



Chairman's Greetings



Dear friends!

A new working year a new Bureau and a great team. We are standing before a new year of duties, responsibilities, projects and campaigns.

I would like to take a moment now and thank the organisers of the Summer University in Vienna, the AktionsGemeinschaft, for doing a great job in making the 50 years celebrations unforgettable. Panels with alumni, where we learned about the history of EDS, but also the lovely evening are memories we will cherish for long.

I would also like to thank all the organisations for their support in the Annual Meeting's elections on Monday, 11th of July. The tremendous energy that I felt from the delegates present will help me overcome the struggles and hurdles of my upcoming chairmanship.

I am particularly happy with the composition of the new team and the Secretary General. There is great potential hidden and unused, which this bureau needs to realise in concrete action. For the upcoming academic/working year, we intend to increase our presence in the sphere of Higher Education policy, conduct our own research, build a comprehensive contact list for alumni and start EDS on its successful journey for the next 50 years. Join us on this amazing journey!

Juraj Antal
EDS Chairman

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Newly Elected EDS Bureau

The New Executive Bureau of EDS is chaired by **Juraj ANTAL** from Slovakia, with **Samuli KAURANNE** from Finland as the Secretary General. Both served as Vice Chairmen in the outgoing Bureau. They are responsible for the daily operation of EDS, Juraj as a political leader and decision maker, and Samuli as the manager who keeps things organised and moving.



The New Bureau has eight Vice Chairmen, with each their assigned areas of responsibility. They keep busy individually and together in smaller teams in order to keep EDS always up to speed.

Kalin ZAHARIEV from Bulgaria and **Alexandros POLITIS** from Greece together form a team in charge of the core policy work of EDS. While Alexandros plans the input to EDS Working Groups, Kalin is responsible for coordinating the practical work of the Permanent Working Groups, as well as to plan strategies to improve the output of EDS policy work.

Martin HALADA from Czech Republic complements the policies team by planning and executing EDS campaigns. He is also responsible to coordinate EDS fundraising activities together with the Chairman and the Secretariat.

Ingrid HOPP from Norway is responsible for coordinating and helping to organise all EDS Events. She stays in touch with the organisers, observes the following of guidelines and performs evaluations afterwards. She is also responsible for staying in touch with the extensive EDS Alumni network.

Bernhard KRALL from Austria is in charge of representing EDS in external events and towards organisations where EDS is a member, together with the Chairman.

Romain SIMMARANO is in charge of all legal questions the Bureau faces. He is the designated expert in EDS statutes, as well as in charge of any legal questions regarding both current and prospective EDS member organisations.

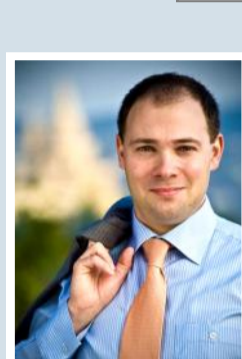
Finally, the Publications and Communications team is formed by **Andraž KASTELIC** from Slovenia and **Nenad VAJZOVIĆ** from Croatia. Nenad is in charge of maintaining all communications, both towards our members as well as towards the outside world and press. He is also in charge of non-legal membership questions as well as evaluating prospective member organisations. Andraž oversees the productions of all publications of EDS. He also works as the Editor of the Monthly EDS Newsletter and assists the Policies team in input and research questions.



Two Directors are also non-voting members of the Bureau. The Director of Policies **Gintarė NARKEVIČIŪTĖ** from Lithuania assists the Policies team by taking care of long-term strategic planning of EDS. In the Meanwhile the Director of European Integration **Artur ISSAEV** has the responsibility to actively scout prospective new member organisations, especially from Western European countries with currently no representation in EDS.

Last, but not least, the Honorary Chairman **Bence BAUER** works as the Bureau's senior advisor as well as a high ambassador in honour of the Bureau.

Outgoing Chairman's Letter



On behalf of the outgoing Bureau I would like to say thank you to all EDS members, alumni, partners, supporters and friends. I say thank you for the good and fruitful cooperation over the two years of my chairmanship, for the constant support and help and for so many great moments. It is time to also cherish those who have worked much to bring EDS to its full potential, the outgoing members of the Bureau and also other EDS members who believe in the idea of EDS. With a record number of organisations present and voting in the Annual Meeting in Vienna and a multitude of activities, our organisation reached a new stage in its history. In the last two years we gained six new members and by today, EDS represents 1.600.000 youngsters, thus being the biggest youth organisation in Europe - this is an achievement of so many committed colleagues.

The two years I served for EDS were challenging and inspiring times. We put the organisation back on track and concentrated on visible outcomes in all the relevant fields of activities EDS is adherent to. Each and any of the outcomes we can be proud of - policies, external relations, publications, events, communications and finances, alumni, work with members, partnerships and our omnipresence in Brussels and at every important spot for EDS. We created a new basic programme, presented resolutions at the EPP Assemblies, used our memberships actively, published seven BullsEye newsmagazines, sent regular newsletters, published the Annual Reports at the Annual Meetings with a record number of pages, re-introduced Winter Universities in Brussels, celebrated the 50th Anniversary in Brussels and Vienna, conducted member surveys, reformed both membership fee system and voting rights, used new social media, shaped visual design, consolidated finances, found new income sources, saved huge amounts of money, almost doubled income, stabilised our alumni database and engaged in regular contact with our former members, engaged in new partnerships and finally handed over this great organisation with 43 members from 36 countries to our successors.

I can be proud of the people working with me - *Maria Keris, Ildze Kanepaja, David Božič, Christian Peuker, Jean-Baptiste Dabezies, Matija Magerl, Andreas Perotti, Andreas Willersrud, Cathrin Gräber, Georgios Tsielepos, Carina Munck Olsen, Tetiana Gostieva.* And I am especially proud that three good friends from my last Bureaus are continuing in the newly elected Bureau 2011/2012: *Andraž Kastelic* as Vice Chairman for Publications & Newsletter, *Samuli Kauranne* as Secretary General and last but not least *Juraj Antal* as Chairman - they were accompanying me for the last two years with a lot of guidance, help, inspiration and motivation.

At this point I would like to wish Juraj, Samuli, Andraž and all the newly elected Bureau members good luck, success and smart and good decisions. I am highly convinced they are the right people to foster the great visions EDS has - being a frontrunner for new ideas, truly European politics, further integration and the re-unification of all young Europeans. I am sure the case of European students is in good hands and I personally wish Juraj Antal once more only the best!

Bence Bauer
Former Chairman,
Honorary Chairman of EDS

Become a Part of the BullsEye Editorial Team!

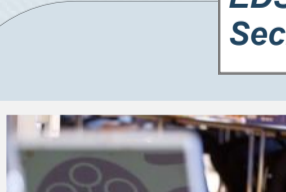
EDS is looking for the Editorial team for its core media - the BullsEye magazine.

Being a part of the Editorial team is your opportunity to contribute to the visibility and policy work of EDS and to get valuable experience in the field of publications and journalism. The first task of the newly created team will be to prepare the very first issue of the magazine of the working year 2011/2012 for the EDS Council meeting in Prague.

Should You be interested in being part of BullsEyes editorial team please send your applications (CV in English and no more than two sentences about your motivation) to BullsEye Chief Editor Sandra Falkowska falkowska@edsnet.eu and Vice-Chairman Andraž Kastelic kastelic@edsnet.eu. We expect Your application until **2nd August 2011**.

For more info please visit www.edsnet.eu.

EDS is Looking for Deputy Secretary General



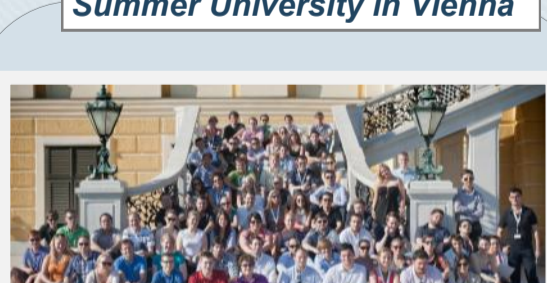
We are looking for a person that is familiar with Student and Youth politics in Europe, knows the basic structures of European decision making, has immaculate written skills in English, is no stranger to administrative work of an NGO and has good computing skills, including office solutions and website administration.

The Work of the Deputy Secretary general will be taking charge of the EDS Brussels office, working under the Secretary General. Tasks will include, among other things, drafting and preparation of documents and correspondence, maintaining the EDS website, maintaining archives, providing assistance with fundraising activities, handling incoming and outgoing mail and maintaining connections with the EPP office in the same building.

Applications with CVs should be sent to chairman@edsnet.eu and to secgen@edsnet.eu no later than **5th August 2011**.

Read the full call at www.edsnet.eu.

Summer University in Vienna



The XXXV EDS Summer University took place from 8th to 13th of July in Vienna. It hosted the 41th Annual meeting of EDS. The event was hosted and organised by the official EPP Student Organisation European Democrat Students (EDS) in close cooperation with Austrian EDS member AktionsGemeinschaft. The Summer University had over 100 participants representing over 40 organisations. This marked the meeting had the largest quorum ever present in an Annual Meeting. During our Summer University Permanent Working Groups produced two motions which were later adopted at the Annual Council meeting. Council voted in favor also on three applications for EDS observer membership of TLDM Moldova, AK Parti Youth Turkey and LDK Youth Kosovo.

Read the full report at www.edsnet.eu.

Upcoming events

- 13. – 18. September 2011 – 1st EDS Council Meeting 2011/2012 in Prague, Czech Republic – More details available soon on: www.edsnet.eu.
- 8. – 11. December 2011 – 2nd EDS Council Meeting 2011/2012 in Marseille, France