

Green Summer Academy 2010 – September 2-5, 2010

Update as of April 15, 2010

Topics of NGO presentations and of workshop topics jointly organized with NGOs will be specified in more detail. On June 2, there will be a preparatory meeting for Austrian NGOs in Vienna.

Beyond Boundaries

For a "bottom-up" Europeanization

New perspectives in politics: taking initiative/s – gaining influence

Thursday, September 2, 2010 – 7 p.m.

Opening – Summer Academy – key topics:

- Challenges to enlightened policies presented by current crises
- Need for political action in the face of these challenges.

Presentation of the book containing the results of the 2009 Summer Academy:

Platz für alle – Demokratie, Gerechtigkeit, Globalisierung

(Room for All – Democracy, Justice, Globalization)

Opening lecture by Harald Welzer (professor of social psychology)
(www.kwi-nrw.de/home/profil-hwelzer.html):

“Too Late for Pessimism. The Politics of Concrete Utopias“

Evening reception with music: "Die Bauernfänger" (con men) – swing unplugged

Friday, September 3, 2010

Morning:

Key topic: The EU after Lisbon – New Opportunities for Policies in Austria and for International Initiatives

The topics are presented by two members of the European Parliament:

Ulrike Lunacek, MEP – www.gruene.at/personen/ulrike_lunacek

Sven Giegold, MEP (formerly Attac Germany) – www.sven-giegold.de

Input presentations by two international initiatives:

Friends of the Earth / Global 2000:

Comprehensive Topics and Special Campaigns: How to Get Politics Moving? Klaus Kastenhofer, political director of Global 2000 / representative of Friends of the Earth – Europe – Brussels office

Südwind-Agency / ÖGB (Austrian Trade Union Federation) – working worldwide / Solidar (Brussels office):

The “Decent Work” Campaign – Cornerstone of European Social and Employment Policies?

Stefan Kerl (Südwind), Pia Lichtblau (ÖGB), Barbara Caracciolo (Solidar Brussels)

Afternoon:

Workshops - four initiatives dealing with the topics of the morning session:

- Friends of the Earth – Global 2000:
Fair Climate – Fair Economy: Local and Regional Authorities – What Can They Do?
- Südwind-Agency / ÖGB – working worldwide / Solidar:
How to Achieve Worldwide Social Standards?
- Via Campesina – Coopération Européenne (Gérard Choplin) and FIAN International (Austrian coordinator Gertrude Klaffenböck):
A New EU Agricultural Policy: What Do We Want – Locally and Worldwide? – And How Can We Achieve It?

Evening:

Mayors' Panel

Five mayors from European countries

Public Services and Public Procurement – Alternatives to the Logic of Private Profits

Maintaining and improving standards for the common economic interest in the field of public procurement and public services—experiences with EU-relevant initiatives beyond the local level

Preparation with former mayor Erwin Mohr – Board member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR), proponent of the European Covenant of Mayors (www.klimabuendnis.at/start.asp?ID=225051)

Saturday, September 4, 2010

Morning:

Key topic: What Differences Can “Bottom-up” Politics Make in the EU? – Blueprints for Globalization-Critical Initiatives

Presentation by two members of parliament:

Gerald Häfner (MEP, initiative “More Democracy” www.mehr-demokratie.de/haefner.html)

Alexander van der Bellen – member of the National Council, speaker of the Green Party for International Development and Foreign Policy)

Alternative: small input panel with Alexander van der Bellen and local and regional politicians interested in globalization topics (e.g., Gerhard Fritz, Innsbruck Greens; Johannes Rauch, Vorarlberg Greens; Gernot Kiermayr, deputy mayor of the City of Bregenz)

Input presentations by four globalization-critical initiatives:

"A Different Globalization Is Feasible" – What Have We Achieved and Which Ways Will Take Us Ahead?

Attac Austria – Alexandra Strickner

Global Marshall Plan Initiative – Klemens Riegler

CAFOD – Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, London – Lucy Hurn (campaign manager – climate change [www.cafod.org.uk]), together with CIDSE – Catholic International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity – Astrid Schwietering (campaign and advocacy officer [www.cidse.org] – Association of sixteen European and American Catholic development organizations, with office in Brussels)

Klimabündnis Österreich / Climate Alliance – Peter Molnar, director, and a representative of the European office in Frankfurt or of the Brussels office

Afternoon:

World Café with the initiatives, with instructed hosts, summarization of the results:

Acting Locally and European – Local/Regional Policies in Collaboration with European NGOs and Initiatives

Concluding **panel** with initiatives und parliamentarians discussing:

"What Can We Change Beyond Local and Regional Boundaries?"

Eva Lichtenberger, MEP

Monika Vana – City councilor of Vienna (Greening Cities – European network of Green municipal politicians)

Gerald Häfner, MEP

Attac

Global Marshall Plan

CAFOD / CIDSE

Campaign Against Child Labor – www.aktiv-gegen-kinderarbeit.de

Climate Alliance

Evening:

Cabaret program at the Kosmos theater,

or visit of the exhibition “Die Kuh” (The Cow) in the Artenne Nenzing (Nenzing Art Barn)

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Morning

Finissage – Final Lecture

Rebecca Harms (www.rebecca-harms.de) – member of the European Parliament – co-chair of the Green parliamentary group / Free European Alliance:

”Give Us the Good Life! – Getting Ready for a Renewed Europe”