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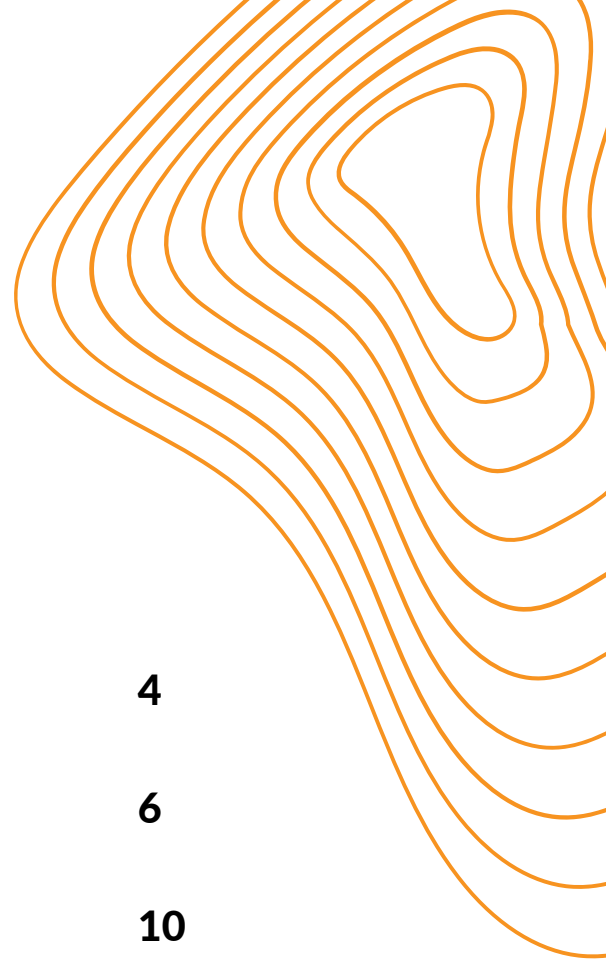


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Foreword

Change is the only constant in the world. The pace at which the world is evolving is increasing year after year. With this report, we acknowledge that developing at a consistent pace is an act of community, a steady move towards a future for which youth must take responsibility.

This last year, we have seen scientists, researchers, designers, teachers, politicians and youth taking an active role in creating a positive image of our future.

YES-Europe wants to be a leader in this space. We have designed several projects in 2022 to tackle eco-anxiety. We have reached significant milestones by increasing our presence on social media by adding about five thousand new followers across platforms, releasing podcasts, attending EU conferences such as the EUSEW, SET Plan Conference and EYEF, and organising events the Annual Conference 2022. We also sent a delegation to Egypt to represent YES-Europe at COP27.

YES-Europe aims to be the reference NGO to gather students and young professionals in Europe who aspire to have an impact in the energy and sustainability sector. We stand united in the fight to keep our world a liveable one for generations to come. To maintain our bold attitude towards embracing new ideas, we have devised a strategy that challenges the status quo. By following a holacracy structure that helped connect and empower our members in the past, we now believe in the potential of our local communities to encourage a shift of mindset to drive innovation.

Setting the path forward, we have strengthened our community by creating a new Discord server that enables our members to connect with each other and engage the wider public. Acknowledging the importance of creating meaningful and long-lasting connections, we also use our platform to promote in-person meetings and local meet-ups to build a spirit of trust and positive coworking.

In addition to this, we achieved three significant milestones. Internally, we established a community management team to moderate activities and foster new members. Externally, we increased our visibility and created strategic partnerships, which allowed for an enriching and valuable flow of communication. We empowered our members by giving

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them a broader space to share their opinions with the help of online blogs, Illuminem, and podcasts where they can interact and exchange expertise with pioneering companies in the energy transition panorama. The variety of individuals and entities with whom we cooperated has enabled us to analyse the world through different perspectives. Lastly, we decided to have a dedicated finance team to fundraise money, allowing local and international activities to take place and reach an even bigger audience.

To conclude, 2022 was a special year for many of us as we transitioned from a period of isolation to one full of hope. We are currently living in an unprecedented energy crisis which can be a pivotal opportunity to accelerate the energy transition. More than ever, it is time to stand united and raise our voices. We stand for a green energy transition. We stand for change driven by the youth. We stand for a sustainable future. We stand for peace.



Eleonora Cherubini
President

"We sometimes forget that our greatest achievements have always come when we are bold"



Livia Kalossaka
Vice-President

"A person's worth is measured by the worth of what she/he values"
– Marcus Aurelius



ABOUT YES- EUROPE

Why do we exist?

Shifting the energy sector towards a sustainable state requires an urgent systemic change - all societal, public, and private stakeholders need to group their efforts for a successful transition.

To this aim, multi-disciplinary networks providing the youth with the right leverage resources to catalyse quicker actions are still missing. We are here to fill the gap and accelerate the process.

Our contribution



History

YES-Europe was created through an initiative of the EPFL University of Lausanne in Switzerland. It brought together fifty students from nine European countries for the first Annual Conference organised in 2016 to connect and find meaningful ways to make a difference in the field of energy and sustainability. Since then, YES-Europe has grown internationally to have an impact at the European level. It was officially registered as an NGO in the year 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland.

By building a capillary network, YES-Europe bridges the gap between the local and European level. We have a regional approach with a European focus, which allows us to have global perspectives applied to local realities.



YES-Europe (Young leaders in Energy and Sustainability) is a community created to empower students and young professionals across Europe. We develop meaningful connections, share knowledge and take actions on energy and sustainability topics. With our commitment, passion and common mindset, we are building an inclusive community that supports each other in brainstorming, developing, and implementing projects to build local communities of change makers.



Vision

We empower youth to accelerate the energy transition through developing meaningful connections, exchange knowledge and learnings as well as foster creativity and engagement to shape a sustainable future.



Mission

YES-Europe has the mission of catalyzing the energy transition by creating an environment where youth are given a space to develop ideas, take on responsibility, build their local community and act for change.

How we work together

In order to foster creativity and empower our members, we have adopted a decentralised structure for management. Each individual at YES-Europe is encouraged to come up with new projects, collaborations, and partnerships, both internally and externally. With the support of more than 250 active members, resources are easily accessible. The governance team works towards supporting and guiding the development of the projects.



Diversity and inclusivity statement

YES-Europe is committed to the acceleration of Europe's energy transition through its equal and unbiased opportunities for prospective members and its outreach activities that facilitate youth empowerment in a manner that is socially and economically inclusive. We are an equal opportunity provider.

The current global youth population of around 1.8 billion (ages of 10 to 24) is the largest in history. Youth plays a crucial role in combating climate change as agents of change, for example, as activists, entrepreneurs and innovators (**United Nations, 2022**).

YES-Europe's existing membership and outreach activities show that it has achieved great diversity and inclusivity in its membership, in terms of the gender ratio (male:female ratio), and member composition (e.g. students versus young professionals; STEM versus other backgrounds).

Based on our current progress, YES-Europe will continue to build an even more inclusive representation and empowerment of youth voices across Europe (YES-Europe defines youth as persons of ages 18 to 35 years). Specifically, YES-Europe encourages acceleration of Europe's energy transition by facilitating more inclusive youth participation from:

- The LGBTQ+ community
- Low-income regions and communities
- Ethnic minorities
- Indigenous communities
- Under-represented European countries
- Persons with expertise in the Humanities and Natural Sciences
- Strategic collaborations with other regions outside Europe
- People with disabilities





FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report

YES-Europe has no paid positions. The financial statement is presented and must be accepted every year at the General Assembly.

Below is a statement of sources of income and expenditure over the last year. The following details are in Euros.

Most of YES-Europe's revenues came from the annual conference's t-shirt sales and from services provided to partner companies.

YES-Europe's costs are mainly related to the Annual Conference organised in Italy during the month of April. To conclude, in the year 2022, YES-Europe's cash balance decreased by 490.63€. It started the year with 2148.51€ in its bank account and closed the year with 1657.88€.

Balance Sheet 2022

Date: 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022
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 Devise: Euro



Somme des montants Label ligne	Label colonne		2022										Grand Total
	2021	2022	janv	févr	avr	mai	juin	juil	sept	oct	déc		
Classe 1 : Actif													
Liquidités													
Caisse	2148.51	71.56	0.02	123.09	-774.79	-335.99	0.03	-178.73	0.18	604.00		1657.88	
Grand Total	2148.51	71.56	0.02	123.09	-774.79	-335.99	0.03	-178.73	0.18	604.00		1657.88	

Profits and Losses 2022

Date: 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022

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Somme des montants		Label colonne										Grand Total
Label ligne		2022										
		janv	févr	avr	mai	juin	juil	sept	oct	déc		
Produits												
Donations												
Produits accessoires					-375.09	-324.05	-65.01			-604.00	-1368.15	
Charges												
Autres frais professionnels												
Website								28.06			28.06	
Frais bancaires												
Frais bancaires						1					1	
Frais de publicité												
Cadeaux à la clientèle			-92								-92	
Imprimés publicitaires, matériel de publicité					1098						1098	
Relations publiques						374					374	
Frais d'informatique												
Software		20.45						150.67			171.12	
Locations en crédit-bail et locations de hard/soft												
Autres frais					252		27				279	
Produits financiers												
Produits financiers s/avoirs postaux, bancaires		-0.01	-0.02		-0.15		-0.03		-0.18		-0.39	
Grand Total		-71.56	-0.02		-123.09	774.79	335.99	-0.03	178.73	-0.18	-604.00	490.63





PILARS OF YES- EUROPE

INTERVIEW

Saila's Journey

Tell us about your background

I am an energy engineering student at Tampere University in Finland. During my free time, I like to study Finnish policy on topics of energy, environmental, and bioengineering. Professionally, I work on energy optimization of industrial complexes.

How did you find out about YES-Europe?

I found out about YES-Europe through my university. There was a kickoff event and the then President of YES-Europe was presenting the organisation one evening. I attended it, and as they say, "the rest is history."

What prompted you to join YES-Europe?

I joined YES-Europe because I was impressed by the presentation and I really liked what the organisation did. However, that was just the first step. My main motivation to stay here stems from the fact that individuals take initiative here, which prompts everyone else to do better.

Tell us about the different roles and responsibilities you assumed within YES-Europe and how your experience was with each one?

I began my journey with YES-Europe by becoming a member of the local Finnish



team. Then, in January 2021, I joined the communications team as a member where I got my first touch with communications and social media. I was primarily responsible for making article summaries for our LinkedIn page.

Two months later, I joined the website redesign team. We had a small team and redesigned the entire website in a couple of months despite hitting a couple of roadblocks on the way. Those months are certainly a very integral part of my journey here. This paved the way for me to become the product lead, which was a huge confidence boost.



Moving on, in May 2021, the communications lead stepped down, and I was given the opportunity to fill his shoes. There has been no turning back ever since. We have undertaken multiple projects and have ramped up our presence on various social media platforms. I also learned a lot about managing a team, delegating tasks, and managing time. We were a small team in the beginning and we were exploding with ideas. It has been a rollercoaster ride. Now there are newer people, but the spirit of the team remains intact.

How has the "YES-Europe" experience impacted you?

Before I joined YES-Europe, I was quite reserved and direct. I had also just graduated from high-school, so I was not used to such exposure. I believe that it also helped me mature faster because I was responsible for my team, and a good leader works by setting an example first. I have also improved my speaking skills. Delivering an improv talk on the work of the communications team at the Annual Conference 2022 was also a huge confidence booster for me.

What expectations do you have from the future?

The last two years have been tremendous for YES-Europe. I hope the organisation continues to grow at the pace at which it has been expanding in the last two years. I also want to see YES-Europe take a more prominent position in the youth &

energy sphere. There are a lot of projects that are being undertaken by several teams.

YES-Europe has facilitated both my personal and professional growth. I now feel confident with the thought of working or living abroad, thanks to the valuable interactions with the people at YES-Europe.

Describe your personal experience with YES-Europe in 1 word.

I would say "community," because one of the major advantages of being a part of YES-Europe is that you get the opportunity to build connections with people from across Europe. And to put the cherry on top, I love the fact that we come together as a community and do cool things together, for the future!



INTERVIEW

Dimitri: The Visionary

Tell us about your background

I obtained my bachelor's and master's degree in mechanical engineering from EPFL Lausanne during which I had the opportunity to have multiple international experiences in South America, the UK, and several countries across Europe.

Previously, I was associated with multiple start-ups in the field of energy and innovation management. Soon, I left those and started my own company which focuses on developing alternatives to dairy products using microbial fermentation. The string of international experiences in various universities and start-ups provided me with a holistic understanding of how the world works.

When & why did you join YES-Europe?

What was your motivation?

I joined YES-Europe while I was pursuing my master's degree at EPFL back in 2017. I am highly passionate about energy and sustainability.

I was associated with another group at my university but that was solely focused on engineering and the local students. But, at the same time, I was also looking for an international community where I could have the opportunity to interact with individuals and grow my network from across Europe coming from different fields of study.



What roles and responsibilities did you assume during your association with YES-Europe?

I started off as a member of the local Swiss team where I helped organise an event based on solar power and invited a couple of companies and well-established people of the sector in Switzerland. Soon after, I moved to the UK to do my thesis at the Imperial College London, where I joined as a member of the UK team. At this point, I took the initiative to further strengthen the presence of YES-Europe in the UK. I then went to Delft for the Annual Conference which gave me a lot of international exposure.



Once we were back, I assumed the responsibility of the Partnerships Lead. We also hosted a kick-off event at the Imperial College to spread awareness about the organisation. In the meantime, we signed multiple MoU's and got in touch with organisations that share a common point of interest. I then assumed more responsibilities as time passed.

There was also the task of officially registering YES-Europe, and I am proud to say that I was one of the four signatories for the official status. Shortly after that, I assumed the Presidency of the organisation. Our focus was to increase our reach, work on the website, start a newsletter, and organise multiple events. I worked on streamlining the procedures as we had more and more people joining the organisation.

I also overlooked the online events during COVID-19, including but not limited to the summer camp, the international kick-off events, the Annual Conference, and the climathon.

How did the YES-Europe experience impact you as a person? What did you learn while working with YES-Europe?

It helped me understand what I can do. I pushed myself out of my comfort zone to become better. There were hardships but the end result was very sweet. It helped me move on from being just an engineering student to the leader of one of the most prominent NGOs of Europe in the field of energy and sustainability.

In a way, that is a completely different scope. My vision became way more international. I also had the opportunity to expand my network.

Lastly, it taught me a lot about energy and management. For example, I used my experience at YES-Europe and implemented similar procedures at my start-up, which made things much easier. The experience gave me an immense sense of confidence, which came from a great deal of learning and doing stuff, which in turn happened when I pushed myself out of my comfort zone to make a difference.

Describe your experience with YES-Europe in one word.

“Inspirational.” Take an example, keep the goal in sight, and do not stop till you achieve it.

As a veteran, what do you have to say for the new people joining YES-Europe?

“You can do it.” YES-Europe gives everyone the space, the freedom, and the opportunity to go out there and make a difference. It is empowering. Once you start producing results, you gain a sense of confidence which stays with you forever and encourages you to do better not just here, but in other aspects of life too.

INTERVIEW

The Sedulous Sara

Tell us about your background

I obtained my degree in environmental engineering from Lund University in Sweden, specialising in energy systems. I also did an exchange year at ETH Zurich. During my time at Lund, I was simultaneously involved with several organisations, including YES-Europe. I am now working for South Pole, which is a leading climate solutions provider and project developer.

When & why did you join YES-Europe?

What was your motivation?

I have always been passionate about climate change, energy, and sustainability. I remember being involved with the energy community at ETH Zurich for a Swiss-Arctic Climate Exhibition, where I found out about YES-Europe. It was really fascinating and I was encouraged to be a part of the organisation after I visited the website and read more about it.

What roles and responsibilities did you assume within YES-Europe?

I started off as the ETH student representative of YES-Europe in the year 2018. In 2019, I joined the annual conference in the Netherlands. I was encouraged to start the local team for Sweden and so we worked on that after the conference, and soon, we were a group of three.



We did the kick-off event for the Swedish team in Jan 2020. I was the Country Representative for Sweden till November 2020. We planned several events, however, we could only organise webinars during that time due to the global pandemic restrictions.

In the beginning of 2021, I became the CR lead. My primary responsibility is to coordinate with all the CRs. I am also responsible for onboarding and training new CRs.

In addition, I also attended the Annual Conference 2022 in Turin, where I also moderated a panel discussion on Biodiversity and Climate Change.



How has the YES-Europe experience impacted you? What did you learn while working with YES-Europe?

I have improved upon my organisational skills. It has helped me with team management and conflict management as well. I have learnt more about energy technologies and several other technical aspects. I believe that it has also helped me improve my communication skills. It has given me a “growth” mindset.

What expectations do you have from your future YES-Europe? What do you aim to achieve within the organisation?

I expect YES-Europe to expand rapidly and achieve each and every goal that it sets. Personally, I have initiated two events, one being the internal networking event, and the other the internal knowledge sharing event, which I hope to work upon in the future.

Describe YES-Europe in one word.

“Exciting.” It gives me a great sense of satisfaction when I see YES-Europe growing at such a rapid pace. It is also exciting for me to witness so many individuals stepping up and taking care of the different projects here at YES-Europe.



INTERVIEW

The Fabulous Filippo

Tell us about your background

I am completing my curricular internship at Politecnico di Torino. The job entails working with electrochemical storage. I have always been fond of sustainability and technology innovation. After completing my bachelor of science in Mechanical Engineering, I realised that it was not enough, so I decided to address the problem by beginning my master degree in energy engineering with a path on renewable energy systems and resources.

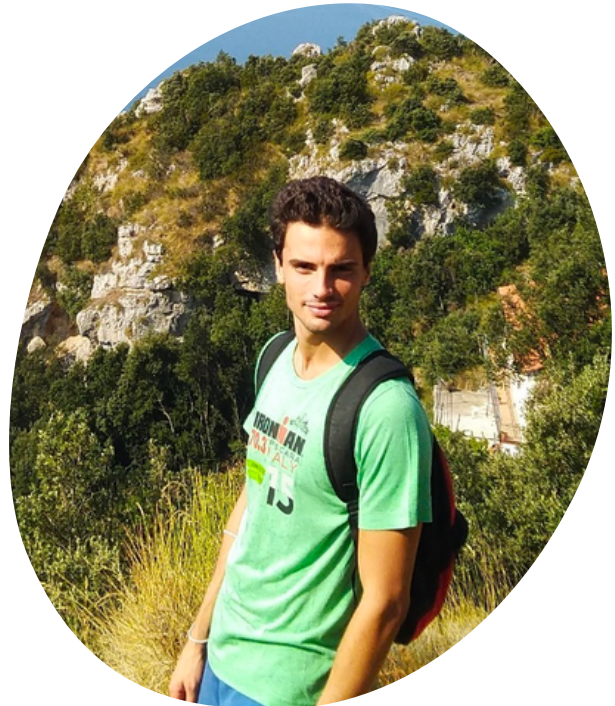
When & why did you join YES-Europe?

What was your motivation?

I joined YES-Europe in August, 2022. However, I have cooperated with the organisation since November 2021 for the Annual Conference, which is one of the best experiences of my life. During that time, I was amazed by the mentality, structure, determination, and the international European mindset which prompted me to join YES-Europe shortly after the Conference.

What is your role in this organisation?

Currently I have assumed the position of the Community Management Lead. Our team is newly incorporated. We began operations only in September 2022, and we are majorly focused on three aspects: onboarding, orientation, and team building.



We have many projects in the pipeline and we are working to bring everyone together.

How has the YES-Europe experience impacted you so far?

It has had quite an impact on me! The Annual Conference provided me with a lot of exposure. I learned a lot about event management during the process. As an internal member, it was a rollercoaster ride because we had to build the team from scratch and streamline the procedures. I am sincerely grateful to Dimitri and Eleonora for guiding me, especially at the beginning.



What did you learn while working with YES-Europe?

I have become more familiar with community management tools. I would like to give credit to Saila and Jacopo for helping me out initially. As a leader, I have also become more decisive. I have also lost the hesitation to reach out to a fellow member and cooperate/discuss ideas, thanks to the open work culture that YES-Europe maintains. In addition, I have become more patient, and I have learned to appreciate the fact that people here take the initiative to work and help each other.

What expectations do you have from your future YES-Europe? What do you aim to achieve within the organisation?

I expect YES-Europe to not only achieve its primary goal, but also to become a reference point for youth in Europe. With the help of events, reports, and various other activities, I want companies, universities, and start-ups to approach us and learn from our expertise. I want it to

be a catalyst for people in the sector. I expect it to be a European reference point in the relevant spheres. Lastly, I want to show the world that YES-Europe has worked, and we have invested something more important than money, and that is time.

Describe YES-Europe in one word.

“Development.” It is not just the destination, but also the journey. The motivation of the members to do something meaningful acts as fuel for YES-Europe to succeed. As we learn, we evolve, we grow, and we get better.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

COP27, Egypt

As YES-Europe became an official UNFCCC NGO observer, we were able to send a delegation to COP27 in Egypt, held in November 2022. The delegation was composed of five members from YES-Europe, both from international and local teams. Two members, Neel Shah (Partnership Lead) and Efthymios Charalambous (Cyprus Country Representative) went during the first week while Leïla Réau (Operations Lead), Aleksandra Lazic (Serbia local team member), and Shubham Sethi (Sweden Country Representative) attended the second week of the event.

“The connections with the other NGOs and the people we met there was the best outcome of the event.”

– Efthymios Charalambous, YES-Cyprus Country Representative



In a short span of weeks, we planned the trip and gained as much knowledge as possible with respect to COP27 and how to make the most out of the event. The delegation was supported by the YES-Europe public policy team as well as key people from our board and fellow organisations. We also had the chance to partner with iDERA ([International Development Empowerment & Representation Agency](#)) to help them spread awareness in support of island country negotiators towards keeping the 1.5°C global warming commitment alive at COP27.

The delegation had the opportunity to attend numerous talks on energy and sustainability, connect with NGOs from across the globe and work towards a shared vision. We also took a great deal of inspiration from the youth representatives.



"I am full of impressions and thoughts about topics discussed at COP27. I have gained a lot of perspectives on how real politics and diplomacy work, as well as a lot of knowledge on coal and hydrogen-related topics."

- Aleksandra Lazic, YES-Serbia team member

As it was the first delegation of YES-Europe attending such a grand event, a very important role assigned to each delegate was to gather impressions and knowledge in order to understand the role YES-Europe can play in such a space to maximise our actions against climate change. Therefore, we have already started planning our strategy for COP28, engaging with allies such as EYEN and YOUNGO, as well as defining clear goals to ensure that we have the best possible experience.

Annual Conference 2022, Turin

The Annual Conference is YES-Europe's yearly main event and this year it was organised by YES-Europe in association with PoliENERGY. It took place on the 22nd and the 23rd of April 2022 at the Stellantis Heritage HUB in Turin and it was a mix of panel discussions with international partners, speakers, workshops, and interactive conferences about energy and sustainability inspired by the UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The interactive conferences and panel discussions were also live-streamed to involve an audience as broad as possible on these important topics. With this Annual Conference, we wanted to foster and encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences between young people from across Europe and from different backgrounds.

"Hosting the 2022 Annual Conference certainly was a challenge, but a very enriching one. The experience of first organising the event and then sharing it with the community is one I will cherish forever."

- Ilaria Parello, YES-Italy Country Representative



The Annual Conference was perhaps the most important event that YES-Europe hosted in the year 2022. It took an immense amount of planning and hard-work to realise the event. It was particularly challenging this year since the world was still recovering from the pandemic and there were still several restrictions in place. The Annual Conference is nothing but a fine example of excellent project management and speaks volumes about what YES-Europe is capable of achieving while working as a group.

A very important aspect of the Annual Conference was scoping for partners, speakers, experts for workshops and panel discussions, and various other collaborators. We created a perfect balance between theory and reality by inviting highly-regarded professors to cover the academic aspect and professionals from various corporations to demonstrate the situation in practice. We also reached out to several other organisations that participated and provided us with the technical and financial support required to organise an event of this scale.

Thanks to the communications team, we identified many channels for marketing the Annual Conference. We started with posts on social media platforms, our websites, and institutional emails from several universities. After receiving valuable feedback from the external attendees at the Annual Conference, we found out that word of mouth was also a major reason for individuals to attend the event.



The execution of the event was carefully planned months before the event in order for it to go smoothly. As YES-Europe is a huge group but scattered across Europe, we divided into smaller teams and assigned tasks to every member.

There were a lot of takeaways from this Annual Conference. It helped YES-Europe grow as an organisation and each and every member involved in the process certainly feels more empowered. It was a step towards a sustainable future, and as an organisation, we are proud of the fact that it was a huge success.



SET Plan Conference

YES-Europe was invited to give its perspective on youth involvement in energy transition at the SET Plan Conference, an initiative of the European Commission. Our President, Eleonora Cherubini represented YES-Europe at the forum and spoke about the challenges that students and young professionals face, and how these challenges can be tackled by empowering youth.

The event resulted in an opportunity to network with some of the best researchers and experts in the energy sector, acknowledging the current energy strategy and the market trends for the future.

European Sustainable Energy Week

For the first time since its inception, YES-Europe became an official partner of the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), held in September 2022. This initiative was led by our Vice-President, Livia, resulting in a publication and YES-Europe representation through a physical stand at the event. Local team members from Belgium and fellow team members from different countries attended the event, increasing the visibility of YES-Europe to relevant stakeholders as well as nurturing the connection between YES-Europe and EYEN. The event's theme was "Going green and digital for Europe's energy transition", and a relevant takeaway from the event was the need to collaborate stronger with youth to empower energy communities for a just energy transition.



European Youth Energy Forum

European Youth Energy Forum (EYEF) organised by EYEN was the first attempt to create an event that connected youth, giving them a unified voice and bringing them together with the different stakeholders of the energy sector. Out of 45 participants selected amongst more than 160 applicants, YES-Europe participated with a delegation of eight members. The event resulted in a position paper targeted to industries, education, and policy makers. The team has already presented the paper at the Portuguese Parliament and a multinational energy corporation has started implementing a few proposals.





OUR PARTNERS

INTERVIEW

Francesca Scarascia from PoliENERGY

Give a brief introduction of PoliENERGY

PoliENERGY is a non-profit student association of the Polytechnic University of Turin. Today, it has about 50 active members divided in four verticals: Logistics, External Relations, Communication & Graphics, and Human Resources. Our main activities include various types of dissemination events on the topics of Energy and Sustainability in order to raise awareness mainly among the youth.

Describe your partnership with YES-Europe before the Annual Conference.

YES-Europe and PoliENERGY joined hands for the first time in 2019. We were supposed to collaborate in order to organise the Annual Conference for the year 2020, which was later scrapped due to the pandemic. However, it gave us time to lay a strong foundation for our partnership, which was reflected in the success of the Annual Conference held in 2022.

How was your experience while working with YES-Europe during the Annual Conference 2022?

We believe that it was a learning experience for both the organisations. Although the modes of operations of the

teams differed, we ardently worked alongside for six whole months in order to realise the event. We also appreciate the work of YES-Europe members. They are flexible, reliable, and get the job done!

What were your takeaways from the event? How has it helped you and PoliENERGY grow/work more efficiently?

We believe that it was a learning experience for both the organisations. As PoliENERGY is based in Turin, the on-site organising team mostly consisted of PoliENERGY members and less from YES-Italy, whose members are scattered throughout the country. This, along with the fact that the modes of operations of the teams differed led to difficulties in collaborating. However, after spending some time we were happy to find common ground and work together for six months to realise the event. We really appreciate the work of YES-Europe members as they are reliable and always ready to help.

Describe your experience while working with YES-Europe in one word.

If we had to summarise our collaboration with one word, we would say, "constructive."



INTERVIEW

Jacopo Sala from EYEN

Give a brief introduction of EYEN

The European Youth Energy Network (EYEN) was created in 2020 and it was legally established as an AISBL in March 2022. Our members are youth organisations and our main objective is youth involvement in the sustainable energy transition. On the one hand, we work on advocacy where we both bring forward the inputs and ideas of our member organisations connected to youth engagement in the sustainable energy transition and on the other hand we provide them the space to voice their opinions and have discussions on relevant topics. We address different stakeholders in policy making, education and private sectors.

In addition to that, we help interconnect our member organisations with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector in order to create meaningful synergies. We also provide our organisations with training and help them secure funding.

We help empower youth from countries with complicated legislation who have ideas and want to collaborate and form organisations by not just educating them, but by providing them with the adequate

training on project management, decision-making, and social media outreach.

Describe your relationship with YES-Europe

YES-Europe is one of the four founding members of EYEN and it has played a major role in shaping EYEN into what it is today. YES-Europe's participation already helped in getting in contact with multiple organisations such as Yes-DC, PoliENERGY, and Planeta. We collaborated with YES-Europe to host a workshop together and get access to COP26 itself and we believe that this was the time when YES-Europe decided to actually send out an application to become an observing participant for COP27.

Being a founding member, YES-Europe helps steer EYEN by actively participating in decision making and voting during the General Assemblies. On the other hand, EYEN enables YES-Europe to collaborate with external organisations, join project consortia and gain more visibility. YES-Europe is also entitled to reserved seats for forums or events organised by EYEN and whenever we work on youth



engagement our statements on youth engagement are built together with our member organisations.

How do you think YES-Europe and EYEN can make each other better?

The relationship between EYEN and YES-Europe is mutually beneficial. EYEN supports YES-Europe and its other members at decision-making levels and EYEN opens the doors to institutions that are otherwise difficult to access for youth organisations.

EYEN also helps translating and understanding the institutional language while collecting member inputs to be brought at decision-making level in an impactful way. The work of YES-Europe as an organisation is instead more related to technical topics or towards explaining policies. At EYEN, we actively raise our members' voices and give valuable

inputs, thereby being at the helm of change at the policy making level.

What does EYEN intend to achieve in the future?

We want to be able to create channels and space for young people to have an impact in the sustainable energy transition. Our main achievement would be to bridge the generational gap which we are suffering from in the current scenario. It is not something that can happen in a day's work, but a gradual change that we hope to accelerate.

Describe your experience while working with YES-Europe in one word

"Constructive." This is because our interactions have always led to mutual growth and development, providing extremely valuable feedback.

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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Communications Team

Team created: June 2021



Saila Nieminen
Communications Lead

"YES-Europe has given me friends, opportunities and understanding of the energy transition from other people's perspectives"

Projects in 2022

The marketing for the Annual Conference was the largest campaign and the planning for it began in 2021. The marketing was done in collaboration with the communications team of PoliENERGY, the co-organiser of the annual conference and the YES-Europe Italy team. The project consisted of creating designs for the communications campaign, writing content, and posting it on different social media platforms.

The communications team has had multiple projects this year. We updated and restructured the website during the summer and the communications team has been managing the YES-Europe blog and has since published multiple articles from the members of the community on topics ranging from conservation to e-mobility. Moreover, we have increased the number of design templates in our library that are accessible by our volunteers to ease the marketing campaign procedures for our local and international audiences. The communications team has also supported other teams with their projects and with their day-to-day communication needs. This means creating social media and newsletter marketing, designing graphics, and website management. For example, we have participated in projects like COP27, EUSEW, Energy Apéros, Policy Trainings, and the Talk Energy with YES-Europe podcast.



Plans for 2023

For the upcoming year, the communications team will continue to support other teams with their needs. We are also looking forward to expanding and diversifying our presence on social media with new projects and initiatives.

Impact on YES-Europe

The communications team has unified YES-Europe's visual identity by creating and enforcing branding guidelines across the organisation making YES-Europe recognisable. We have also increased the reach of YES-Europe on social media and given more visibility to our current projects.



Community Management Team

Team created: January 2022



Filippo Angarano

Community
Management Lead

For Filippo, YES-Europe gave him "The unmatched Finnish passion for cutting"

Projects in 2022

Our focus was on planning and coordinating the on-boarding with the Buddy Program. We will be launching it in January. After the on-boarding, members in the teams will be followed by comrades from the same team, who will guide one another's activities at YES-Europe. We believe that it will build a stronger bond between the team and improve the overall quality of work.

We will carry out more team-building activities to better connect people from the international and the local teams.

Plans for 2023

We hope to nurture and better organise the team. We are also hoping to recruit more individuals and coordinate with the other teams in order to make the Annual Conference 2023 a great success.

Impact on YES-Europe

We help create a stronger bond amongst members from different teams and maintain a positive environment.



Country Representatives

Team created: January 2017



Sara Nyberg
Country
Representative Lead

"Through YES-Europe I know people in many European countries who have similar interests, who I know I can visit when I'm in those countries."

Projects in 2022

We developed and implemented a buddy system, where we matched pairs of Country Representatives to exchange knowledge and skills. It was also a medium to share and discuss ideas and challenges.

The CR Leads have selected a Country Team of the month, to showcase what the different teams are doing and for inspiring the other teams. We started using the new templates, the new google workspace, and using Discord as our main communication channel.

Plans for 2023

We want to provide the local teams with better visibility and make communication between them much more streamlined. We are also working on expanding our reach to other countries within Europe.

Impact on YES-Europe

Through onboarding and supporting the Country Representatives, the Country Representative Leads can catalyse engagement in the entire community.



Finance Team

Team created: January 2021



Philip Villax
CFO

It has brought me hope, hope that, we young people, can really have an impact if we invest time and put our minds to it.

Projects in 2022

The Finance Team was completely restructured this October which was a huge task. A recruitment plan was devised in order to make the process much more streamlined. Specific roles were assigned and we hope to achieve a lot soon.

Plans for 2023

The Finance Team has two clear priorities for the upcoming year. Firstly, we want to grow and restructure the team to ensure that its work and progress are sustainable and continuous. We want to set clear objectives and guidelines for next year to prevent the same thing from happening. We are creating a work dynamic within the Finance Team that will on the one hand facilitate continuous accounting & fundraising work throughout the year and on the other hand distribute responsibilities along the team to avoid the complete disruption and loss of knowledge when an important team member leaves YES-Europe.

Our second objective is to develop a sustainable fundraising strategy which can be implemented by the international team as well as the local teams on a regular basis. We want to develop a standardised pitch which we can use for different fundraising and partnership opportunities. We will also aim to raise funds from or create partnerships with three different stakeholders this year to help finance our SG&A costs and more importantly our annual YES-Europe conference.



Impact on YES-Europe

I believe the finance team has helped YES-Europe with bookkeeping, tracking expenses, making payments, and managing money.



Knowledge Sharing Team

Team created: October 2020



Ronnie Yu Zhang
Knowledge Sharing
Lead

"We are all doers"

Projects in 2022

This year we rolled out the second season of Talk Energy with YES-Europe, focusing on founders of energy, climate, and sustainability related start-ups. So far, we have interviewed over ten founders. We discussed the most exciting parts of their stories, be it the technology behind their products/services or funding, team-building, and strategy/management behind their commercial success. There is a wider range of coverage, from carbon market, ReFi, Web3, floating offshore wind, Titanium Oxide materials for battery, AI/IOT energy management solutions.

We have published 8 episodes (many more recorded/scheduled) of podcasts and reached over 5000 plays across platforms. We are also on track to publish the Future of Energy Report 2022.

Plans for 2023

We hope to further improve the quality and impact of the podcasts, and make it a flagship product of YES-Europe, increasing YES's impact, visibility, and reputation.

Impact on YES-Europe

It has increased the exposure and impact of YES-Europe through high-quality podcasts and reports. We have recruited over ten people just in 2022 to directly work on Knowledge Sharing projects. In addition, we have also expanded our influence circle.

Operations Team

Team created: September 2022



Leïla Réau
Operations Lead

"YES-Europe brought me additional perspectives on diversity in Europe and beyond as well as a strong drive to collaborate further toward Sustainability"

Projects in 2022

For the first time, YES-Europe had the opportunity to send a delegation to the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP27 in Egypt. This was the biggest achievement of the Operations team. After starting the application process more than a year ago, in order to become an official observer of such events, we finally succeeded. Therefore, we had the opportunity to build a delegation of five YES-Europe members, supported by several stakeholders within YES-Europe and EYEN (policy team, board members, and external advisors), who went to Egypt and joined events on Energy and Sustainability, connected with international organisations, and gained knowledge to build a strategy on how YES-Europe can play a role within the COP space.

Set-up of the team

This year we have set up a proper team to have project managers supervising different types of activities. We currently have a team composed of three members, managing different projects.

Annual report 2022

The operations team collaborated again with the communications team to gather inputs from all the teams of YES-Europe as well as special insights on the activities and thoughts of our community.

Event management:

This year, the operations team supported the organisation of several international events, including the Annual Conference 2022, as well as the international kick-off event. But most importantly, it took the lead in the organisation for the first YES-Europe delegation going to COP27



Coordination with EYEN:

The team facilitates coordination with EYEN, joining monthly meetings as well as making sure to bring key information and opportunities to the YES-Europe community. We had the chance to have several members of YES-Europe join EYEF, the first event organised by EYEN.

Plans for 2023

We want to build a team of at least five project managers. We will provide support in the organisation for several international events such as the Annual Conference, Strategy Sunday, and COP28, among others. In addition, we will build a stronger relationship with EYEN and other fellow organisations. The team will also be responsible for the Annual Report 2023 and for setting up the advisory board.

Impact on YES-Europe

Our team is helping coordinate activities to ensure that important projects are moving forward in the best way. By supporting different or taking over the coordination of mandatory projects like the Annual Report, we bring additional structure to the organisation. Moreover, the team initiated several new projects which led to additional opportunities for the community, like becoming an official observer of UNFCCC events.



Partnerships Team

Team created: March 2021



Neel Shah
Partnerships Lead

"Young leaders like myself should have faith in the strength of our own opinions. Our world will improve the more we raise awareness of the impacts of climate change and the more accountability we demand of our leaders."

Projects in 2022

- Hiring and equipping a diverse team for YES-Europe Partnerships initiatives
- Enabling and nurturing the team to approach potential partners
- Partnership with Illuminem on knowledge sharing for the future energy leaders
- Energy Consortia Project Development
- Internal team building and in-person events on sustainable development
- Establishing an online identity of the team based on the key focus areas in energy & sustainability
- Reaching out to potential partners and arranging initial calls for funding and knowledge sharing partnerships

Plans for 2022

- Onboarding at least five team members and team building activities
- Initialising Twitter spaces and LinkedIn newsletters on the Energy Consortia Project
- Scoping for a minimum of ten new partners and securing funding in the neighbourhood of € 50,000.



Policy Team

Team created: January 2021



Beatriz Idefonso
Policy Lead

"This year, I have been continuously amazed by the impressive projects prepared by the YES-Europe community, both at international level but also by the several different local teams. But the highlight for me really was meeting everyone at the Annual Conference - it was such a happy moment, and I look forward to the next one already!"

Projects in 2022

We organised two Energy Aperro Debates: After a brief introduction on the topic, two young professionals answered five rounds of questions, while being timed by the moderator. There is allocated time for Q&A at the end. The audience is motivated to share their opinions throughout the event, through polls and by using the chat function. This year, two energy Aperro debates took place, one dedicated to Nuclear Energy and other to Carbon Capture Usage and Storage. The event summary for the nuclear debate has been published on the YES-Europe website and the summary for the CCUS one is being prepared.

European African Youth exchange on the energy transition: this online event was the result of a long-term collaboration between the YES-Europe Policy team and the EAYN team, with the goal of engaging young people from Europe and Africa to discuss, exchange knowledge, address misconceptions and enable cross continent networking and youth activism. The event included a panel of discussion with four invited speakers, which brought four perspectives on the energy transition in Europe and Africa (industry, policy, academia, and civil society/youth). The panel of discussion was followed by some time for exchange between the participants through 4 break-out rooms. The event report and recording have been shared on the YES-Europe website.

Internal training series on the Fit for 55 package: Through online workshops, the team and the general community had the opportunity to learn about several policy files of the Fit for 55 packages. The audience had the chance to engage with policy experts during the events through dedicated Q&A sessions.



Impact on YES-Europe

This was the second year of activity of the Policy team of YES-Europe. The team has developed a lot and hopefully their own knowledge on policy topics has increased. We believe that through our activities, we have helped the YES-Europe community learn more about complex energy policy topics, in an unbiased way.





LOCAL TEAMS

YES-Austria



10
Members

Team created: January 2021



Jeremias Jobst
Austria Country
Representative

Projects in 2022

After the wonderful experiences at the Annual Conference in Turin, we discussed a new idea in our core team during the strategy meetings: the Energy & Sustainability Day 2023 in Vienna. The aim of this one-day event is to bring international and local actors together personally and thematically. We are currently in the conception phase, but are confident that we will be able to realise this event in Vienna in March 2023 as YES-Europe-Austria.

A key highlight was surely that three people from our local team went to Turin for the YES-Europe Annual Conference. Empowered by this new experience, we significantly increased our visibility on LinkedIn with a personalised campaign. A key project in this context was to develop an organigram of our eight most active members.

Plans for 2023

The idea for the Energy & Sustainability Day in Vienna was born in spring 2022 during the annual conference of YES-Europe in Turin. On the one hand, to consolidate contact with over 15 local country teams of YES-Europe with an invitation to an event in Vienna, and on the other hand, to draw attention of interested students and professionals from various fields relevant to climate change.



Plans for 2023

The Energy & Sustainability Day in Vienna is aimed at both international and local guests. It addresses three closely interwoven "toxic crisis scenarios" of our non-sustainable contemporary society: (I) The climate crisis, (II) The energy crisis and (III) The social crisis. The explosive character of these crises is not new and has been discussed by (critical) natural and social scientists for decades. However, not only in scientific discourse, but also in civil society (e.g., the "Gilets Jaunes" 2018/19) and especially in youth protest movements (e.g., Fridays for Future), an increasing helplessness and anger about the current state of our non-sustainable society is being unleashed. In this mixture of uncertainties - starting with the elusive climate crisis and ending with the irritating problems on the labour market - it is important not only to sensitise the younger generation to the "multiple crises" of the present, but also to create new narratives of hope for the generation of "sustainability ". The panel discussions of the Energy & Sustainability Day in Vienna in March 2023 are committed precisely to this claim.



YES-Cyprus



4
Members

Team created: January 2021



**Efthymios
Charalambous**

Cyprus Country
Representative

Projects in 2022

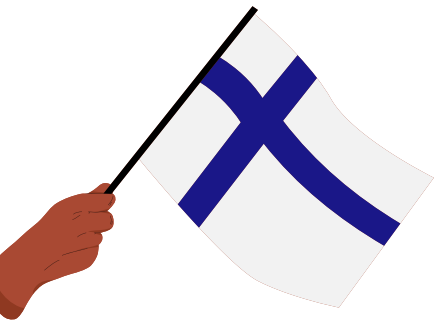
Our most important project in our short story is the approaches that we had with the other NGOs and organisations in Cyprus. This helps us to establish in the local market and show that YES-Europe is in Cyprus and we can spread the vision of our NGO.

Our representation as a local team in COP27 was the biggest achievement for us.

Plans for 2023

For the upcoming year we want to collaborate with other NGOs in Cyprus, participate actively in the Annual Conference of YES-Europe in 2023 and increase our team members.





YES-Finland

Team created: January 2020



Pyry Kiesilä
Finland Country
Representative

16
Members

Projects in 2022

We organised a nuclear event in coordination with the YES-Europe team of France. The event was a webinar and we had three experts from the field of nuclear energy & technology. Each of these professionals gave a presentation on a topic and at the end of the presentations we had a panel discussion where the audience had the opportunity to ask questions. The subject of the event was “The New Generation of Nuclear Energy.”

Plans for 2023

Expansion. We have a couple of events, both online and in-presence that we are working on. Another important thing on our agenda is to write more blog texts and ramp-up our social media presence.



YES-France



5
Members

Team created: November 2020



**Golnoosh Mir
Moghtadaei**

France Country
Representative

Projects in 2022

Initiating a collaborative project with YES-Finland for the assessment and comparison of Nuclear Engineering between the two countries.

We collaborated in organising meetings and live presentations with the Sustain.All team based on sustainability at TU Berlin.

Plans for 2023

We have two main goals. The first is to organise the Climathon, the works for which are already in progress. The second would be to hold a kick-off event to attract more members in order to spread the word.



YES-Germany

Team created: January 2022

37
Members



**Niranjan
Thimmappa**
Germany Country
Representative



Our active member Neel Shah participated in COP-27 as a delegate for YES-Europe.

Plans for 2023

As there is a shift in the COVID-19 trends, we are planning more offline events and university collaborations to help boost the activities in Germany.



YES-Greece



23
Members

Team created: February 2020



Evi Makri
Greece Country
Representative

Projects in 2022

In the previous year, the team managed to develop an interesting series of podcasts, interviews, and presentations on issues related to energy transition and the efforts on sustainability locally and globally. We also developed a blog where our members write on topics both in Greek and English. Moreover, we had our kick-off event with many interesting speeches and an interactive activity. We also hosted a side event of YES-Greece where we presented initiatives from youth developing start-ups to promote energy transition and the circular economy.

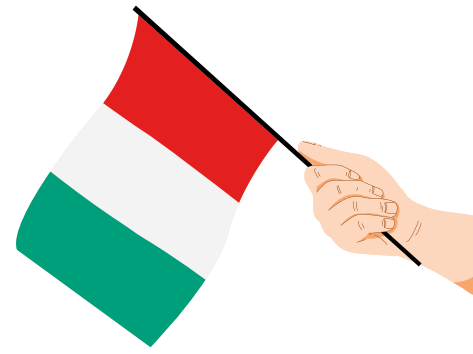
Our key achievements in the last year are mainly connected to the fact that we developed our network and that an increasing number of individuals volunteered to join our podcast.

Plans for 2023

We are planning the Annual Conference for April 21, 22, and 23 of 2023 and many smaller projects that are currently in the planning phase.



YES-Italy



13
Members

Team created: January 2017



Ilaria Parello
Italy Country
Representative

Projects in 2022

The most important project carried out by our team this year has been the YES-Europe Annual Conference 2022 in Torino, Italy. The first two days of the event were filled with conferences, panel discussions, workshops, and networking for both our NGO members and externals. The third day focused on YES-Europe, we had the opportunity to spend a few hours brainstorming and developing new ideas for the NGO as well as welcome new members.

Aside from hosting the Annual Conference 2022, we have grown our team by welcoming many new members and diving into new projects. One of our sources of pride and ways of self-growth has been collaborating with other NGOs and associations. Examples of this are:

1. The Annual Conference for which we collaborated with PoliENERGY
2. Our article-publishing project called “Ecosistemi(amo)” in collaboration with Glac-UP
3. Our REPowerEU policy-analysis project in collaboration with Planeta and DiverCity

Plans for 2023

For the upcoming year, we are working on a new project proposal from the European Commission and we will be working on strengthening our team and exploring new ideas.





YES-Malta

Team created: July 2022



Eric Balakrishnan

Malta Country Representative



Projects in 2022

We have been making progress in establishing YES-Europe Malta as a platform to engage with the public over key energy and sustainability issues. To this aim, we have been using our social media channels to promote and review various disciplines within the country, while also expressing our views on schemes available in the rest of Europe that may be adaptable in Malta.

Our CR Carla Galea and Co-CR Katrina Drake travelled to Brussels to participate in the Youth Workshop and the Youth Dialogue during the #TheGreenTrack initiative's EU Green Week. They were also in Turin for the Annual Conference. We quadrupled our country team membership pool from two members at the beginning of our journey to eight by the end of the year. We have a mixture of people with law, economics, engineering, and applied sciences backgrounds within the team.

The multidisciplinary nature of our team has allowed us to plan an infrastructure setup for 2023 where key members within our country team can collaborate on specific projects (for a discrete discipline) with their counterparts, while also marrying our different expertise into centrally holistic projects.

We organised a webinar based on Energy and Sustainability in May, as part of the #TheGreenTrack initiative. We had the privilege of hosting Hon. Minister Dr. Miriam Dalli (Minister for the Environment, Energy and Enterprise in Malta), Dr. Mario Balzan (Lecturer on Environmental Sciences), Prof. David Mifsud (Associate Professor on Earth Systems), Prof. Alex Torpiano (Dean of the Faculty of the Built Environment at the



University of Malta) and Ms. Karyn Scerri (PhD candidate on Climate Change and Sustainable Development) as speakers for a webinar, which was attended by over fifty guests.

The webinar allowed us to have structured informative talks, followed by an open discussion on some of the challenges that Malta faces with regards to energy consumption and various sustainability disciplines in the country.

Plans for 2023

We have devised a recruitment program in the new year. We have also been drafting and brainstorming an energy consumption policy document this year that we would like to issue come springtime.

We want to continue to develop YES-Europe Malta as a platform for young activists, scholars, and professionals to be able to create discourse on key issues surrounding energy consumption and sustainability challenges in the country and the European continent. We would like to shed light on positive attributes of schemes, services, and opportunities nationally and critique other areas which require attention.



YES-Netherlands

Team created: January 2022

3
Members



Jier Nzuanzu
Netherlands Country
Representative



Projects in 2022

In the last one year, our solid accomplishments are negligible as our focus was to restart and gather forces after two years of hiatus. However, we have worked on strengthening our foundation and we hope to capitalise on that in the upcoming year.

Plans for 2023

We are planning to host a couple of events in order to raise awareness about YES-Netherlands. To this aim, we have started gathering speakers and we hope to finalise every minute detail at the earliest.



YES-North Macedonia

Team created: January 2019

5
Members



Sofija Grujevska

North Macedonia
Country Representative



Projects in 2022

We have been a part of the ESG events in North Macedonia and won a competition in the field of energy ideas. We also had a public panel discussion with YES- Serbia in November.

We have been working actively on mutual projects for creating green businesses in Macedonia. We have helped YES-Europe on its path to expand its presence in the Balkans. We have been supporting YES-Europe with its social media campaign for almost four years.

Plans for 2023

We want to spread our network across technical universities and visit the Annual Conference in Greece.





YES-Norway

Team created: June 2022



Mohamed Elborgi

Norway Country
Representative

1
Member

Projects in 2022

We are a new team created in the third quarter of 2022. Our initial strategy is to align with other departments within YES-Europe before we move forward with our concrete plans.

Plans for 2023

We plan to:

1. Expand to 40-50 members in the YES-Europe-Norway team by Q2.
2. Regularly post on our social media channel on LinkedIn to increase our reach.
3. Have physical meetups after new members sign up.
4. Involve at least one partner/company from Norway in collaboration with YES-Europe.
5. Facilitate both students and professionals to actively engage in the decision-making processes.





YES-Turkey

Team created: July 2022



Uğur Cem Yılmaz

Turkey Country
Representative

13
Members

Projects in 2022

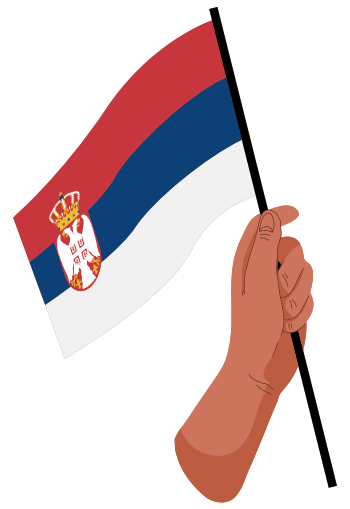
Being a relatively new team, our focus has been to expand our social media reach and to have more members in the team. We have planned kick-off events in Ankara and hope to follow suit in various other cities as well.

Plans for 2023

We are aiming to hit more members and to reach more cities in Turkey. We hope to expand our reach locally within Turkey by organising events and strengthening our partnerships.



YES-Serbia



59
Members

Team created: January 2022



Sima Zivulovic

Serbia Country
Representative

Projects in 2022

Organising an event with the topic being multiple perspectives of applying ESG. This conference will comprise of three panellists. The first panel will cover the applications of ESG in certain fields and how it can be implemented. The second panel will cover the legal, economic, engineering, and the other aspects of ESG. The last panel will be a discussion concerning the case for applying ESG in Serbia and Croatia - benefits and pitfalls.

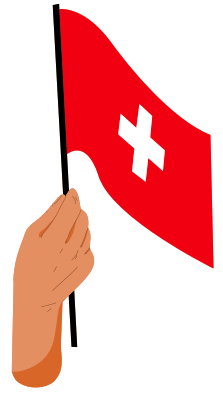
The ESG conference, the short policy paper named “Protection of Serbian Rivers for mini-hydro plants,” and the youth kick-off meeting.

Plans for 2023

We wish to write a paper with the working title REPower Serbia, a proposal where any stakeholder from Serbia will easily have a toolbox and a playbook (with the best practices and innovations that are appropriate in the Serbian context) to create, develop, and perfect strategies or legislation in certain energy and environmental topics.



YES-Switzerland



7

Members

Team created: January 2016



Aleksandra Kosciuch

Switzerland Country
Representative

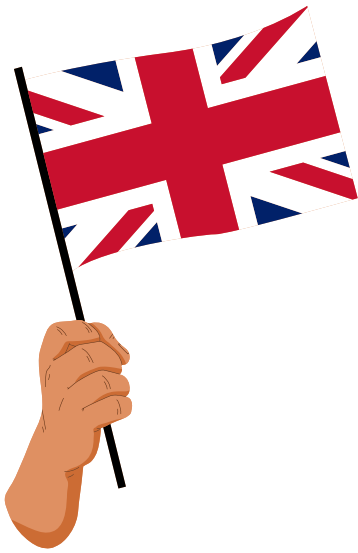
Projects in 2022

Organising educational visits (lead by Dimitrij Burlak) to the Gösgen nuclear power plant and to Kite Power to learn more about sustainable energy sources. These were open to non-members too.

Plans for 2023

We are organising a panel discussion in 2023 regarding energy storage technologies with experts from the industry. Perhaps this would be organised in collaboration with ETH Student Sustainability Commission, to start a partnership and to gain more members.





YES-UK

Team created: January 2021

5
Members



Victor Yip
United Kingdom
Country Representative

Projects in 2022

Members of the local teams chaired two panels at the Annual Conference 2022 which was a great learning experience. We also worked on increasing our social media presence and youth interaction.

Plans for 2023

We hope to increase our presence in the UK by spreading the word about the organisation and by collaborating with local entities who share the same vision.





YES-EUROPE: THE FUTURE

YES-Europe: The Future

The reward for good work is more work. We are still miles away from achieving our goal. To fasten this process, we have meticulously planned several events in the upcoming year. We will begin with the General Assembly in February which will be primarily focused on the election of a new board, approving different important documents such as the 2022 annual report and the plan of action for 2023. Post this, several internal and external outreach events lie ahead of us in the first quarter. YES-Europe will be hosting its Annual Conference 2023 in the month of April. It will be held in Athens, Greece. With this, we hope to collect passionate individuals in one place and strengthen our community.

After sending a delegation to Egypt this year for COP27, we are already planning to attend COP28 in 2023. This time we also hope to organise events and take up new initiatives with key international partners. In addition to this, we will also be participating in several events hosted by organisations such as EYEF, organised by EYEN. These activities are planned in parallel to the activities carried out by the local country teams.



We hope to create meaningful synergies with several companies, organisations, and government departments. We will be actively working on procuring sponsors and sharing knowledge through each medium at our disposal.

With these plans, we hope not only to continue sharing knowledge on energy and sustainability, but also becoming more active in taking actions in fighting climate change, together as a community.





GET INVOLVED

Become a member

Are you passionate about energy and sustainability? Do you want to be a part of a community full of like-minded students and professionals from across Europe? Do you want to be the change instead of witnessing it?

Then what are you waiting for? Join us!

Visit our website to check for [open-positions](#) and stay updated!



Collaborate with us

We believe in collaboration and knowledge sharing to empower our community and therefore always look to expand our network with new partners to share expertise, increase our reach and support our community projects. Becoming a partner will allow you not only to engage in a privileged discussion with youth in the energy sector but also position yourself as an active stakeholder in the sustainable community. For more information, write an email to: contact@yeseurope.org





CLOSING WORDS

Closing Words

The year 2022 has been quite eventful for YES-Europe. Undoubtedly, it was riddled with challenges and hardships. We might be the first generation to witness the severe effects of climate change, but here at YES-Europe, we strive to ensure that we are also the last generation to endure this.

This Annual Report is not just a list of completed tasks, but a statement in itself. It is a call for attention. It is a call for action. We must think forward, and we must think sustainable. This is the time for the youth to take a stand and script their own future. We at YES-Europe provide the youth with a platform which will amplify their concerns and help accelerate their solutions.

During the process of compiling the Annual Report, I had the opportunity to interact with every department of the organisation and see the world from their eyes. I am awestruck by the sheer enthusiasm and the zeal with which everyone steps up and takes responsibility.

Writing this report was a humbling experience for me. I would like to extend thanks to each and every member of YES-Europe and our partners for contributing. I also have sincere gratitude for Saila Nieminen, our Communications Lead, for designing and editing the report. Lastly, I would like to thank Leïla Reau, our Operations Team Lead for her invaluable expertise and mentorship.



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Annual Report Project Manager