



# EUROPEAN IDEAS LAB

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Dear participants,

Welcome to the second edition of the European Ideas Lab. Last year was a first try, and quite a successful one! After spending months identifying citizens' movements, local struggles and initiatives across Europe, we gathered over 300 actors of change who all strive for a more just, sustainable and more democratic society.

Together, we exchanged ideas, learned from our experiences, and started connecting the dots between our various political fights. Because at the end of the day, whether we are civil society organisations, citizens' movements, social entrepreneurs or everyday activists, we all share the same objective: to bring a positive change in society.

With this second edition, we want to continue this exercise of connecting changemakers from all over Europe. We want to provide a space for all of us to reflect on the many societal challenges we are facing, and to start designing positive and citizens-oriented answers for the future.

In this reader, you will find practical information to help you get the most out of the conference, but also some insight on who we are - the European Greens - and how we approach this event.

For us, this process is still work in progress. We have tried to accommodate all the needs and demands expressed over the past year. However, any remaining remarks, questions and suggestions are very much welcome ([greens.changemakers@ep.europa.eu](mailto:greens.changemakers@ep.europa.eu)).

*We wish you a very pleasant event,  
The European Ideas Lab team.*

# ABOUT THE GREENS



# THE GREENS/EFA GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Greens/European Free Alliance is a political group in the European Parliament made up of 51 Green, Pirate and Independent MEPs as well as MEPs from parties representing stateless nations and disadvantaged minorities.

The Greens/EFA project is to build a society respectful of fundamental human rights and environmental justice: the rights to self-determination, to shelter, to good health, to education, to culture, and to a high quality of life; increase freedom within the world of work, not only by tackling unemployment but also by widening people's choices, releasing human creative potential; deepen democracy by decentralisation and direct participation of people in decision-making that concerns them, and by enhancing openness of government in Council and Commission, and making the Commission fully answerable to Parliament; build a European Union of free peoples based on the principle of subsidiarity who believe in solidarity with each other and all the peoples of the world; re-orientate the European Union, which currently over-emphasises its economic conception at the expense of social, cultural and ecological values.

## **The Greens/European Free Alliance is working for :**

- economic and social reforms to make development sustainable for both human beings and the natural world;
- a democratic process linking trade, security, economic and social issues to environmental, cultural and democratic rights;
- high ecological, social and democratic standards to ensure the quality of life;
- solidarity, guaranteed human and citizen's rights for everybody, including people who have come from non-EU countries ;
- a foreign policy designed to resolve problems by peaceful means rather than by military force;
- improved structures for democratic participation in political decision-making, involving NGOs, Trade Unions, citizens and civic authorities at all levels, with measures to ensure equal participation of women;
- guaranteed equal rights and opportunities, as well as cultural and linguistic diversity
- a policy of employment and redistribution of work with special attention to gender issues, in order to end the existing unbalanced division of labour and share the workload more fairly between women and men, ensuring that women are fully able to take part in the formal labour market as well as in political life.
- the involvement of the relevant elected authorities that have constitutional powers in the decisions of the Council of Ministers relating to matters that fall within their competence.

# WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN GREEN PARTY?

The European Green Party (EGP) is a transnational political party, with 44 member parties from all across Europe, both within the European Union (EU) and beyond. It was the first of political families to evolve from a federation to a full-edged European political party, having done so back in 2004.

Its national member parties work both within and alongside the EGP, in order to provide a response to current political affairs, setup a political agenda that is favourable to Green policies, and raise capacities to support Green political stakeholders.

The highest body of the EGP is its Council, where delegates from the member parties come together in order to discuss national, regional and European issues, elect the party's bodies, set the political agenda for upcoming period and debate political affairs.

The political work of the EGP is managed by its Committee – nine politicians elected by the Council with a mandate of 2.5 years. It is made up of two co-chairs (one female and one male), a secretary general, a treasurer, and ve other members. The day-to-day work of the party is managed by the EGP secretariat, which is based in Brussels.

The EGP also operates through its networks and working groups, that are either topical (Gender, LGBTIQ, Local Councillors, Seniors, Foreign & Security Policy, Future of Europe, Migration and Trade) or regional (e.g. Balkans and Mediterranean). One of the party's most developed portfolios is its work with Green local councillors from across Europe, where support is given to their Green political work in order to address their daily challenges in policy work, cooperation, innovations and so on.

The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) is the party's youth wing and brings together the young Green parties of the EGP's members, Green youth organisations and movements. On a global level, the EGP represents a European federation within the Global Greens.

# ABOUT THE EUROPEAN IDEAS LAB

The European Ideas Lab aims at bringing together changemakers from all over Europe. Everyday activists, civil society organisations, citizens' movements, artists, ecopreneurs and Green innovators, we come from different background but we all share the same objective: bring a positive change in society.

The European Ideas Lab provides a space to network, learn from each other, exchange ideas, define the struggles we share and reflect on the positive alternatives we want to bring in society and the best ways to make it happen. While respecting the distinct roles of civil society organisations and activists and of elected politicians respectively, we want to foster mutual trust and increase our collective ability to win topics of common interest.

## **The objectives of the European Ideas Lab are:**

- to provide a forum where changemakers and Greens from all over Europe can engage in a professionally facilitated and neutral space to share ideas, experiences and knowledge;
- to brainstorm collectively on specific topics, connect struggles and spend a weekend in an inspirational atmosphere;
- to facilitate networking and to create lasting connections between the participants, which can help inform domestic and European policy, and if possible enable the participants to identify and work cooperatively on common projects.

## **Basic principles of the European Ideas Lab include:**

- making it as participatory as possible;
- no endless panel debates but spaces for collaborative thinking;
- giving as much place as possible to changemakers. We Greens are mostly here to listen, share and take stock!

Please consider that the outcome of such an event relies very much on the spirit and presence of everyone. Let all of us engage, actively contribute and make the most of this special time.



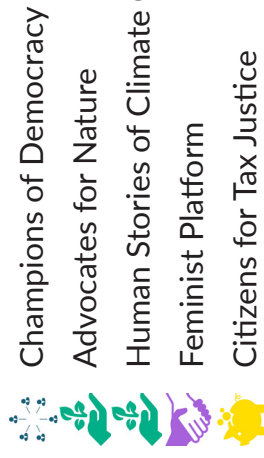
**PROGRAMME**

## Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

- 15:00 European Parliament Tour with Greens/EFA MEPs
- 17:00 **Accreditation Opens at the Venue (The Egg, Brussels)**
- 17:30 Welcome by Greens/EFA & EGP
- 18:00 Agora
- 19:00 **Dinner**
- 20:00 Theatre play - Nourrir l'humanité, c'est un métier (with EN Sub)

## Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

- 8:45 **Accreditation opens**
- 9:30 **Opening Plenary - 1000 Solutions to Solve Climate Change | Bertrand Piccard, Solar Impulse**
- 10:15 Get to Know Each Other
- 11:00 **STEP 1 - Inspire - Parallel Sessions of 1:30h**
- Open Space - Acting & Thinking Together



Champions of Democracy  
 Advocates for Nature  
 Human Stories of Climate Change  
 Feminist Platform  
 Citizens for Tax Justice

Studio
















Cinéma

Loge 1

Loge 2








R6

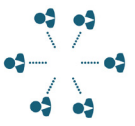
R1

	 Access to EU Funding – Challenges, Opportunities & Networking	Production 1
	 Power to the Citizens - Democratizing Energy Production	R2
	 Take Back Control Over the Food System	Production 2
	 Access to Culture and Information in the Digital Age	R3
	 The Green Entrepreneur's Guide to Surviving Today's Economy	Press Room
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Riverside
14:00	Networking Energizer	
14:30	<b>Plenary Session - Online Campaigning &amp; Mass Mobilisation Strategies   Brian Young, The Action Network</b>	
	Open Space - Acting & Thinking Together	Studio
16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:30	<b>STEP 2 - Debate &amp; Learn - Parallel sessions of 1:30h</b>	
	 The Action Network - Training	Cinéma
	 Together for a Fair Transition in Europe	R6
	 Online Platforms - to Regulate or not to Regulate	Loge 1
	 The Future of Work	Press Room
	 What Can Europe Do for Green Businesses?	R1
	 Exploring the State of Media Freedom in Europe - How to Finance Investigative Journalism?	R3
	 Phasing Out Nuclear Power in Europe	Production 1
	 Let's Invest in Our Privacy	R2
	 Campaigning on Media Sexism	Production 2
	 A Welcoming Europe for Asylum Seekers & Migrants	Loge 2
18:00	<b>Wrap-up of the Day</b>	

**Friday evening is free! Time to explore the capital of Europe and the local beers together**

# Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

8:45	<b>Accreditation Opens</b>		
9:15	STEP 2 - Debate & Learn - Parallel Sessions of 1:30h		
	 Take the Fight for Our Common Future!	R1	
	 Radical Transparency and Openness in Politics	Press Room	
	 The Rise of New Fascism: Let's Fight Back!	R2	
	 Campaigning on GM Food	Loge 1	
	 Tech for Good - Social Innovation Through Digital Technology	Production 1	
	 #MeToo - Time's up for Oppression! What's Next in our Fight Against Sexual Harassment	R3	
	 Strengthening Citizen Participation - the European Citizens' Initiative & Beyond	R6	
	 Imagine Car-free Cities	Loge 2	
	 Cryptoparty	Cinéma	
10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
11:15	STEP 3 - Create / Moving Ideas for Europe		
13:15	<b>Lunch</b>		
14:45	Networking Energizer		
15:15	Wrap-up of the Weekend		
16:00	<b>Plenary - Connecting the Struggles</b>		
18:00	<b>Closure of the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Ideas Lab by Greens/EFA &amp; EGP</b>		
18:30	Concert - Syrians Got Talent		
20:00	<b>Dinner</b>		
22:00	Closing Party with Gayance + SupAFly Collective	Riverside	
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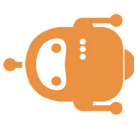
Democracy



Liveable  
Environment



Inclusive  
Society



Digital  
Society



Economy

## PROGRAMME

In order to get everyone involved as much as possible, there will be few plenary sessions, quite a few workshops and plenty of time to network. There will be lots of time for lunch and dinner, which gives people time to talk, get to know each other and discuss the ideas elaborated in the workshops. Stiofán Nutty, our professional moderator, will guide us through the conference, with of course the duty to keep time and programme, at least in spirit.

### STEP 1 - INSPIRE

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 9:30 - 12:30

We will start by hearing inspirational stories from different changemakers working in the fields of democracy, inclusive society, liveable environment, digital society and economy. From feminist activists to anti-corruption fighters, citizens taking back control over energy production and Green entrepreneurs proposing new economic models to serve people and the planet first, we want to touch base with the many positive initiatives spreading across Europe. This is naturally only a subjective choice, but there will be plenty of opportunities for all of you during this weekend to tell us your stories. Bertrand Piccard - the first man to fly round the world in a solar aircraft with no fuel or polluting emissions - will kick off the day with his own fascinating story!

### **OPENING PLENARY SESSION - 1000 SOLUTIONS TO SOLVE CLIMATE CHANGE**

#### **BERTRAND PICCARD, SOLAR IMPULSE**

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 9:30 - 10:15*

Bertrand Piccard is the initiator behind Solar Impulse, the first airplane to fly around the world without a drop of fuel. He more recently launched the World Alliance for Efficient Solutions, and with it the goal of selecting #1000 solutions that protect the environment in a profitable way to bring them to decision makers by COP24 (2018) and encourage them to adopt more ambitious environmental targets and energy policies.

Originating from a family of explorers, it is in his DNA to go beyond the obvious and push back the boundaries of the possible, as he did with his two round-the-world flights – with Solar Impulse and before that non-stop in a balloon. A trained psychiatrist, Bertrand constantly sets out to challenge certitudes and convictions, and advocates for an innovative and pioneering spirit to improve the quality of life on Earth.

Envisioning ecology through the lens of profitability, promoting clean and profitable solutions that are “logical” more than just “eco-logical,” Bertrand demonstrates the opportunities that lie in solving climate change. With his dual identities as explorer and medical doctor, he has become an influential voice heard among the most distinguished institutions across the globe as a forward-thinking leader for progress and sustainability.

### **OPEN SPACE - ACTING & THINKING TOGETHER**

*Studio, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, all day*

It is our aim to make the event as participatory as possible. We would like to give everyone the opportunity to share your ideas and projects with other changemakers and Greens from all over Europe. The selection of workshops has been a difficult choice, as we have received many interesting suggestions. Besides the list of pre-set workshops below, we have therefore created an open space for acting and thinking together. If you wish to propose spontaneous presentations, discussions or activities, please come prepared with a 30 second pitch to be introduced during the opening plenary on Friday morning. The Open Space will be running parallel to the pre-set workshops during the all day on Friday.

# WORKSHOPS

## CHAMPIONS OF DEMOCRACY

**Host:** Ska Keller - MEP

**Guest changemakers:** Barbara Nowacka - Ratujmy Kobiety / Claudiu Craciun - Demos Platform / Stoppt die Rechten (tbc)

*Cinéma, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

Throughout Europe, right-wingers take their attitudes to the street and into our democratic institutions. But everywhere people stand up and oppose those anti-democratic forces from taking over the public domain. Pro-choice defenders in Poland, anti-corruption fighters in Bulgaria, anti-fascist activist from Germany are at the forefront of a struggle that concerns all of us. Their relentless fight is crucial to resist the multifaceted threats to our liberal democracies. This workshop provides a stage for them to share their experiences, identify common struggles and learn from each other. Lead questions: Which strategy was pursued? Why was it successful? What was particularly challenging? Who were the partners? What lessons can be learned?

## ADVOCATES FOR NATURE

**Host:** Hans Van Scharen

**Guest changemakers:** Tara Houska - Honor the Earth / Tică Darie - Save Roşia Montană (tbc) / Joanna Pawlusiewicz & Augustyn Mikos - Camp for the Forest

*Loge 1, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

Environmental crimes are on the rise. In fact, this is now the world's fourth largest criminal enterprise after drug smuggling, counterfeiting and human trafficking. While multinational companies are often benefiting from our political and legal systems' weaknesses, citizens are standing up for nature's rights and raising environmental justice claims to court. What can we do to ensure legal protection to nature and the environment? How can we resist and stop environmental destruction?

## FEMINIST PLATFORM

**Hosts:** Gals4Gals / Strike 4 Repeal / Lallab

*R6, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

From direct attacks to reproductive rights in countries like Poland and Ireland, to the rise of anti-gender movements and populist debates about potential bans on burkinis in France, it's high time for feminist movements from all background to come together and exchange. With this Feminist Platform, we want to offer a space to approach feminism from different angles, to raise different aspects of discrimination or problems that women are facing in different parts of Europe, and to identify common struggles.

## POWER TO THE CITIZENS! DEMOCRATISING ENERGY PRODUCTION

**Host:** Claude Turmes - MEP

**Guest changemaker:** Esther Bollendorff - Energiris

*R2, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

Citizens are at the core of the energy transition. All over Europe, local initiatives are set up to take ownership of the transition towards a more sustainable energy system. From self-consumption to cooperative production of renewable energy, citizens are getting active in producing, storing and sharing their own energy. Together with Esther Bollendorff from Energiris - leading renewable 'cooper-active' in Belgium, we will exchange experiences and best practices and analyse the key demands that EU policies and programmes need to take into consideration to allow citizens energy to play an active part in the energy transition.

## TAKE BACK CONTROL OVER THE FOOD SYSTEM: THE LAND QUESTION

**Hosts:** Sjoerd Wartena - Terre de Liens / René Tettenborn - Ökonauten

*Production 2, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

All over Europe, people are standing up to take control over food back in their own hands. They

are creating relationships between farmers and urban-dwellers in a quest to shorten food-chains and learn about how food is produced. Citizens are pooling money for land so young people can start farming. Mayors declare their towns pesticide-free and plant wildflower strips to make sure bees find enough food. Community-run canteens are serving more seasonal, organic and vegetarian options. It's not only tastier and healthier - it's also good for the climate, animals, soils, water, farmers, and our souls.

The new food movement doesn't stop there. People are taking their demands for a sustainable food and agriculture system to the streets. It took only five months for the European Citizen's Initiative against glyphosate to collect more than 1,3 million signatures, demanding a toxic-free future. All over Europe, people are making their voices heard against oversized new stables for thousands of cows, chicken and pigs. People are impatient to see changes at the political level.

This workshop focuses on the question of community support for existing and future farms as a means for citizens to take back food sovereignty. It will be a space to exchange experiences on how to motivate and integrate local communities, consumers from urban areas and land owners in supporting sustainable farmers. While the focus will be on bottom-up solutions, it will also shed light on how to achieve political change in the context of the upcoming reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

## HUMAN STORIES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

**Host:** Marco Affronte - MEP

**Guest changemakers:** Samuel Turpin & Benjamin Bibas - La Fabrique documentaire

*Loge 2, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

From the multiplication of extreme weather events to limited access to basic resources such as water and food, climate change has serious and long-standing effects on the way people are living. It affects all countries and continents, but somehow in different ways. To gain a better understanding of the many effects of climate change on our daily lives, Samuel Turpin and Benjamin Bibas have decided to follow 12 families scattered around the globe. Through their stories, they provide concrete examples of a complex phenomenon, and try to connect the realities of

people directly impacted by the effects of global warming. By telling (human) stories of climate change, they are also trying to convince citizens to engage in climate action.

## THE GREEN ENTREPRENEUR'S GUIDE TO SURVIVING TODAY'S ECONOMY

**Host:** Florent Marcellesi - MEP

**Guest changemakers:** Vincent Liégey - Cargonomia / Luis Morales Carballo - Ecopreneurs for the Climate

*Press Room, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

New business models are flourishing all over Europe that are challenging the current liberal economic framework, focusing on creating common good instead of private profit and placing people and the environment at the core of their enterprise. They often emerge simply as a natural and spontaneous reaction to the loss of trust in the current economic system following the decade-long economic and social crisis Europe is slowly recovering from. What are the challenges faced by those new types of entrepreneurs? How to develop a business based on common good, solidarity and ecology when all the rest is just about profit and competitiveness? What are the good tricks? Whom to talk to and how to develop your network? What is the way to survive... and to change the system being a Green entrepreneur?

## CITIZENS FOR TAX JUSTICE

**Host:** Molly Scott Cato - MEP

*R1, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

One scandal follows another: LuxLeaks, Panama Papers, Paradise Papers, they all reveal a global system of corruption and injustice at play. A system that enables multinational corporations and the super-rich to avoid paying taxes on a drastically large scale, while ordinary citizens contribute their fair share of taxes. Our societies lose huge amounts of resources every year that could be used to finance better education, accessible health care or to protect the environment. Tax scandals undermine people's trust in the taxation system and ultimately they lose trust in public institutions and in justice. As the scandal count grows, the foundations of democracy are being undermined.

How can we make tax justice work to regain



people's trust? What are the reforms that can make this change a reality? How can we show that tax justice is important in our everyday life? How can we make the results of the tax justice movement more visible for the people? Discuss with us at the tax justice workshop during the EU Ideas Lab.

### **ACCESS TO CULTURE AND INFORMATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

**Host:** Julia Reda - MEP

*R3, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

The Internet has great potential for sharing knowledge and culture with more people than ever before, bringing the human right to participate in culture and the sciences to fruition. Yet this potential is threatened by ever more far-reaching laws concentrating information in the hands of the few, from overly restrictive copyright laws to trade secrets. This is a workshop for digital rights and open knowledge activists, creatives and others who want to discuss what a fair and open knowledge ecosystem for the Internet age could look like, and to coordinate actions to influence the ongoing reforms.

### **ACCESS TO EU FUNDING: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES & NETWORKING**

**Hosts:** Vula Tsetsi, Simone Reinhart, Robert Godina & Roccu Garoby - Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament / Isane Aparicio - Schuman Associates

*Production 1, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 11:00 - 12:30*

If you have a project and are looking for funding, this workshop is for you. Not every idea can be eligible for EU funding, but we will make our best to guide you through the complex world of EU funds and programmes. EU funding can be overlooked, often being seen as an overly bureaucratic process. But with some insight on how to set up a project application and respond in a targeted way to the specific requirement of the different funding instruments, it might help you give birth to some of your best ideas.

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## **STEP 2 - DISCOVER & LEARN**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 14:30 - 18:00 & Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 9:15 - 10:45

We are all coming from different background, but we share the same objective: bringing a positive change in society. Together, we want to learn from each other's experiences and brainstorm on the current challenges we face in Europe.

### **PLENARY SESSION - ONLINE CAMPAIGNING & MASS MOBILISATION STRATEGIES BRIAN YOUNG, THE ACTION NETWORK**

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 14:30 - 16:00*

Brian Young is the co-founder and Executive Director at The Action Network, an open platform that empowers individuals and groups to organize for progressive causes. Before dedicating his time to helping activists to transform their spontaneous protests into movements for mass mobilisation, Brian Young spent a decade at the forefront of the digital revolution in politics. From mobilizing millions of women worldwide for the Women's March to fundraising millions of dollars to support the Standing Rock Sioux community fighting against the Dakota Access pipeline project, Brian Young will give some insight into strategies for recruiting and empowering new activists to amplify spontaneous citizens' movements.

# WORKSHOPS

## SESSION 1

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 16:30 - 18:00

### **EXPLORING THE STATE OF MEDIA FREEDOM IN EUROPE - HOW TO FINANCE INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM?**

**Host:** Ruth Reichstein & Pamela Bartlett Quintanilla - Greens/EFA

*R3, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

A free, diverse and responsible press is a core element of any functioning democracy. But covering a potentially interesting story is risky and costly, for the media organisation but often as well for the journalists themselves. Even in democratic societies, the personal risks can be very high. We are inviting journalists and non-journalists to debate the state of media freedom in Europe and its importance for democracy, with a particular focus on the financing of investigative journalism.

We have recently commissioned a study from experts at the University of Hamburg who are currently working on a research report which focuses on models of financing investigative journalism. These models range along a continuum from receiving government funds to private funds and are evaluated using a set of criteria including independence, quality, market structure, production processes, sustainability and competitiveness.

We'd like to invite you to join us in a discussion around the different models of financing, with a view to gathering your feedback on which are the most promising options. This in turn would feed into our future policy demands and campaigning on the issue.

### **TOGETHER FOR A FAIR TRANSITION IN EUROPE**

**Host:** Bas Eickhout - MEP / Delphine Chalençon,

Climate Change campaigner for the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament

**Guest changemakers:** Benjamin Denis - European Trade Union Confederation / Darek Urbaniak - EU Beyond Coal / Patryk Białas - Congress of Urban Movements / Dr Sylwia Jarosławska-Sobór

*R6, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

The decarbonisation of Europe's economy is becoming a reality. The transition towards a zero-carbon economy will inevitably lead to structural transformations of the socio-economic realities of some sectors and some regions in Europe. How to anticipate those transformations? What needs to be done to ensure that the energy transition is beneficial for all and does not leave anyone behind? Taking Poland as a concrete example, we are inviting participants to learn and debate the realities facing coal mining regions and workers in their path towards a greener future.

### **ONLINE PLATFORMS - TO REGULATE OR NOT TO REGULATE, THAT IS THE QUESTION!**

**Host:** Laura Dornheim - Eye/o

*Loge 1, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

Online platforms have become more and more powerful in the digital economy and a small number of platform providers are dominating the digital public sphere through their offers and algorithms. This development raises a number of political questions about the enforcement of legal standards, data protection, guarantee of freedom of speech and the future role of traditional media and journalism. How can we guarantee our democratic standards in the platform economy? How could and should the legal framework for platforms be strengthened?

## THE FUTURE OF WORK

**Host:** Philippe Lamberts - MEP

**Guest changemakers:** Maria Jespen - European Trade Union Institute, Belgium

*Press Room, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

The world of work has been shaken over the last years by growing concerns surrounding the deployment of robots, algorithms and the outlook of artificial intelligence. Up to close to half of the jobs are threatened. Besides the digital revolution, the energy transition will also affect the nature, quantity and content of jobs. Yet most of the jobs our kids will have in 2030 still do not exist at the moment. They are yet to be invented. This technological and seemingly jobs-destructive trend piles up on the precariousness due to steadily more liberalized markets. Those new developments are challenging individual and collective welfare and are threatening the financing of public services and the social safety nets that prevent 40 millions European to fall into poverty. In that context, what responses can the EU bring to ensure a smooth transition aiming at shared prosperity? How can the EU accompany the development on the labour markets or frame taxation schemes for that purpose? Can basic income schemes and/or the shortening of the duration of work provide an adequate solution?

## WHAT CAN EUROPE DO FOR GREEN BUSINESSES?

**Host:** Sven Giegold - MEP

*R1, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

Greening business is one of the means to promote the green transformation of our economy and society. New business models are being created to provide an answer to the many societal challenges that lie ahead of us. From social and green entrepreneurs, serious corporate social responsibility, to sustainable finance, circular economy or cooperatives new European champions are rising. What can Greens do to support and scale up those initiatives so that those new business models impose themselves as the way forward for the European economy? What should Europe do to promote green businesses? What should Europe do less or stop in order support the greening of business?

## PHASING OUT NUCLEAR POWER IN EUROPE

**Host:** Rebecca Harms - MEP

**Guest changemaker:** Patricia Lorenz - Global 2000

*Production 1, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

While new reactor projects are rare in the EU, several countries currently plan to expand the lifetime of their old reactors. This year the Espoo convention MOP (Meeting of the Parties) will decide if an environmental impact assessment (EIA) is necessary for lifetime extension of nuclear power plants; this would give neighboring countries a chance to participate in this decision. Many citizens are concerned about the continued operation of old reactors in their country or in neighboring countries, often close to state borders. This workshop aims at developing ideas how to influence the decision making process. We also want to bring together local activists from all over Europe to exchange on mobilisation strategies to achieve the shutdown of old and dangerous reactors.

(\*) The Espoo convention lays down the general obligation of States to notify and consult each other on all major projects under consideration that are likely to have a significant adverse environmental impact across boundaries

## LET'S INVEST IN OUR PRIVACY!

**Host:** Reinhard Bütikofer - MEP

**Guest changemakers:** Guillaume Champeau - Qwant / Splone

*R 2, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

In this workshop we want to have an exchange about issues of data privacy and data security and how these concepts affect each other. To start the conversation, inputs will be given from two tech companies. To what degree is there a trade-off between data privacy and data security perspectives? How can concepts be developed to harness a particular economic approach to the end of fostering civic rights motivated privacy guarantees?

## CAMPAIGNING ON MEDIA SEXIM

**Hosts:** Penelope Kemekenidou, Sarah Voigt, Johanna Polle, Anne-Marie Jacob & Britta Häfemeier - Gender Equality Media

*Production 2, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

Gender Equality Media is a young non-profit NGO which is fighting media sexism in Germany. Starting out as an online-campaign against the sexism in Europe's biggest selling newspaper, the Bild-Zeitung, the volunteers evolved into an organization which is changing the German media landscape through media screenings, workshops and their own developed code of conduct for journalism.

In this workshop they will give a brief overview over their concept and will try with help from the participants, to challenge the notion of how we can combat sexism in our media landscape more efficiently, according to what the European countries have already decided upon in the Beijing +20 agreement.

### **A WELCOMING EUROPE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS**

**Hosts:** Maria Giovanna - Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament & The Green European Foundation

*Loge 2, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 16:30 - 18:00*

The increased arrivals of migrants and refugees in the EU throughout the past few years, has sparked a debate that we hoped could have been overcome a long time ago. Instead of adopting

long-term solutions looking into establishing a well-organised migration policy based on mobility and human rights, Member States have erected fences and refused to host refugees. The European asylum laws are being made much more restrictive, channels for legal migration, family reunification and work are extremely limited, and migrants are being sent back to their countries of origin sometimes in blunt violation of international law. At the same time, many citizens' initiatives are spontaneously launched to support refugees and migrants. From volunteer rescue missions in the Mediterranean, to citizens providing assistance to migrants and refugees in the host countries, this has been an astounding driver for positive change. This workshop invites changemakers, policy-makers and other participants interested in this field to propose and debate collaborative solutions for a welcoming Europe for asylum seekers and migrants. We will organise the debate into three different workstreams: policy and advocacy, action and campaign, communication and narrative.

## **SESSION 2**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 9:15 - 10:40

### **RADICAL TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS IN POLITICS**

**Host:** Vit Simral - Czech Pirates

*Press Room, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

A lot of people in politics talk about fighting against corruption and bringing back to life the 'participation' part in the participative democracy. Often, those are just empty phrases. In the Czech Pirate Party, we have been trying and polishing various ways of bringing radical transparency and openness in politics over the last eight years of our existence - and we found a way that works! Now in the Parliament we want to implement such changes. Do you want to learn more about applied transparency, how to communicate with

citizens effectively or what can really be done against corruption? Then our workshop is for you.

### **THE RISE OF NEW FASCISM: LET'S FIGHT BACK!**

**Host:** Steve Cedar - Unitat contra el feixisme i racisme

*R2, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

The extreme right are gaining ground electorally and on the streets in many countries in Europe, today sharing power in some places, with the danger of taking power in coming elections. Sometimes their image is openly racist and fascist, and sometimes they dress their ideas up in "identity" politics and populism, but their

message is the same in each country: the politics of hate, of “us” and “them”, often translated into violent acts of Islamophobia, antisemitism and racism.

The workshop aims to outline what we understand by the word fascism, the dangers of the banalisation of fascism, and the chance to analyse how it can be fought from below in our communities with some local examples, but with the aim of taking those experiences to other parts of Europe, seeking a united and active response to the threat on our doorsteps, and to continue building a network of activists who can organise it.

### **CAMPAIGNING ON GM FOOD**

**Host:** Pat Thomas - Beyond GM

*Loge 1, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

The UK's Beyond GM ([www.beyond-gm.org](http://www.beyond-gm.org)) reaches out to those who might never describe themselves as ‘activists’ but who, nevertheless have a huge stake in the future of our food system. We aim to encourage and facilitate an engaged citizenship that cares about the provenance of food, and the integrity of farming and is willing to stand behind an alternative, GM-free and pesticide-free agricultural system.

The picture of GMOs in Europe is becoming increasingly complicated with opt out/opt in legislation and concerns over new gene editing techniques and how these will be handled by regulators. There are more ‘grey areas’ as well as regional and country differences in perceptions about genetic engineering technology. Mass mobilisation – by its very nature – requires a broad but shallow participation from the public, usually around simple key messages. But is this enough to really address the world of new GMOs and the need for alternatives?

For this session we hope for a lively discussion with other campaigners about what role the public has in this work, and how we might work together, and individually, to more effectively engage citizens. Key questions are: is the era of mass mobilisation over or does it need redefining? Are we talking to the right people? Is internet campaigning and social media really an effective tool for genuine engagement or do we need new ones - and if so what are they? Please come and join us!

### **TAKE THE FIGHT FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE!**

**Hosts:** The Commons Network / Federation of Young European Greens

*R1 - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

During this workshop, the Commons Network and the Federation of Young European Greens will take you on a journey through the fascinating world of commons. Participants will learn the basics of what commons are, why they are important for everyone in Europe, and how citizens’ initiatives, activists, organisations and parties can fight for the common good more creatively and effectively.

### **STRENGTHENING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS’ INITIATIVE AND BEYOND**

**Host:** Maarten de Groot & Simona Pronckuté - The ECI Campaign

*R 1, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

The European Union suffers from a variety of crises, and the ‘crisis of European democracy’ is arguably its most fundamental one. How can citizen participation contribute towards a stronger and more democratic EU? Which opportunities for citizen participation are out there, and what ideas do you have to foster and strengthen democratic participation within the EU? These and other questions will be explored, discussed and further developed in a highly participatory manner during our workshop.

### **IMAGINE CAR-FREE CITIES**

**Host:** Jakop Dalunde, MEP

**Guest changemakers:** Lars Strömngren - European Cyclists Federation / Jeppe Larsen - Move By Bike / Delphine Morel de Westgaver - Bruxsel’AIR / Arnaud Pinxteren - Ecolo

*Loge 2, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

More and more European cities - among them Dublin, Madrid and Paris - are developing plans to ban private cars in the city center, with the aim to both improve the urban environment and re-branding their cities as modern, liveable and environmentally friendly. What have we learned so far when planning and developing cities including traffic flow and public transport, and what do we need to keep in mind for future

projects? Which role can the civil society and European citizens play in developing our European cities? During this shift in urban planning, the aim of this workshop is to learn from and get inspired by representatives from the civil society, local politicians and lobbyists working with urban development and transport.

### **TECH FOR GOOD - SOCIAL INNOVATION THROUGH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

**Host:** Jeanne Brétecher - The Social Good Accelerator

*Production 1, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

Hackers helping victims of natural disasters to restore network connectivity, setting up a cloud for homeless people to store their personal information thereby facilitating their way through administrative procedures and ensuring their rights, creating a chatbot to help refugees claim asylum, more and more social innovators in Europe are taking grasp of the digital revolution to make an even bigger impact in society. Come and explore the many ways digital technology can help you develop your engagement for a more inclusive and sustainable society.

### **#METOO - TIME'S UP FOR OPPRESSION! WHAT'S NEXT IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**Host:** Monika Vana, MEP

**Guest changemakers:** Juliette Sanchez-Lambert - Period.Brussels Network, Joanna Maycock - European Women Lobby

*R 3, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

The last year have seen the surge of the 'Silence Breakers' - those courageous women who spoke out against sexual assault and harassment all over the world. But we are still far from a radical shift in mentalities and behaviours. We are still a long way from a world where all women would feel safe. Together with several feminist activists, we want to exchange experiences, best practices and key political demands to prevent and combat psychological and sexual harassment in Europe.

Together we will reflect on ways to empower, educate and connect women to prevent and

combat sexual and psychological harassment and provide a safe environment for all women. We will shed a light on legal aspects in Member States and exchange experiences on how to tackle online harassment in particular.

### **CRYPTOPARTY**

**Host:** Heart of Code

*Cinéma, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 9:15 - 10:45*

Come and join the cryptoparty! The goal of a cryptoparty is to pass on knowledge about protecting yourself in the digital space. This can include encrypted communication, preventing being tracked while browsing the web, and general security advice regarding computers and smartphones. Just come with you own devices and start acting to protect your online self.

## **STEP 3 - CREATE / MOVING IDEAS FOR EUROPE**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 11:15 - 13:15

What can Europe do for you? And what can you do for Europe? With those two simple questions, we want to invite all participants to bring their calls for action, projects, ideas, concerns, questions or whatever they feel might bring a positive change in Europe and for which they would need help and support to work on a common future for Europe. This session will provide a practical opportunity for groups of like-minded participants to work together. So let's get creative and move from ideas to action!

### **CLOSING PLENARY - CONNECTING THE STRUGGLES**

*Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 16:00 - 18:00*

Let's take one step back, and look at what we have achieved together. What have we learned from each other? How can we move forward, connect the struggles and make a bigger impact? What changes could we achieve by working together at the European level?

# CULTURAL PROGRAMME

**NOURRIR L'HUMANITÉ, C'EST UN MÉTIER (FR, EN SUBTITLES)**

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, 20:00 - 22:00*



To understand the decline of family farming, two actors, including a farmer's son, undertook a necessary documentary theater project. They collected the evidence of a peasant reality that does not leave unharmed. They give body and flesh to a reality rarely treated on the theatrical scene, and almost completely unknown: that of these farmers who feed humanity. *Nourrir l'humanité, c'est un métier* reminds us that behind this act that seems ordinary - eating - hide poignant stories of men and women who carry an infinite love for the living and for life.

## **SYRIANS GOT TALENT**

*Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 18:30 - 20:00*

Most of them arrived in Europe by sea, looking for a better future for their families. Greece, Macedonia, Hungary, they have come a long way to seek asylum here in Belgium and in France, and they are now eager to meet you. They have one thing in common, their passion for music. They were all playing before the revolution and war in Syria. Some ended up playing in the streets of Istanbul (Turkey), and in September 2015, they took a boat and survived. So they keep playing. They might not yet all master French, Dutch or English, but they use music as a universal language and encourage everyone - refugee or not - to live together.





## THE MUSICIANS:

**Basel Khalil**, 55, bilingual Arabic-Russian, taught guitar to hundreds of students during his 25 years at the Russian Cultural Center in Damascus. Refusing to play for the regime, he had to leave his country. His wife and children were finally allowed to join him and he was able to leave the Lanaken camp, so far from everything, to start a new life.

**Mabad Soleiman**, 19, fled Raqqa in 2014 after his father, Inspector General of Education, had to flee the regime in 2011. He became the star of his high school where he learned French in one year. Mabad plays the violin.

**Louloua Rahmoun Levacher**, 27, left Syria out of love. She joined her French husband in 2011 and finished a master's degree in artistic direction in Paris. She joined the band to call on Syrians to help each other because refugees are left behind even among Syrians in Europe. She loves singing and playing guitar.

**Talal Kabane**, 28, is playing tabla (Arabic drums). In September 2015, he flew Syria and reached Belgium in only eleven days. He is delighted to learn French and feels welcome in Belgium, where families have invited him to eat every week. He graduated in agricultural sciences and comes from Souweida, southern Syria.

**Walid Horan**, 42, came straight from Raqqa in the North East of Syria with his wife and three daughters. A master of oud, the oriental lute and ancestor of the guitar, he loves classical Arabic music - especially from Iraq. He fancies long walks in Brussels but is desperate to improve his French to understand Brel (anybody free to help?). Before fleeing he was an Arabic teacher in Raqqa and graduated from the city's Faculty of Literature.

## CLOSING PARTY - GAYANCE + FATOOSAN & VANEESHUA (SUPAFly COLLECTIVE)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, 22:00 - 02:00



Gayance, is a DJ, writer, and curator of Haitian heritage, born and raised in Montreal, based in Brussels. Through her first love, hip-hop, she began digging for the kinds of sounds that have now been woven into the fabric of her DJ sets: carnival ambience of the Caribbean, Northern Brazilian percussion and other styles of psychedelic music from around the globe.



Fatoosan & Vaneeshua are members of the SupAfly Collective, the first ever female dj-team in Belgium. With each their own cultural and musical background, personal style and technical skills, they have established a solid reputation as they are known for their all-round selections, on-point skills and their positivity behind the dj-booth. Musically they connected initially through hiphop, but dj-sets performed by the collective range from global, funky grooves and soul, to house, bass driven music and future beats.

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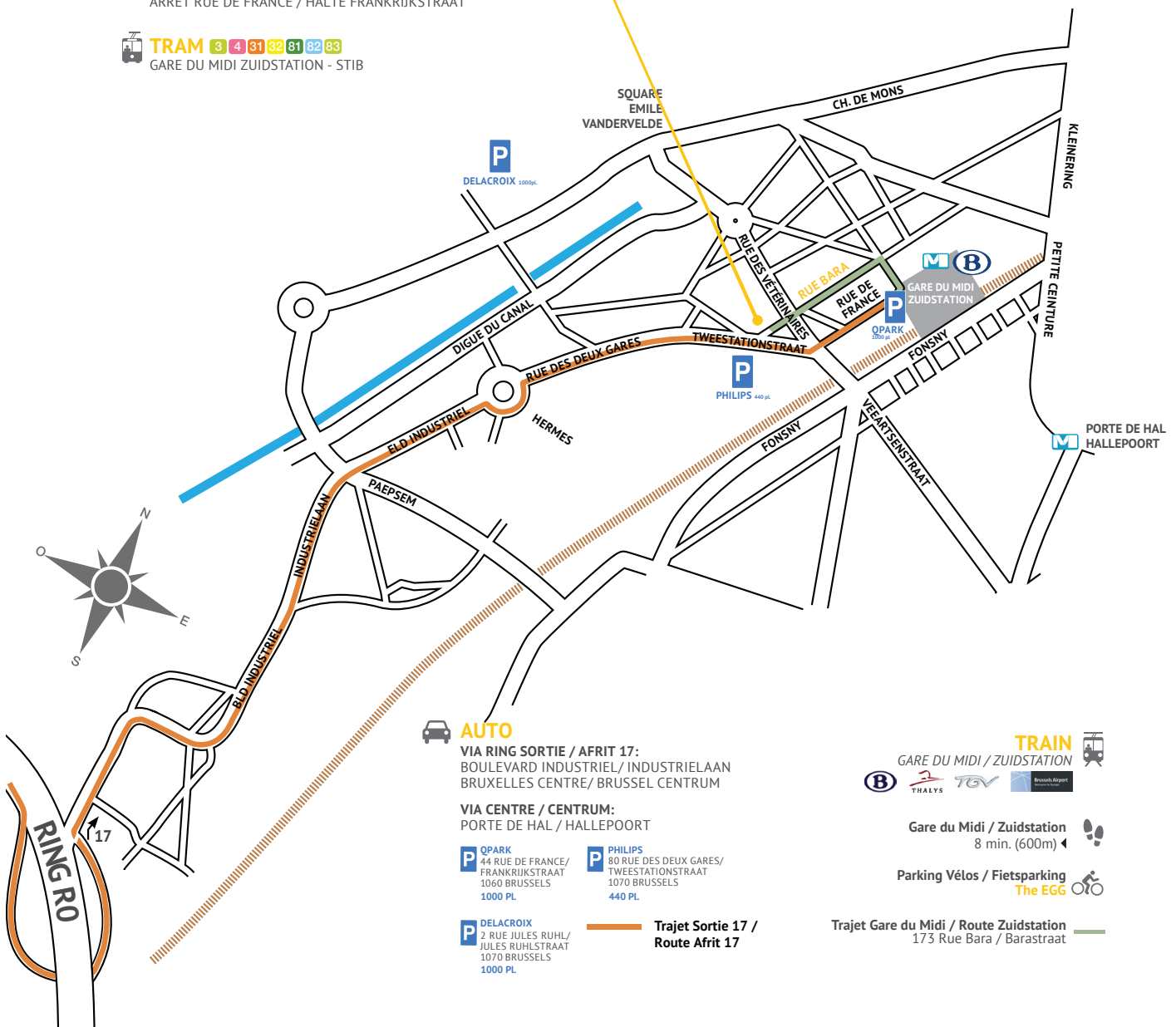
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