

ECOSY – Young European Socialists
“Social Europe for everyone”



ECOSY Seminar

**“Social Europe’s responsibility
within the Globalized World”**

**Held in
Werftpfuhl, Germany on 18th– 25th May 2008**

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TO: ECOSY Member Organisations

Dear Comrades,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the upcoming ECOSY seminar “Social Europe’s Responsibility within the Globalised World”, which an activity is held in thanks to hospitality of SJD – Die Falken and Kurt Lowenstein Bildungstatte with an active support of JUSOS. The project is to take place in Werftpfuhl, near Berlin in Germany from 18th May till 25th May 2008.

Globalization has always been seen as a challenge. Presented as a fear – it has been a motivation for many to protest and attempt to stop it, however it soon appeared a mission impossible to fulfil. This is why also many begin to speak about giving it a ‘human face’, which soon appeared also an illusion – taking into account how many Europeans actually actively participate daily in globalization switching on tv or internet. World has begun to shrink – and today thanks to modern technology one in Europe can speak and see his/her family on the other continent. But in this shrinking world, when distances stop playing the role and where technology allows as much as never before – it is clear that only the few lucky ones can, benefit from the welfare systems achieved in developed countries.

Lack of peace, dictatorships, violation of human rights and human trafficking, poverty, precarious working conditions, unfair trade arrangements, arms trade, no social protection and no accessible quality services, spread of diseases like AIDS – just to name the few – is the reality for many. Millennium Development Goals, Decent Work Decent Life Agenda – those were the big hopes, but still remain the hopes not the reality – in which both processes we as ECOSY believe EU has a key role to play. As Young European Socialists we strongly believe that it is our – as EU and as young generation – responsibility to realise the project of a Social Europe in a way that it takes responsibility on the bases of international solidarity, its commitment to peace and to the multilateral order, its position and possibilities.

This is why, on the bases of the ECOSY Position Paper “Our Future for Europe” adopted at the ECOSY Congress in 2007, we want to face these challenge and discuss the role of the EU in the world. For that reason we open up herewith a call for participants, who for a week will take part in exciting project, will have an opportunity to exchange opinions with comrades from all over the continent and looking into a variety of policy fields and institutional frameworks will examine what are the opportunities that we need to create within our own Foreign and Development policy fields. We hope for you to join is in our united struggle for a more just, a democratic, a peaceful and a more prosperous world.

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