



Time to Say Goodbye...



With this last newsletter of our bureau's tenure I would like to personally say good-bye to all of you: members, alumni, friends, partners, supporters of European Democrat Students. In my 2 years chairmanship, in total 22 newsletters have been released and sent out at always the first day of the month. With its 5.000 recipients it became a constant and reliable information source of what EDS - the biggest political student organisation and the oldest of any European centre-right movements - is doing and striving for.

Our Annual Report is giving an impressive documentation of our work: The organisational set-up was consolidated, the events professionalized and streamlined, our policies made stronger and clearer and the impact of EDS on the European level grew rapidly. The voice of EDS is heard in Brussels - decision-makers love to meet EDS as our high-profile Winter Universities in the European capital have proved. And with 40 members EDS broke all records of membership, a number that is constantly growing: We expanded with Young Likud to Israel and with the admission of the AK Parti Youth from Turkey we can complete our historical mission to bring together Christians, Jewish and Muslims - open for dialogue, exchange and a common ground, based on values.

EDS celebrated early this year its 50th Anniversary in Brussels and we continue inviting our alumni as speakers and friends to our Summer University in Vienna, where we will have the second part of celebrations. With so many of great people, socialized on the European level, EDS was and stays a pioneer in European integration, in building bridges and thinking further. The European identity many of Europeans are still dreaming of became long true for EDS and our committed youngsters. The vision of Europe, united in democracy and freedom, will stay in our horizon. We will build our common house Europe and we will make it more livable, open and fresh.

I would like to thank each and any of you for the support and help - without you Europe would be far beyond its possibilities!

I wish you all the best,

Bence Bauer
outgoing Chairman

Busy Chairman: April - June

April 1 he took part at the inauguration ceremony of the new representative of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia. April 6-7 he hosted the 6th Bureau Meeting in Budapest, followed by the 4th Council Meeting April 7-10 where he chaired the sessions. April 13 he met EDS alumni in Komarno, April 18 he met Prof. Dr. Pöttering, Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, on April 27 he met with ODM Slovakia.

In May EDS Chairman took part on May 2 in the EPP WG 2, May 3 in the EPP Political Assembly and May 4 in the EPP WG 1 in Brussels. On May 5 he attended together with VC Perotti the Pannonia Academy in Güssing. Bauer delivered the well-known training to the Young Leaders' Training at the Robert Schuman Institute on May 7 in Budapest. May 12-16 he was in Latvia for the Policy Work Days in Riga/Ratnieki, also celebrating the 50th EDS Anniversary on the very day of the founding of EDS on May 13. He also attended the EPP Campaign Managers' Meeting on June 19-20 in Budapest, where EDS Resolution "European Identity and EP elections" was presented. May 20-23 Bauer visited the Youth Festival of AK Parti Youth with VC Antal and a big EDS delegation. On May 29 he met EDS alumni and sponsors.

June 1, EDS Chairman met with EDS alumni in Slovakia, June 4 he met the leadership of SOHSS to discuss the future EDS event in Croatia. June 8 he met with Bernhard Krall the Director of the International Republican Institute for discussing fundraising possibilities for the SummerU in Vienna. June 16-19 he attended the V. Central European Youth Cooperation in Spisská Podhradie (Slovakia), where he addressed the delegates from the CEYC member organisations. June 17, EDS co-organised the Young Citizens Danube Network in Budapest. June 20-21 he attended the EPP WG 1 in Brussels and had June 22 several meetings in Brussels: with the head of Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Secretary General of the European People's Party and the Director of the Centre for European Studies, latter as regards fundraising options for Vienna. June 23 he took part in the EPP 35th Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with the EPP Summit in the Palais des Academies in Brussels. June 24-25-26 he was working in EDS office to prepare SummerU and the press conference about Duff report.

Annual Report Prepared!

At the Summer University and Annual Meeting, the EDS Annual Report of the working year 2010/2011 will be available. Please plan your journey to Vienna accordingly, every delegation is entitled to take 25-30 copies of this publication (1 copy has the weight of approximately 330 gramm, so 30 copies amount to 10 kg). After the SummerU, the EDS Secretariat will dispose over rest copies as the Annual Report will be also distributed to EDS officials and other partners in Brussels and European-wide.

Upcoming events

- **8. - 13. July - EDS Summer University in Vienna, Austria** - More details available on: www.edsnet.eu/summeru
- **15. - 18. September - 1st EDS Council Meeting 2011/2012** - More details available soon on: www.edsnet.eu

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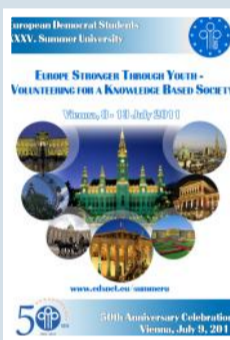
Upcoming Events Applications

EDS Bureau received a number of event applications for the year 2012. According to those, the following EDS meetings can be envisaged, with preliminary nature: February/March 2012: Winter University in Zagreb/Rijeka, April/May 2012: Council Meeting in Brussels/Antwerp, Summer University in Turkey in July, September 2012: Council Meeting in London. The final discussion and vote will be conducted by the Council. EDS is happy to inform that the Council of Europe - European Youth Foundation - is again supporting EDS meetings.

New Members Applications

EDS Bureau received within deadline three applications for EDS observer membership: TLDM Moldova, AK Parti Youth Turkey and LDK Youth Kosovo. The applicants' documents have been circulated according to deadline before the Annual Meeting. All applicants are eligible for EDS observer membership, EDS Bureau will give a detailed assessment on the applicants. We ask member organisations to read carefully the documents. The vote will take place in Vienna, July 9.

EDS Summer University Starts!



XXXV. EDS Summer University just around the corner - in only couple of days this year's SummerU will start in Vienna. Over 100 delegates and many alumni have already registered. The event will feature high ranking Austrian politicians and figures of public life and has as a special part the second part of the official Anniversary Celebrations of EDS on July 9. The Annual Meeting will take place July 11. The topic of the university is: "Europe stronger through Europe - volunteering for a knowledge-based society. Five decades of student policies in Europe"

Annual Meeting: CHANGE OF VENUE

Please note that the venue of the Annual Meeting has changed. The new venue is: Technical University of Vienna, Festivity Hall, 1. floor, Karlsplatz 13, A-1040 Vienna. The time has not changed, the meeting will start Monday, July 11, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. The working documents have been disseminated by EDS Secretariat on June 27 and include agenda, bureau report, minutes of the CM Budapest and six motions. Please read them carefully.

Call for Applications for PWG Co-Chairmen!

EDS member organisations received recently a call from the Secretariat for applying for the positions of co-chairmen of the 3 Permanent Working Groups (PWG) and for the editor-in-chief of the EDS magazine BullsEye. EDS has three Permanent Working Groups: Higher Education and Research, Policies for Europe and Human Rights. Applicants should present a CV and a motivation letter. Deadline for applications is the Annual Meeting itself (July 11).

Applications are to be directed to Secretariat:

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