



MAY/2010

## Spring of the Centre-Right!



Dear friends,  
with this newsletter you receive already the 8th newsletter of European Democrat Students (EDS) in this working year. We set up the principle to deliver our newsletter to our constantly growing circle of friends and supporters always on the 1st of each month, thus proving continuity and reliability.

Last month is bearing one of the biggest successes within the EPP family: With an outstanding 53% of the votes, Fidesz Hungarian Civic Union obtained 68% of the Parliamentary mandates, being in a unique situation in Europe in history. To use this chance and to reinstall the credibility of Hungary will be one of the main tasks of the new government led by Viktor Orban.

Credibility is also one of the key issues EDS focussed on the past years and also with its new Basic Programme. Politics built on lies cannot be a guideline for any political actor or formation!

For the upcoming meetings in Vilnius EDS is well prepared: Resolutions about the Bologna Process and about one of the most dangerous threats of nowadays: Academic Unemployment are presented. To latter, EDS developed a campaign with concrete ideas and suggestions how to overcome this phenomenon.

For this May we wish you all the best and stay connected to EDS!

With best regards,

Bence Bauer  
Chairman  
European Democrat Students

## Busy Chairman

The month of April was the month of the electoral campaign in Hungary and was also dedicated to the preparations of the upcoming Council Meeting in Vilnius and the Political Assembly of the EPP in Vilnius.

April 8, Chairman attended the campaign closing event of Fidesz Hungarian Civic Alliance where several EDS people met. April 13 and April 28, bureau skype sessions were conducted.

April 18, several alumni were met in Vienna to discuss possible 50th year anniversary of EDS. April 22, a conference of Konrad Adenauer Foundation was visited in Budapest.

April 11 and April 25 the electoral Fidesz event was attended.

And between April 30 and May 2 Chairman participated with other bureau members to the International Garrick Club meeting in Cadenabbia where a presentation about EDS was delivered.

## MK Czech Republic Elections



On March 27, Chairman of Mladí konzervativci Czech Republic, Jiri Fremr was re-elected and International Secretary Jaroslav Kepka re-appointed. Chairman Bence Bauer attended the Annual Meeting of MK in Prague where he addressed the audience.

He congratulated MK for its strong involvement in EDS and wished the new leadership good luck.

## Landslide Victory for Fidesz in Hungary!



After the second round of the elections in Hungary, EPP full member Fidesz Hungarian Civic Union gained a unique 2/3 majority in the Hungarian Parliament (Országgyűlés), holding more than 68% of the mandates (263 out of 386). With this majority, Hungarian electorate gave Fidesz an unprecedented legitimacy to give back credibility and belief in politics.

The voting result was: 173 out of 176 constituencies won by Fidesz and 53% of the list votes were given to Fidesz. Hungarian electoral system, basically a majority system enables the strongest party to obtain an even stronger majority in the Parliament. This result is the best election result ever any EPP member party obtained at national elections.

Fidesz and its Chairman Viktor Orbán will form the new government by the end of May / beginning of June.

## EDS Launches Campaign to Put Academic Unemployment on the European Agenda!

EDS presented its campaign against academic unemployment April 30. The campaign comprises several ideas how to fight academic unemployment and will be accompanied by a quality resolution to be submitted to the next Council Meeting and upcoming Political Assembly of the European People's Party in Vilnius.

## Join an amazing event - sign up for the 4th Central European Youth Conference now!



Central European Youth Cooperation (CEYC) cordially invites EDS members to the upcoming 4th Central European Youth Conference in Pécs/Osijek, organised in kind cooperation by HAZ Croatia and Fidesz

Youth Hungary.

Pécs, cultural capital of Europe 2010 features a lot of attractions and the event will be focussed on the challenges in the region, with an amazing number of guest speakers.

Feel free to register until May 6 at [kulpinszky@fidesz.hu](mailto:kulpinszky@fidesz.hu) or get yourself informed at:

[www.ceyc.info](http://www.ceyc.info)

## FMSF Sweden appoints new International Secretary!

EDS wishes to congratulate Amanda Wollstad with her new position as international secretary for FMSF.

Amanda made her first EDS appearance at the Paris Council Meeting in 2009 and has been active in EDS ever since. Amanda has also been secretary general for NKSU for the last year.



The EDS Bureau looks forward to continuing our great cooperation with Amanda!

## EDS climbs Slovakian mountains: Summer University 2010!

This year's Summer University will be organized by Občiansko-demokratická mládež (ODM) Slovakia and will be under the motto: "Living together in diverse societies".

Registration will start mid / end of May. The event takes place in Žilina Jul 18-25, 2010 and will be the XXXIII.

Summer University of EDS. ODM expects a record number of **200 participants**, making this SummerU the biggest since 2002.

## Upcoming events

- **05 - 09 May 4th Council Meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania** – More information available [here](#).
- **27 - 30 May 4th Central European Youth Conference in Pécs/Osijek, Hungary/Croatia** - More information at [www.ceyc.info](http://www.ceyc.info).
- **18 - 25 July XXXIII Summer University of EDS in Žilina, Slovakia** - More information will be available in the next couple of months at [www.edsnetwork.eu](http://www.edsnetwork.eu).