

About GEF

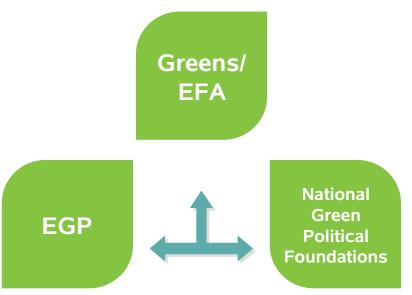
European exchange

Online debate

GEF and Greens in Big Cities: how our work relates to yours

Dirk Holemans, Oikos

GEF: What it is



- One of 11 European political foundations funded by the European **Parliament**
- 3 main stakeholders: EGP, Greens/EFA, national foundations
- a platform for cooperation at a European level
- organises debates, conferences, training sessions, best practice exchange on- and offline
- publishes on European Green issues

GEF: mission...

- To 'Europeanise' debate and training within and beyond the Green political family
- To provide the tools for Green actors to engage with Europe
- Europeanisation? in content (topic) and method (project set-up)





...translates into projects

Study and Debate: Green New Deal series, Populism in Europe, Social inclusion of Roma, Green European Journal.



- **Education and Training:** 3 transnational capacity building seminars a year
 - training for « EU beginners » (28-30 June 2012)
 - skills training for green activists
 - content trainings (27/28 January 2012 « Euro-crisis »)

Networking



GEF and local level politics?

GEF is a <u>new</u> and <u>small</u> structure with a European-level mandate, bridging European and national levels of Green policy making.

How to link to the local level of Green politics?

Not possible to answer all local needs from one organisation in Brussels, but GEF aims to:

- provide input for your political debate
- provide platforms for European exchange
- provide training sessions open for all
- → Open for your use, open for your feedback!



GND website





GND website

•Green New Deal = A comprehensive Green response to the

A collaborative platform to identify, collect and diffuse

•A toolbox for Green ideas, proposals and practices

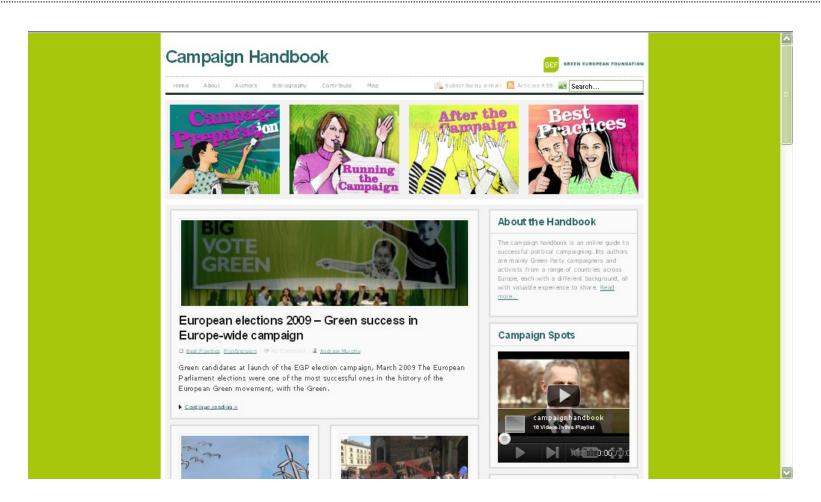


Best practices - Participate!



- Don't hesitate to help us identify **GND** best practice examples in your region! (No need for full article, an idea will help us already)
- No best practice documented in Greece so far, for example.

Campaign Handbook



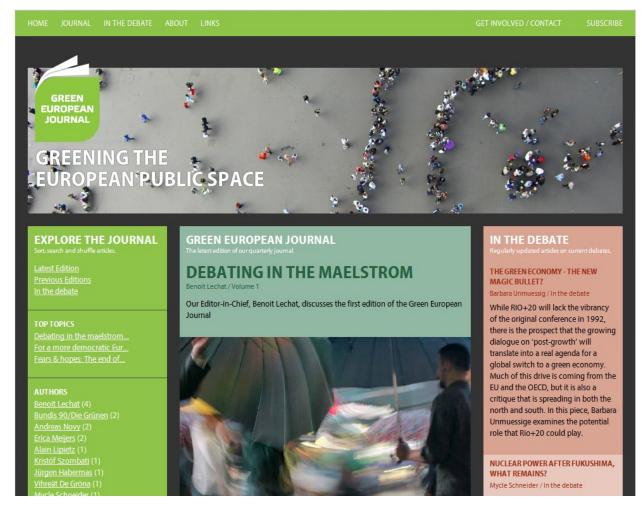


Campaign Handbook

- On-going project since 2009 http://campaignhandbook.gef.eu
- Toolkit for successful Green political campaigning written by Greens, for Greens
 - Campaign Preparation
 - Running the Campaign
 - After the Campaign
- 2nd phase: Sharing ideas and best practices (not only Green election campaigns though, also ECI campaigns etc.)



Green European Journal





Green European Journal

- Launched in January 2012 as a quarterly journal www.greeneuropeanjournal.eu
- 1st edition: "Debating in the Maelstrom"
- 2nd edition: "Surviving Austerity, preparing a new Green project!"
- 3rd edition (September 2012): "Beyond growth vs. degrowth"
- "In the debate" section highlights key debates taking place in Member States' political scenes



Future of the EU debates

- Big project on "Future of the EU" with support of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung and several national foundations throughout Europe
 - →events throughout Europe to confront ideas on the future of the European project, mainly on two issues
 - a "Green social Europe"
 - European democracy linking to the challenge of anti-EU populism in Europe (compare GEF's work on "Populism in Europe")
 - →web-dossier: http://gef.eu/future-of-europe/

More information on GEF?

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