

1. Update on Global Greens

EGP delegate to Global Greens Coordination, Merja Kähkönen, gave a short update on current activities in Global Greens.

a) Newsletter:

Global Greens has a newsletter, which can be ordered from the front page
<https://www.globalgreens.org> ("Keep informed")

b) COP21:

Global Greens coordinates the Greens presence in the Paris climate negotiations. We have gathered a list of green activities taking place in Paris. In addition, we had a webinar before the negotiations and will have a press conference during the Paris activities.

c) Congress:

The Global Greens and EGP will have their joint Congress in March-April 2017 in Liverpool, UK. Save the date!

d) Ambassador:

The Global Greens has got our very first Ambassador! She is Christine Milne from the southern Australian state of Tasmania. Her role is to promote the Global Greens and its activities. She has been a Member of Parliament and former Leader of the Tasmanian and Australian Greens and brings over 25 years' expertise in climate change and energy.

e) New Coordinator:

The Global Greens has elected Keli Yen as our new Coordinator. Keli is known as the former Convener of the Asia Pacific Greens and a member of the Global Greens Coordination. Previously she worked as an Executive Assistant to New Zealand Greens MP Kennedy Graham. After COP, she will take over from Veronica Juzgado, who we thank for her lasting contribution and commitment.

f) Steve Emmott in memoriam

The Global Greens and the EGP have lost a caring, dedicated and energetic campaigner with Steve Emmott's unexpected death on 24 September aged 71. He made a vital contribution representing the European Greens on the Global Greens Coordination, navigating the complexities of Belgian law to get the Global Greens legally registered, and planning for the next Congress in the UK. He will be greatly missed by friends around the world.

g) Global Greens Women's Network

The Global Greens Women's Network was established in our last Congress in Dakar, Senegal, in 2012. Currently we have negotiated with the Swedish Green Forum for funding. We want to organise a Women's Academy for capacity building and set up a Mentorship Programme, for instance. The Network will have a live meeting in the next Congress.

2. Global Perspectives to Migration

Migration is the current hot potato in Europe, but while we debate the issue from the European perspective, there's another perspective to it, too - the perspective of the migrants and their departure countries.

Our quest speaker, Mohamed Awad from Egypt, took us into the many sides of the migration issue with his keynote speech. After his introduction there was a discussion regarding the issue.

Here is his speech in written form.

"I think we don't need an introduction to the case of migration, as we all admit that we are in confrontation with problem, whether in the north or the south.

Consequently, there is no problem for anyone to realize the definition of the issue , and its consequences currently or in the near future..

But I think the real difficulty lies in the honest serious search on causes of problem away from politics, as well as how to announce such causes to the public, for I believe taking the real causes for the public sphere would need a high level of bravery...

We are got used on our different government's response to the negative consequences caused by natural disaster such as earthquakes , but no one care to ask our governments about the causes of such disasters at the first place..

Frankly speaking, as it could be for natural accumulation through out different generation, but it could also be the result of negative human behavior..

For example, an American/ British nuclear test in Kiribati island could lead to an earthquake in Egypt, as well as nuclear test in Western China "Iop nur" could lead to earthquake in Africa, same with Russian test in Novoya Zimilia could lead to earthquake in Syria..

On same measurement, as migration could be due to normal human behavior for having ambitions of a safe life. Yet, it could be due to negative human behavior.

And as no one is keen to know the real causes for earthquakes, it seems that no one also is keen to stand on the real reasons for migration whether intentionally or not..

Sarcastically, earthquakes do not have pre warning alerts but on the other hand we have been witnessing several crystal clear indication for the current devastating situation of migration that never seemed to be an issue of priority to our Politician nor to our social experts..

The piracy of the Somalis in the red sea was one of the unnoticed alerts.

Also, the internal migration or emigration between southern cities to Capital, where services improved, and the out skirts of south globe countries was the first step to taking the issue on the international level.

Here I don't mean to tackle the issue of centralization/decentralization in such countries, yet I would only refer to the misapplication of the centralized administration system as one of main reasons to our current migration issue...

In conclusion, decentralization administration system in southern countries could lead to creation of local identity, enhancement of competition therefore limiting migration ambition.

I have followed several studies and political declaration regarding the migration issue including the last declaration of the European commission nearly two weeks ago. I'm concerned with focusing on two points:

1. According to the apparently announced causes of migration "lack of democracy, poverty, violation of human rights, discriminations and unemployment..etc" it seems that the north globe countries have focused on the economic dimension of the south globe countries , which consequently led to focus on the aid and subsidies represented to such countries as a way of limiting migration.. Therefore we would to conclude that the north globe countries have found in aids and subsidies a way out from the problem.
2. The issue has imposed itself currently on the north globe countries especially Europe which led each country to act on its own despite if that would be on the expense of its neighbors

or not, mainly that was the reason beyond a declaration press issued by European commission around two weeks ago_ including 17 points _calling for cooperation and coordination among the concerned European countries, and they also called for solidarity with those called “front countries” as Turkey, Hungary ...etc

The reason why I'm focusing on such two points, is that I think that 1- the north globe countries haven't realized or may be don't wish to realize from its past experience in similar issues, for example: what have your billions of aids, subsidies in the ecology/environment field done for its progress in such countries...!!!??

Actually more deterioration in the environment field in such countries ...!!

On the same measurement, north globe treats migration with the same way as it gives tons of subsidies and aids to south globe to limit/fight migration..

So, what do you expect the result would be ..??

- a) More corruption in such countries, as the subsidies are out of public oversight and even out of the donor's oversight..!!
- b) More blackmailing from corrupted countries to north countries, which means more migrants in fact.
Example: Moamaar Gaddafi's request to Italy with 5 billion Euros in order to control his country border..!?

To conclude, the north globe pays money for south countries in turn with more migrants..!!

Furthermore and on parallel view, the incident that took place on the borders between Austria and Hungary last august, leaving 71 dead Syrian victims in a vehicle – has raised doubts on the seriousness of the north countries to stop migration..!! And left a horrible impression on the public side “doubting commercial transactions of human-refugee-organs”..

I would say migration became weapons of poor regimes to confront industrial countries. Migration has become a tool in the conflict between the north and south globe. Plainly, Migration issue has also become one of the income to some south countries..

Some might be amazed to know that my personal concern with migration issue is originated from my studies in chemical engineering .. I have learned in chemical engineering that there are two types of chemical reaction formula, the first is known as IRREVERSIBLE reaction

Example, $A+B \rightarrow c$ where c is not possible to exist any more in either form A or B
But under certain conditions of pressure, temperature and composition, C in the formula above could go back to its first status of A & B.

$A+B \leftarrow C$

In such case, the formula is called REVERSIBLE reaction

To conclude, when I contemplate our call to Globalization, I can see that we have offered the top model for humanity a structure of western norms which resembles the top model for humanity and represents the ideal form of society..

We have called humanity to join this structure under new understanding for the modern state which extend to cover our planet.. But we have to keep in mind that we have offered this structure to those who live under climate of turbulence and atmosphere of cons ... So, what do we logically expect ...!?

What do you expect from a person who lives under regional conditions which lacks the minimum basics of yours ...!/? But even worse as it is your own call for that structure of norms, it is your duty

to welcome him in your region...!!!

In conclusion, the current issue is "National Security versus Human Rights ". That's the dilemma..!!

We have called for Globalization without considering the context of pressure and explosive friction as well as the different social structures. Consequently, it is expected to witness the reversible reaction.

I believe that the issue of migration is not but the first reflection of a greater, deeper and more serious issue called REVERSIBLE GLOBALIZATION and if only the first phase has caused all that panic and anxiety then I believe that continuing the call of Globalization without reforming its current deficiencies will lead us to the final phase of REVERSIBLE GLOBALIZATION which is summed up in redefining GLOBALIZATION as replacement of HOMELAND with CITIZINSHIP...

THIS IS THE REAL THREAT TO OUR HUMANITERIAN CIVILIZATION

I have 5 sentences that may give answers to many questionnaires

First: I would like to mention two cases to those who think that causes for migration are limited to war. Violence, violation to human rights, lack of democracy..etc

- a) Despite that State of Israel is surrounding with a danger, violence and wars from its all borders, but international statistical records indicates higher numbers of migrants to Israel year after year ..
- b) Although people of Germany till 1989 were divided into two countries East & West with different extreme life circumstances of democracy, human rights, poverty..etc but united Germany could to make it one strong country..

Second: By having a look at the global technology distributed map, it is easy to find that technology whether it is high or medium technology is distributed over specific region where which among such regions are the sources of migration...we conclude from above mentioned point that we may call to redesign the technology distribution map ..As a clear example of this, Africa which is the richest continent with natural resources over our planet does not have the minimum level of technology..!!

Third : For the current situation, migrants are caught – arrested – as criminals while in fact they are victims of their countries . Isn't it the time to call for legal re-qualifying the act to address the accusation to their countries instead ..!?

Fourth : Although oil discoveries could have a big stock , but daily production rate shouldn't exceed critical calculated daily rate...simply to avoid reservoir collapse ..same philosophy is recommended to be applied with north globe countries for their imported natural resources from south globe countries..!!

Fifth : Migration issue is one of many global issues which need to be treated through a creative rules of international law.. Such rules shouldn't be in form of international convention, where the latest are concluded among different governments, it should designed by the people or by their democratic elected representatives to ensure that people shall follow... Isn't right time to give a push to the campaign of United Nation for Parliament Assembly ..!?"