



GREEN EUROPEAN FOUNDATION

The Green European Foundation

GEF / ViSiLi

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What it is

Who it is

Where it is

Where it can go

GEF: What it is...

- one of the newly created European political foundations funded by the European Parliament
- a distinct organisation with its own priorities
- an attempt to bridge the gap between the national and European levels

...and what it is not.

- no umbrella organisation for the national political foundations
- no substitute for the work of national foundations or national Green parties

The basics

- GEF is registered as an international not-for-profit organisation under the Belgian law ("association internationale sans but lucratif", aisbl).
- Two main decision making bodies
 - General Assembly: 21 members
 - Board of Directors: 7 members
- As of September 2008 financed by the European Parliament on an annual basis

General Assembly: 21 members



Members of the General Assembly

EGP (5 votes)

- Juan Behrend
- Reinhard Buetikofer
- Agnieszka Grzybek
- Grazia Francescato
- Ulrike Lunacek

Green Group (5 votes)

- Marie-Hélène Aubert
- Pierre Jonckheer
- Eva Lichtenberger
- Helga Trüpel
- Claude Turmes

National Green Foundations (11 votes)

- Alexander Langer Foundation (*Italy*)
- Cogito (*Sweden*)
- Etopia (*Belgium*)
- Green Economics Institute
(*Great Britain*)
- The Green Party/Comhaontes Glas
(*Ireland*)
- Gruene Bildungswerkstatt (*Austria*)
- Heinrich Boell Foundation
(*Germany*)
- Nous Horitzons (*Catalunya, Spain*)
- Stichting Wetenschappelijk Bureau
(*Netherlands*)
- ViSiLi (*Finland*)
- Foundation in Luxembourg
(*in the formation*)

Members of the Board of Directors

- Heidi Hautala (*ViSiLi, Finland*), *President*
- Pierre Jonckheer (*Green Group in the European Parliament*), *President*
- Juan Behrend (*European Green Party*)
- Anne de Boer (*Stichting Wetenschappelijk Bureau, Netherlands*)
- Ralf Fücks (*Heinrich Boell Foundation, Germany*)
- Daniela Graf (*Gruene Bildungswerkstatt, Austria*)
- Ulrike Lunacek (*European Green Party*)

Brussels office

- Claude Weinber, *Secretary General*
- Leonore Gewessler, *Programme Director*

GEF 2008 / 2009

- Budget 2008: 356.000 Euro
Budget 2009: 422.600 Euro
 - 85% European Parliament grant
 - 15% own resources and contributions of project partners
- 1/3 of the budget: infrastructure, website, personnel
2/3 of the budget: project funding for GEF projects with support of national partner organizations.
- Future budget depends for the biggest part on the size of the Green Group in the EP

Examples of ongoing Projects

- Capacity building projects in cooperation with Green Campus in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Malta
- Strategy workshops and publications in Poland with support of the Heinrich Boell Foundation Warsaw office
- Conference on Internet Campaigning in Brussels
- Seminar on Sustainable Mobility in Barcelona
- Green Economics Training with FYEG in Berlin

Website

www.gef.eu (to be launched January 2009)

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2009

- First project period 2009:
projects taking place from January to June 2009
- Focused on the topics of the European campaign
 - Climate change and the environment
 - Democracy, Human Rights and Participation
 - The European Social Model within a sustainable European economy
- Capacity Building as constant topic

The Green European Foundation

- as a laboratory for and a contributor to the Green European debate
- as a platform for Green cooperation on a European level
- as an institution promoting Green capacity building across Europe
- as work in progress

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