



New Working Year Kicks Off!



Dear Friends of EDS,
only 11 days ago I was given renewed faith from the EDS council at EDS' XL Annual Meeting in Žilina, Slovakia. In addition to giving renewed support to the five Vice-Chairmen whom chose to run for re-election, the council elected three new Vice-Chairmen which will serve EDS for the year to come. I think I speak for the whole bureau when I say that we are humble for the renewed confidence from the council, and we are motivated in order to prove ourselves worthy of the trust.

Last year my Bureau and I set out to rebuild EDS. We had a vision of a better EDS than the organisation we took over. The past year has been hard work, however I must admit that building organisation has required more energy than expected. This has resulted in a year where we had to prioritize organisation building over policy work. However, thanks to the intense work on organisation building last year, we now have a solid organisational foundation and can once again focus the majority of our energy on policy once again.

In that respect I hereby invite both current and former activists to give the bureau input. Which policies should be the focus of EDS for the next year? Where could we - as students - act as a leading star for the European Peoples Party and our respective member organisations? Good ideas require many heads, in the Bureau we have eight, with input from the recipients of this newsletter we have nearly 3000.

Good thinking, and kind regards,

Bence Bauer
Chairman of EDS

First Official Bureau Meeting: Responsibilities Set And PWG Co-chairs Appointed!



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Less than 24 hours after being elected the EDS bureau had its first official Bureau Meeting of the working year. In order to start working from day one it was of essence that two agenda points were decided on before leaving the Summer University. The first point was the internal division of responsibilities between Vice-Chairmen and area directors. As there were three new members of the executive Bureau this working year changes had to be made to achieve full utilization of the variety of experience and competence each individual Bureau member brought with them into the Bureau.

The second point of interest was the appointment of co-chairs for EDS' three permanent working groups (Higher Education and Research, Policies for Europe, and Human Rights). In order to utilize the potential of the PWGs it was important for the Bureau that the co-chairs firstly were motivated for the job, and that members in the Bureau were willing to do their part in assisting the co-chairs in order to help them achieve their goals for the working groups. As a step in this work the bureau has now dedicated two individuals to work with and assist the co-chairs in their policy shaping work. In addition the co-chairs will also be invited to attend bureau meetings in order to increase and optimize the communication between the two anchors of EDS' day-to-day work.

For more info on bureau responsibilities and PWG co-chairs read more here:

www.edsn.net

EDS Is Looking For The New Chief Editor Of Bullseye Magazine.



Starting working year 2010/2011 EDS is looking for the Chief Editor of Bullseye magazine.

Bullseye magazine is EDS traditional publication, issued several times per year with articles and reports on higher education, youth policies, human rights, current EDS activities and political issues.

Chief Editor works in close cooperation with his/her editorial team, EDS Secretariat and Vice-Chairman, responsible for the publications. The experience in the field of publications or/and journalism is not required but would be an advantage.

If you are interested to take this challenging but exciting position please send your application (motivation letter and CV) for the Chief Editor until 10th of August, 2010 to EDS Secretary General Ildze Kanepaja:

secgen@edsnet.eu

New Chairmen In EDS Members!

CDS Belgium has elected Hannelore Giffin as their new chairwoman, replacing Maarten Marechal.

FMSF Sweden has elected Gustav Dymov as their new chairman.

FIG Italy has elected Marco Casella as their new chairman.

All three should be familiar names for most current EDS activists. The bureau wishes all three good luck in their tenures and is looking forward to fruitful cooperation with them in the year to come.

Upcoming events

- **26. - 29. August - 2nd EDS Bureau Meeting in Balatonszarszo, Hungary** – More details on: www.edsn.net.
- **22. - 26. September - EDS Council Meeting in Chisinau, Moldova** - More details available soon on: www.edsn.net/events.

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2nd Bureau Meeting To Take Place In Balaton, Hungary

EDS' Hungarian member Fidesz has been so kind to invite the EDS Bureau, PWG co-chairs and BullsEye editorial staff to attend their traditional Summer University on the banks of lake Balaton. The idea behind it is to allow the bureau firstly to have its regular bureau meeting, but also to strengthen increase the efficiency of EDS' with regards to policy development by bringing together the Bureau, the co-chairs and the BullsEye team.

In addition it is also possible for other EDS activists who are motivated to attend and join this «think tank» for EDS policy development upon request to EDS Secretary General Ildze Kanepaja:

secgen@edsnet.eu

1st Council Meeting to take place in Chisinau in September

The first Council Meeting of the working year 2010/2011 is scheduled to take place in Chisinau, Moldova. It is an established goal of EDS to promote and increase awareness of the important work which is being done in Moldova for human rights and democracy in Moldova. And there is truly no better way of doing this than bringing student activists from all across Europe to Moldova under the motto «Human Rights and Democracy – promoting European values».

The event will take place from the 22. - 26 Sept. 2010. EDS is also proud to announce that we will be able to give a partial travel reimbursement of 100€ for one delegate per member organisation for this event. Please note: In order to qualify for travel reimbursement the delegate must arrive Chisinau no later than the 22. Sept. 15:00 and leave no earlier than 26. Sept. 15:00.

Summer University In Žilina A Great Success!



EDS' 34th Summer University was hosted by EDS' Slovakian member ODM in the city of Žilina from the 19. - 25. of July.

The location is a symbol of the tremendous importance of a strong and well organised centre-right movement across Europe dedicated to fighting nationalist sentiments and propaganda. It is only a few years since this city was the stronghold of Slovak nationalists, now however it is considered as a centre-right stronghold, promoting humane and democratic values. In good centre-right tradition Žilina is an example that dedication and an ideology which puts democracy and individual citizens in front of self interest and xenophobia will prevail in the long run.

The Summer University will be remembered as one of the best in EDS' history. The programme was carefully developed by ODM in order to give EDS activists a deep insight into the politics, culture and history of the diverse nation of Slovakia. You can read in-depth daily reports from the event on our website:

www.edsn.net/events/reports

Busy Chairman

The hot month of July was extraordinarily busy for EDS Chairman Bence Bauer. July 1-4 he visited the YEPP Summer School in Jurmala, July 3 he delivered two presentations at New Era Youth Section Summer Days in Liepaja. July 6 he made a presentation for members of Civic Platform. July 15-16 he participated at the Fidesz Foreign Affairs Committee,

July 18-25 he attended and co-organised the XXXIV. EDS Summer University in Žilina, where he delivered two workshops about event organising and event financing.

July 25-27 he took part at the Hanns Seidel Foundation Conference on South Eastern Europe in Budapest and with the newly appointed Secretary General Ildze Kanepaja he presented EDS Bureau at Hanns Seidel Foundation, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and International Republican Institute. July 29 the first skype session of the new Bureau was conducted.