

Biographies Participants Capacity Building ‘How to Counter Right-Wing Populism and Extremism in Europe’ (12-16 October 2015)

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3. **Théo Aphecetche** (21), France, is currently studying European Affairs at Sciences Po Bordeaux, France. He took part in the Erasmus Programme at the University of Vienna (Austria). Théo is vice-president of EUROFEEL, a European organisation of Sciences Po Bordeaux.
4. **James Bartholomeusz** (23), United Kingdom, is a writer and a researcher associated with the Project for Democratic Union. Having been awarded a master's degree in Philosophy from King's College London, he recently undertook a Robert Schuman traineeship at the European Parliament, and is currently working on the campaign to keep Britain in the EU. He is also the author of three novels for young adults. (*james.bartholomeusz@democraticunion.eu*)
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6. **Jekatyerina (Katya) Dunajeva** (30), Hungary, received her PhD from the University of Oregon (USA), department of Political Science in 2014. Her dissertation examines Roma identity formation in Hungary and Russia. Katya’s research focuses on Roma, minority marginalisation, formal and informal education, far-right ideology and youth empowerment in the context of the former Socialist region. Currently, Katya teaches at Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest, Hungary and works as a political analyst at Political Capital – Policy Research and Consulting Institute, where she joined the

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7. **Antonis Galanopoulos** (1989), Greece, is a graduate student in Political Theory and Philosophy at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology. His main research interests are discourse analysis, populism, biopolitics and critical and political psychology. Furthermore, he is a blogger and regular contributor to various digital and print media (*Unfollow*, *Xronos*). He has also translated into Greek several articles of theorists such as Chantal Mouffe, Slavoj Žižek, Philippe Marlière and others. Currently, he is translating the book 'Hegemony and Socialist Strategy' by Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe. (antonisgal@gmail.com)
8. **Mona Hagi** (18), Sweden, is studying science with focus on leadership and social entrepreneurship at the Bäckäng Gymnasium of Borås. She is involved in the Green Youth of Sweden, the youth wing of the Swedish Green Party, and is currently chairwoman of the Green Youth of Sjuhärad, a region in the southwest of Sweden. Mona is also a board member of the Green Youth's committee on immigration. (mona_hagi@hotmail.com)
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10. **Erik Kochbati** (18), Sweden, is a high school student in his last year. He was president of the student union at his high school for a year, and attended the Raoul Wallenberg Academy for Young Leaders, a leadership course focussing on how to make a difference for others in the spirit of Raoul Wallenberg. A brief internship at a law firm that dealt mostly with asylum applications sensitised him about this topic. (erik.kochbati@hotmail.com)
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- 14. Kate Samuels** (24), United Kingdom, is an International Officer for the Scottish Young Green's, working on International campaigns, events and with the Federation of Young European Greens. She is based in Scotland where she graduated from BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Politics). Additionally Kate is a campaigns organiser for the Living Rent Campaign, which aims to establish better tenant right and protect renters from evictions. Kate has 5 years of experience working with students and in student politics, including at Glasgow Caledonian University, Student Participation in Quality Scotland (sparqs) and the National Union of Students.
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