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DEAR GREEN FAMILY,

In August, the Federation of Young European Greens elected me to join the next EGP Committee on their behalf. I am therefore not using this space to ask for your vote. Rather, I want to introduce myself to you.

First of all, I want to thank FYEG for the immense trust they put in me. I will be the first person to hold the Committee seat officially dedicated to FYEG, and I am aware of the responsibility that comes with this. I promise you that I will be a strong voice for FYEG and that I will keep on bringing forward the perspective of youth.

My name is Christina and I am from Germany. I am a member of Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen as well as their youth organisation, Grüne Jugend. Professionally, I work on foreign and security policy. These topics are not the easiest to navigate for Green parties. But I have learnt in the past few years how important it is that we keep on discussing and trying to find common ground on these issues, especially where it is challenging.

I have been active in FYEG since 2017 in various positions, such as a Working Group Coordinator, Co-author of the Political Platform, and Ecosprinter Editorial Board Member. For the last two years, I have been a member of FYEG's Executive Committee. In this position, I have co-organized the Federation's European election campaign. I am especially proud of the support we have given to young candidates from all over Europe.

FYEG is my political home. It is a space where I have learnt and grown a lot, where I have found my community. I love our Federation very much and I am deeply committed to it.

Strong and independent youth wings make political parties better. Youth wings push their parties where necessary. They build bridges into civil society and activist spaces. They can go where political parties cannot. They teach young people how to work together. But maybe most importantly, they are spaces where young people can empower themselves.

As Greens, we take youth seriously. The decision by EGP member parties to include a seat dedicated for FYEG in the EGP Committee is a reflection of this. At the same time, there are areas in which we can still improve. Not every member party in the European Green family has a strong and independent youth wing yet. But together, I want us to get there.

Greens in Europe are facing a difficult moment that we need to face head-on. I am excited to be a part of this and to be a member of the next EGP Committee.
I look forward to see all of you in Dublin,
and to work together over the coming mandate.

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University of Oxford (United Kingdom) — 2020-2021
MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy

College of Europe (Belgium) — 2019 - 2020
MA European Political and Governance Studies

Amsterdam University College (Netherlands) — 2016 - 2019
BA Liberal Arts and Sciences

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NATO (Belgium) — since 2024
International Staff

Centre for European Reform (United Kingdom and Belgium) — 2023-2024
Research Fellow on European foreign and security policy

NATO (Belgium) — 2023
Policy Intern

European Green Party (Belgium) — 2022-2023
Assistant to the Secretary General

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Executive Committee — 2022-2024

Ecosprinter Editorial Board — 2021-2022

Political Platform Committee — 2020-2021

Working Group Member & Coordinator — 2017-2019