



## Race To The Finish Of The Working year!



Dear friends,

In the last month we conducted successfully our 4th Council Meeting in Vilnius. Many thanks to JKL, our Lithuanian member organisation. Using the most possible synergies within the framework of our mother party, EDS stayed on place where EPP conducted its Political Assembly and WG Nr. 1.

The month of June coming means now one of the most challenging parts in the life of EDS Bureau: The preparation of the summary of our work in the mandate 2009-2010, the construction of the Annual Report 2009-2010. Works have already begun and our goal is to involve also the member organisations with their input and ideas. It is our ideal to make EDS as strong as its members are - full of creativity, richness and variety. The Annual Report is an excellent opportunity to show the spirit and the drive EDS has.

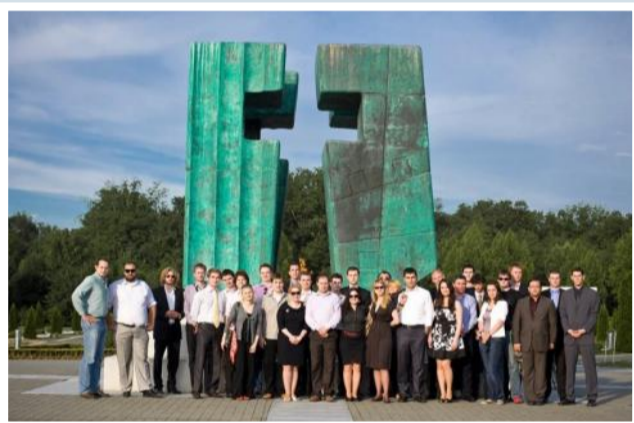
Our Summer University starting in less than 7 weeks as the XXXIV. Summer University will be held in Bratislava/Zilina and has the topic: Living together in diverse societies reflects this variety and richness. The Slovak member ODM has proven to be an excellent partner for dialogue and cultural diversity.

But of course our political work is of utmost importance: Two EDS resolutions could be passed at the Political Assembly in Vilnius, one about Youth Unemployment, one about the Bologna Process. Important EDS positions could be enhanced in the EPP working groups. So EDS is on the European stage, proving to be Europe's favourite student organisation.

Good luck and all the best,

Bence Bauer  
Chairman of EDS

## Central European Youth Conference Held in Pecs & Vukovar!



IV. Central European Youth Conference took place from May 27th to May 30th in Pecs, Hungary and Vukovar, Croatia. It was organised by two EDS full member organisations – Fidesz IT Hungary and HAZ Croatia thus becoming a first bilaterally organised conference within CEYC.

Around 40 participants from more than ten European countries had an opportunity to witness how regional cooperation can and should work in two distinctively Central European cities of Pecs and Vukovar.

CEYC members and their guests met with Ms. Ljiljana Pancirov, consul-general in Croatian consulate in Pecs, Mr. Hans Kaiser, Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Hungary, H.E. Mihaly Mayer, bishop of Pecs Mr. Božo Galić, prefect of Vukovar – Srijem County and Mr. István Kollai of Terra Recognita Foundation.

On the last day of the event Council Meeting of CEYC took place and leadership for the next year was elected. EDS own area director Ms. Tatyana Gostieva became old-new Chairwoman and Mr. Daniel Grozner who is also active in EDS as representative of Fidesz IT Hungary was appointed new Secretary General.

You can read more about CEYC at:

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

## Farewell Fico!



ODM has launched the continuation of its very successful anti campaign against the socialist Prime Minister, Robert Fico. On Tuesday, 25 May, stickers were created to flood the Slovak streets fighting the socialists before the general elections to the parliament 12 June.

You can see the details of this campaign on

[www.zbohomfico.sk](http://www.zbohomfico.sk)

which literally means, farewell Fico.

## Upcoming events

- **10. - 13. June - EDS Policy Days in Kiev, Ukraine** – More details on: [www.edsnet.eu](http://www.edsnet.eu).
- **18. - 25. July - EDS Summer University in Žilina, Slovakia** - More details available soon on: [www.summeru.eu](http://www.summeru.eu)

## Busy Chairman

In May, EDS Chairman Bence Bauer again had a full month: Between April 30 and May 2 he attended the XI. bi-annual meeting of the International Garrick Club in Cadenabbia where he delivered a presentation about the activities of EDS nowadays. May 4, he May 5-9 he took part at the 4th EDS Council Meeting in Vilnius, organised by JKL Lithuania. Being once in Vilnius, he stayed for the EPP Working Group Nr. 1 May 10 and the EPP Political Assembly, May 10-11, both in Vilnius. Furthermore, Chairman participated at a conference of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Budapest May 20. He attended the NUU Assembly in Helsinki May 21-23 and was participant at the 4th Central European Youth Conference in Pécs/Vukovar May 27-30. May 30 he took part at the 7th Civic Picnic in Kötöcse. Apart from that he addressed several EDS member organisations with personal messages.

## TK Finland Turned 50!



On Saturday 15th May 2010 about a hundred alumni and current activists alike gathered for a reception and gala dinner to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of EDS's Finnish member organisation.

To provide worthy surroundings, the venue for the evening was the Old Student House from 19th Century, in the heart of Helsinki City. Celebrations were attended by, among others, the Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the National Coalition Party, Jyrki Katainen.

The Speaker of Honor for the evening was Secretary General of the National Coalition Party, former TK Chairwoman Taru Tujunen.

The evening adhered to centuries old academic traditions of singing Finnish academic songs, having speeches and remembering the glorious decades past. EDS was represented by EDS Vice Chairman Samuli Kauranne, who is also a former TK Vice Chairman.

## IRL Youth Estonia Elected New Chairman And The Board

On April 17, the Isamaa ja Res Publica Union Youth had its electoral congress in Tallinn.

Maria Kasepalu was elected as a new chairman. She is helped by the three vice chairs: Kaido Kukk, Mihkel Kübar and Hans Elias.

The other members of the board are: Sille Ader, Dagmar Jaup, Kristjan Kaldmäe, Andero Laur, Viktor Kondin, Jaana Mägi, Madis Kübar, Sirle Rosenfeldt, Veiko Lukmann, Ingrid Lepik and Tõnis Kattai.

The Congress had around 300 members and discussed the upcoming electoral campaign - in March next year - strategy for the youth. Traditionally, a few members of the IRL youth get elected to the municipality bodies and hopefully also the Parliament this time.