wide potential of greening local economies to create new climate jobs and better address climate change in the run up to the COP24.

The Green European Foundation, with the support of Green House Think Tank, developed a model to estimate the number of jobs that would be created in key economic sectors, such as energy, transport, agriculture and others, resulting from a transition away from fossil fuels. The model was then applied to the United Kingdom, Ireland and Hungary, the results of which were presented at events in each of the countries, as well as at the Katowice Towards a New Climate conference.

The full report of these case studies, as well as a summarised version can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – www.gef.eu

Energy Democracy: Changing the Energy System

With the support of Oikos (Belgium), Green House Think Tank (United Kingdom), Sunrise (Macedonia)

This transnational project was launched to explore the potential of a European energy transition to more sustainable models built around renewable sources and how to shape this process in a democratic and participatory way. It particularly focused on the potential of locally-owned renewable energy projects and cooperatives, examining the discrepancies of such projects in different countries.

In the framework of this project, conferences were held in Greece and Macedonia, with a concluding conference to be held in Belgium at the end of January 2019.

Anne Chapman, Director of Green House Think Tank (United Kingdom) produced the report *Community Energy in the UK*, which detailed the investment of UK citizens into renewable energy systems. The report can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – www.gef.eu

Green Economy

The Green European Foundation supports innovative approaches to economic sustainability in Europe and, together with our European and national partners, we aspire to contribute to the transition towards a green economy.

Green Economy Congress: Shaping Synergies into a Circular Society

With the support of Networked (Serbia)

The Green Economy Congress was held in Belgrade over three days in November. Gathering participants from all over Europe, the congress provided a platform for debate and networking around various aspects of a circular society, including workers' rights, gender issues, climate change, decentralisation and participation.

The Green European Foundation organised the first day with the support of Networked, contributing a strong European dimension to the event.

Greening the Economy: Cooperative Society

With the support of Sunrise (Macedonia), Networked (Serbia)

The aim of this project was to chart a path towards a participatory, inclusive and decentralised green economy in the Balkans through the promotion of two 2017 GEF publications resulting from research in Bulgaria, Macedonia and *Serbia: Revision of the Economy in the Balkans: Change Policy Not Climate* and *Green Economy? Campaigner's Manual*.

The publications were presented and used as a starting-point for discussions around economic alternatives that address the state of democracy and the urgent need for action against climate change in these countries, taking place at two events held in Serbia and Macedonia.

The publications can both be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – www.gef.eu

Work & Solidarity

Solidarity and inclusion feature strongly at the heart of Green perspectives. In the European context, many challenges lie ahead of us in these fields as a consequence of the economic crisis over the past few years, but also of the political choices made and the policies implemented. In addition, changing demographic, social and cultural factors, as well as the absence of robust economic growth in our countries, push us to reinvent new systems of solidarity and new conceptions of work.

Basic Income for all EU Citizens?

With the support of Fundació Nous Horitzons (Catalonia, Spain), Fundación EQUO (Spain), Visio (Finland), Federation of Young European Greens



Building upon the work done on Universal Basic Income (UBI) following its launch in 2017, the second year of this transnational project saw the exploration of different national perspectives within the Green movement on this seminal topic, as well as proposals on how a European UBI pilot project could be designed.

The project involved a workshop coordinated with the support of the Federation of Young European Greens, which was held in Budapest, Hungary, looking at the effects of digitisation on youth unemployment and whether basic income could be a response to that. The Green European Foundation and its basic income expert group, with representatives from Finland, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Serbia and the United Kingdom, held discussions at the EGP Council in Antwerp, Belgium and at the 2018 Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) Congress in Tampere, Finland.

A summary of the conversations that took place at the BIEN Congress, written by GEF board member Natalie Bennett, can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – www.gef.eu

A series of videos featuring Natalie Bennett explaining the concepts of UBI were also produced and disseminated via the foundation's social media. These can be found on the official GEF [YouTube channel](#).

Ecopolis 2018: Just Transition – For A Just Society

In collaboration with Oikos (Belgium)

Ecopolis returned to Brussels in November with Ecopolis 2018: Just Transition – For A Just Society. The annual gathering saw discussions around how to achieve a just transition to a society that is both ecologically sustainable and fair for all. The day brought together national and international academics, writers, and civil-society thinkers, including author and economist Kate Raworth, EU Law professor Alberto Alemanno, and climatologist Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, among others, with GEF bringing a strong European dimension to the event.

Green Salon: Fear the Robot?

The second edition of the Green Salon, an invitation-only discussion organised by GEF, took place in the traditional Café Landtman in Vienna, Austria in February. Entitled Fear the Robot? A Closed-door Discussion on the Impact of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence on the Future of Work, the evening gathered Green politicians with academics, activists and industry experts for frank and open discussions, which were split into two parts: the first focusing on the ethics and norms around artificial intelligence and the second on the implications this will have for the future of work.

A full report on the discussions that took place at the Green Salon can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – www.gef.eu

The official GEF [YouTube channel](#) hosts two videos featuring participants and highlights from the evening's discussions.





Commons

At the crossroads between social, environmental and economic issues, the commons are a tool to collectively reinvent shared prosperity. Beyond natural resources, they are a way to rethink the production and management of goods, such as culture, transport and housing. They also offer a path to the collective re-appropriation of these goods by citizens beyond the traditional state-market dichotomy. GEF's project activities in this thematic area contribute to the analysis of theoretical and practical approaches to commons across Europe.

Creating Socio-Ecological Societies through Urban Commons Transitions

With the support of Oikos (Belgium), Institute for Political Ecology (Croatia), Visio (Finland), Fundación EQUO (Spain), Fundació Nous Horitzons (Catalonia, Spain), Fundacja Strefa Zieleni (Poland) and Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe

This GEF transnational project aimed to map potential transformative cities that are working together in do-

mains such as renewable energy and urban economy, oftentimes going beyond what is considered feasible at the national level. It also saw to identify new civil and economic actors in various countries across Europe. To these ends, multiple events were held in Turkey, Belgium, Poland, and Spain, including Catalonia, with the support of project partners to help connect actors and bring the debate on transforming our societies to a wider audience.

To further feed into the debate, GEF's publication *Freedom and Security in a Complex World* which discusses the transformation into a socioecological society in the 21st century was published in Spanish, making it available in five European languages.

With the support of Institute for Political Ecology, GEF published the brochure *Real Democracy in Your Town - Public Civic Partnerships In Action*, which discusses this new form of cooperation between state and citizens and features inspiring case studies across Europe.

All published products of this transnational project can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – www.gef.eu



Democracy and the Future of Europe

2018 has been yet another year of turmoil for the European Union and several of its Member States. From the rise of extreme-right movements to the attacks on fundamental rights and liberties and corruption, many attacks on democracy and the rule of law are threatening the future of Europe. The Green European Foundation has collaborated with other actors to put these questions in debate in 2018 and seek together solutions for a democratic and sustainable Europe.

Good Governance, Good Practices

With the support of Ceratonia Foundation (Malta)

Taking place in September, this day conference in Malta explored examples of bad governance in Europe and exchanged the best practices for good governance on a European level. Featuring local and international speakers discussing recent challenges to the rule of law across Europe and perspectives to overcome them, the day provided a platform for local and international Green politicians, activists, and civil society organisations to network.

As part of this conference, GEF Director Aurélie Maréchal recorded a video that was screened to open the session, in which she explored why governing for the people and by the people is at the core of what the Green movement stands for.

The video can be found on the official GEF [YouTube channel](#).

Quo Vadis – Europe on the Move?

In cooperation with Heinrich Böll Stiftung (Germany)

Taking place in Berlin, this conference tackled the fundamental questions regarding Europe's future. The discussions around these questions that took place among the political figures and experts participating were especially pertinent due to the recent rise of Euroscepticism and populist forces across Europe, the repositioning of the German government on the European political scene, and the upcoming European elections in 2019.

The Resistible Ascension of the Far-Right in Europe

In cooperation with transform! Europe

GEF co-organised a workshop that took place at the European Forum of Progressive, Ecological and Leftist Forces in Bilbao in November. The workshop tackled the growing impact of right-wing populists ahead of the European elections in 2019, featuring a range of speakers exploring counter-strategies through national cases and topical angles.

Migration, Refugees & Asylum Seekers

The Green European Foundation strives to foster the dialogue between the relevant Green actors in order to build common proposals for alternative refugee, asylum and migration policies. It also focuses on the situation at the local level across Europe, fostering exchanges of ideas and best practises between activists.

Exploring the Economic Impact of Migration

With the support of Green Economics Institute (United Kingdom)

With the lack of solidarity and failed policy responses regarding migration jeopardising core values of the European Union and fuelling the rise of populist forces, this conference highlighted the need for a transboundary change of narrative on the realities and impacts of migration on society.

Building on previous experiences and findings of GEF's transnational project on EU migration policies, this event held in Oxford, United Kingdom, featured speakers from across Europe and beyond, to explore positive examples of the benefits of migration, as well as solutions to the displacement of peoples due to climate change.



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 training.



Online Learning

Green Learning is an educational platform of the Green European Foundation. It provides a meeting space for citizens from across Europe who are interested in developing their skills and knowledge on European topics. It enables them to learn from top Green experts, politicians and activists, as well as to exchange ideas and information with other learners and contribute to the online debate and content themselves.

In November, the new Green Learning website, www.mygreenlearning.eu, was launched with an updated design and new courses. Through this new platform, the Green European Foundation and its partner organisations provide free access to education and capacity-building on green issues, bringing Europe closer to its citizens. Each course is built as an interactive experience, with selected courses available in multiple languages. They feature various formats to best facilitate learning, including videos, quizzes, presentations, live webinars, forum discussions and assignments.



IMPACT EUROPE NOW IN 4 LANGUAGES

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Impact Europe

In cooperation with the European Green Party and the Green Group in the European Parliament

The popular course Impact Europe launched in 2017 returned, updated with new content and now available in four languages: English, French, Polish and Spanish. This online course teaches learners about the inner-workings of the European Union, activism on an international level, and the key challenges facing Europe today, equipping learners with the knowledge and skills to take action and improve their own societies.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Green movement

In cooperation with Ecopolis (Hungary)

This course introduces the Sustainable Development Goals adopted in 2015 by the United Nations to green activists all over Europe. It highlights their interconnection with Green values and ideas, in particular systemic thinking, and underlines the importance of an active engagement by civil society to ensure their implementation while also addressing their shortcomings. Moreover, the course provides a platform for exchange and debate among green actors across Europe invested in the topics of sustainability and international development.

Hass ist keine Meinung – Handlungsmöglichkeiten gegen Hate Speech online

In cooperation with Green Campus and Heinrich Böll Stiftung European Union.

This course offers an introduction to hate speech and equips learners with tools to effectively counter it. Learners get to know how different groups in our society are affected by Hate Speech, and how the national and European legal frameworks can be used to tackle the issue. The course also hosts an open and safe space to discuss and share strategies for fighting against discrimination against particular groups of our societies.

Urban Activism

With the support of Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe

A course made by and for urban activists, it equips learners with knowledge on urban communities and the tools to contribute to the creation of more democratic, inclusive and sustainable urban spaces.

It's Our Turn

This dedicated online course served as a preparation for the participants of the 6th Congress of Young Europeans, organised in collaboration with Heinrich Böll Stiftung Prague. Prior to the event taking place in Prague, Czech Republic, more than 60 participants from all over Europe had the opportunity to exchange in this interactive course. It first provided a historic overview of the protest movements from 1968 and 1989, gave an introduction to different notions and concepts of activism and featured inspiring examples of youth activism today.

Webinar: Inside COP24 – Tackling the Climate Crisis

During the COP24 in Katowice, Poland, the Green European Foundation held an interactive webinar on the significance of the climate summit and the IPCC report in the struggle against climate change. The webinar featured climate policy expert Oras Tynkkyen and Klaus Röhrig from Climate Action Network Europe, giving attendees a behind-the-scenes perspective of the climate negotiations. Participants, who joined the webinar from across Europe, also had the opportunity to pose their own questions to the speakers.

Green Learning will continue to provide accessible and inclusive education, with new courses in several languages being developed for the future, covering a range of topics, from food and environmental protection to migration or trade.

Find out more at www.mygreenlearning.eu

Green Youth in Action

Enthusiastic activists are a driving force for the Green movement in Europe and beyond. Providing information and training on European policies in a Green context, as well as networking opportunities for young people with ambition, is an integral part of the Green European Foundation's mission.

European Green Activists Training (EGAT) Study Visit to Brussels

With the support of Institute for Active Citizenship (Czech Republic), Visio (Finland), Ecopolis (Hungary), Ceratonia Foundation (Malta), Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe



The European Green Activists Training consists of training sessions for young Green activists organised in two phases. The first entails national training on domestic politics and a session on European politics and institutions. The second brings the activists from different countries together to Brussels to complement their training by experiencing the European Union and European identity first-hand.

In March, activists from Finland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Croatia and Malta gathered in Brussels to complete their six-month long training programme. During their study trip, they visited relevant European institutions, civil society organisations and activists, and took part in stimulating workshops, gaining a critical insight into the functioning of the EU and ways of having an impact as young citizens.

European Green Activists Training (EGAT) Edition 2018 – 2019

With the support of Institute for Active Citizenship (Czech Republic), Visio (Finland), Ceratonia Foundation (Malta), Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe, Green Forum (Sweden)

Now in its fourth year, EGAT returned to train young, Green-minded people on European politics and active citizenship, to enable them to promote Green values and politics in society.

The 2018-2019 edition commenced with the Train the Trainers meeting in Brussels with national project coordinators, who then conducted training sessions in Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland and Malta. The training programmes will culminate in a common Brussels study tour, scheduled for March 2019, where the 79 trainees from the four countries will gather together for an exciting week of discoveries and exchanges at the political heart of Europe.

To empower more organisations to develop their own training for young activists and expand the project's impact, the handbook *Organising a European Green Activists Training Programme* was updated this year with a new design and now features testimonials from previous participants and tips for course coordinators on building alumni networks. The handbook can be found under the [Tools & Publications](#) section on our website – www.gef.eu.

New collaborations from Northern to Southern Europe



Young people, from the EU and non-EU Baltic region countries (Finland, Sweden, Estonia and Russia), met in Finland for 3 days to exchange on deeper European and regional cooperation and the current environmental topics. This special, international edition of the European Green Activists Training was implemented in collaboration with Green Forum in Sweden.

At the same time, GEF implemented a Train The Trainer event to empower Portuguese activists from the environmental NGO Quercus to become more engaged in educational activities on European issues.

Congress of Young Europeans

In collaboration with Heinrich Böll Stiftung Prague

The 6th Congress of Young Europeans took place over four days in August and September. Held in Prague, Czech Republic, the Congress was entitled It's Our Turn, covering the main theme of protest and activism throughout time and the role of youth activism in shaping the future.

More than 60 participants reflected on the protest movements from 1968 and 1989, as well as different historic discourses on those across Europe, and debated issues that concern them today and methods of mobilising action.

Besides designing and hosting the preparatory online course It's Our Turn for the participants of the event, GEF also hosted an interactive workshop during the Congress, in which participants exchanged experiences and knowledge on their projects, finding inspiration and opportunities for collaboration on a European level.



Summer Academies

GEF supports summer schools by bringing a strong European dimension to these events. This is achieved by organising workshops on EU policies and hot topics, by inviting speakers from different countries to offer multiple perspectives on the issues being discussed, and by encouraging foreign participants to partake in the events.

Restoring Food to the Heart of the Community (June)

With the support of Green Foundation Ireland

This two-day summer school held in Cork, Ireland, aimed to propose changes to agricultural and food policy, offering attendees insights into food systems on an EU and local level, complemented by visits to community food initiatives.



Colours of Green (July)

With the support of Grüne Bildungswerkstatt (Austria)



The Green European Foundation contributed a European dimension to the 2018 edition of the Austrian Summer Academy. Based on the philosophy of political ecology, activists, politicians and civil society actors engaged in discussions on socio-ecological policies with the aim to contribute to the repositioning process of the Austrian Green movement.

Green School: European Green Alternatives (July)

With the support of the Green Thought Association (Turkey)

The Green European Foundation's Green School entitled European Green Alternatives preceded the tenth edition of the Turkish summer camp Green Kamp held in Assos-Canakkale. The one-day event focused on alternative ideas and political solutions in pivotal areas, including gender equality, food policies, and the rights of Nature and Environmental Constitutionalism, and how best to communicate them to the broader public, with representatives from across Europe sharing experience and knowledge.

Fighting for our Common Planet (July)

With the support of the Federation of Young European Greens

The summer camp of the Federation of Young European Greens took place in Croatia, with the aim to empower youth organisations to advocate for the sustainable management of natural commons. GEF organised a workshop exploring the climate struggle facing young generations and how to tackle this pressing issue.



Crossing Borders (July)

With the support of Fundacja Strefa Zieleni (Poland)

The focus of this event was the topic of borders, with the participation of environmental activists from Ukraine and Belarus contributing to a discussion with different perspectives from across Europe. Climate change was also high on the agenda of the event. Both topics were particularly pertinent discussion points due to the upcoming local elections in Poland and COP24 being held in Katowice.

Moving Beyond Fragments (August)

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

GEF ran a workshop at this year's Green Academy, entitled Moving Beyond Fragments. The sixth edition of this summer university provided five days of an intensive programme and space for transnational exchange for a diverse group of over 130 participants. Exploring the topics of degrowth and global sustainability, the workshop reflected on current debates, including a variety of views on the constraints and potential for sustainability in Europe.

Alsace at Last (August)

With the support of Fondation de l'Ecologie Politique (France)

This summer school event took place in Strasbourg, France, and was held in conjunction with the Europe Écologie Les Verts event Journées d'été des écologistes, targeting a broader audience of European Green activists with a more relaxed approach facilitating dialogue and active participation. GEF conducted two plenaries on environmental inequalities and on the Commons, as well as three workshops: Better Know Your EU, The Future of Work and Artificial Intelligence.

New Political Course Days (September)

With the support of Fundació Nous Horitzons (Catalonia, Spain)

GEF's summer in 2018 was concluded with the yearly gathering of the Catalan Green foundation, bringing together a broad spectrum of local, national and international activists, academics and policy makers to exchange ideas on a new political course in times of

increasing political instability and uncertainty, and engage in debates. GEF offered an integrated European dimension to the debate space, which was particularly important due to the rise of Euroscepticism in Catalonia and beyond.

Univerde (September)

With the support of Fundación EQUO (Spain)



In its 10th year, the 2018 edition of Univerde focused on cities as agents of change in acting on climate change, democracy, citizen movements, gentrification, and water and food supply. The 16th edition of the Green European Journal *Talk of the Town: Exploring the City in Europe* was presented and disseminated at the event to inform the discussions taking place.



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.

Education for Europe – building capacities towards and beyond 2019



The 2018 edition of GEF's annual networking event on education and training was held as a three-day conference in Brussels in June, hosting invitees from members and partner foundations, as well as NGOs, citizen movements, educational institutes, youth organisations, and green parties active in the field of education, training and capacity-building.

The conference served as a platform for political discussions on the role of training for advancing activism, as well as to identify educational needs within the Green network and available resources and initiatives taking place across Europe. Participants forged partnerships with other actors implementing training across Europe and found inspiration on adding a European dimension to their own local training programmes.

Presence at the European Green Party Councils – Antwerp & Berlin

In 2018, the Green European Foundation was present at both the 28th and 29th European Green Party Council Meetings, held in Antwerp, Belgium, in May, and Berlin, Germany, in November. The events served as opportunities to inform members of the Green family about the projects and outputs of GEF, as well as to conduct interactive workshops.

In Antwerp, GEF ran two workshops. One was part of its *Basic Income for all EU Citizens?* transnational project to explore the development of a European pilot project on basic income capable of delivering comparable results in countries with vastly different social security systems. The other, Empowering Greens, served to map the training needs of participants and encourage synergies between them, as well as to inform GEF's future online and offline training opportunities. The Green European Journal also presented its 17th volume *Work on the Horizon: Tracking Employment's Transformation in Europe* at the Council.

At the Council Meeting in Berlin, GEF launched its newly updated Green Learning platform and conducted a workshop to present to members of the Green family present on how to use the site as an educational and capacity-building tool. The Green European Journal also launched its new podcast *Green Wave*.



Presence at the European Ideas Lab

Taking place in March in Brussels, the second edition of the European Ideas Lab, jointly organised by the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament and the European Green Party, was the occasion for GEF to propose a workshop conducted for organisations working in the field of migration, refugees and asylum seekers. GEF was also present at the Regional Labs that took place in Graz, Austria and in Madrid, Spain later in the year.

GEF Board and General Assembly meetings

To inform the overall decision-making of GEF, the Board met seven times throughout 2018, in Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent and Berlin. Two General Assembly meetings were held in 2018, one in June and one in October, where partners met to discuss the overall direction of the foundation. The Annual Strategic Meeting held in March offered GEF members, board and staff the opportunity to exchange on the pivotal challenges of today, as well as the foundation's strategic outlook.



Financial overview*

EXPENDITURE	
ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	EUR
Category 1: Personnel costs	525.883
1. Salaries	333.912
2. Contributions	138.890
3. Professional training	3.547
4. Staff mission cost	5.998
5. Other personnel costs	43.536
Category 2: Infrastructure and operating costs	104.983
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	65.092
2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	5.814
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	15.990
4. Stationery and office supplies	2.134
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	10.571
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	5.380
Category 3: Administrative costs	28.197
1. Documentation costs	1.299
2. Costs of studies and research	0
3. Legal costs	573
4. Accounting and audit costs	23.817
5. Support to third parties	0
6. Miscellaneous administrative costs	2.508
Category 4: Meetings and representation costs	88.148
1. Costs of meetings	51.788
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	25.757
3. Representation costs	10.603
4. Cost of invitations	0
5. Other meeting-related costs	0
Category 5: Information and publication costs	475.426
1. Publication costs	81.566
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	41.609
3. Publicity costs	212
4. Communications equipment (gadgets)	0
5. Seminars	352.039
6. Exhibitions	0
7. Other information-related costs	0
TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	1.222.636
TOTAL NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1.222.636
REVENUE	
1. EP grant	1.039.241
2. Membership fees	0
3. Donations	6.212
4. Other own resources	178.970
5. Contributions in kind	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1.224.423

* 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 29 April 2019, as revised by external audit and approved by the GEF Board. Pending confirmation by the GEF General Assembly.

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Members of GEF

Members Nominated by National Political Foundations

Robbert Bodegraven (Stichting Wetenschappelijk Bureau GroenLinks, Netherlands, as of June), **Anne de Boer** (Stichting Wetenschappelijk Bureau GroenLinks, Netherlands, until June) **Mohssin El Ghabri** (Etopia - Centre d'animation et de recherche en écologie politique, Belgium), **Ingrid Facchinelli** (Fondazione Alexander Langer, Italy), **Sandor Fulop** – (Ökopolisz, Hungary), **Raúl Gómez** (Fundacion EQUO, Spain), **Dirk Holemans** (Oikos, Belgium), **Frida Johnsson** (Cogito, Sweden), **Miriam Kennet** (Green Economics Institute, Great Britain), **Klaus Linsenmeier** (Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Germany), **Mike Mathias** (Gréng Steftung, Luxembourg), **Sabine Pucher** (Grüne Bildungswerkstatt, Austria, until June), **Michael Schmid** (Grüne Bildungswerkstatt, Austria, as of June), **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 ViSiLi / The Green Cultural and Educational Centre ViSiO Finland).

Members Nominated by the European Green Party

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield (France), **Monica Frassoni** (Italy), **Adam Ostolski** (Poland, as of June), **Marie Toussaint** (France), **Marie Utter** (Sweden, until June).

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