Pluralism on the left:
Can red-green be a majoritarian progressive coalition for the future?

Expert meeting
FEPS Headquarters – Avenue des Arts 46, 5th floor
November 10th 2026, 10.00 – 17.00

Agenda

10.00 – 11.15 Opening panel: Red and green – where do we stand and where do we want to go?

- **Andreas Schieder,** MEP (S&D), Chair of the Next Left; Chair of the SPÖ delegation in the EP; Chair of Naturfreunde Austria
- **Saar van Bueren,** Deputy Sectretary General, PES
- **Michael Holmes,** Associate Professor, ESPOL (European School of Political Science), Catholic University of Lille
- **Knut Roder,** Associate Head, Institute of Law and Social Sciences, Sheffield Hallam University

Moderated by **Ania Skrzypek,** Director for Research and Training, FEPS

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Closed-door session with authors of country case focus chapters of the book project "Red and green: the European left and environmental politics"

13.00 – 13.45 Light lunch

13.45 – 15.00 Panel 2: Red-Green Alliances – marriages of convenience or mergers of convictions?

- **Esther-Mirjam Sent,** Former Chair PvdA and PRO
- **David Rinaldi,** Political Adviser, PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions
- **Cláudia Toriz Ramos,** Professor of Political Science, Universidade Fernando Pessoa, Porto
- **Oscar Barbera Areste,** Professor of Political Science, Universitat de València

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15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break

15.15 – 16.30 Panel 3: European Green Deal – is that still a project that can transform the EU and that progressives can rally around?

- **Mikael Leyi,** Secretary General, SOLIDAR
- **Luis Planas Herrera,** Member of Cabinet - Environment, Water Resilience and Competitive Circular Economy; Secterary General, PSOE Europa
- **Valeria Tarditi,** Associate Professor of Political Science, Università della Calabria
- **Kārlis Bukovskis,** Professor of Politics, Riga Stradins University

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16.30 – 17.00 Closing remarks by César Luena, S&D MEP, Spain

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Non-exhaustive list of attendance

- **Ania Skrzypek,** Director for Research and Training, FEPS
- **Anna Pacześniak,** Wrocław University
- **Andreas Schieder,** MEP (S&D), Austria; Chair of the Next Left; Chair of the SPÖ delegation in the EP; Chair of Naturfreunde Austria
- **César Luena,** MEP (S&D), Spain
- **Claudia Toriz Ramos,** Fernando Pessoa University, Porto
- **David Rinaldi,** Political Adviser, PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions
- **Elena Gil,** Training and Project Coordinator, FEPS
- **Esther-Mirjam Sent,** Former Chair of PvdA and PRO; Radboud University
- **Iris Vijverberg,** Project Officer, FEPS
- **Joan Enguer,** Universitat de Valencia
- **Karlis Bukovskis,** Riga Stradins University
- **Knut Roder,** Sheffield Hallam University
- **Luis Planas Herrera,** Member of Cabinet - Environment, Water Resilience and Competitive Circular Economy; Secterary General, PSOE Europa
- **Marco Guglielmo,** Universitat de Valencia
- **Michael Holmes,** ESPOL
- **Mikael Leyi,** Secretary General, SOLIDAR
- **Oscar Barbera,** Universitat de Valencia
- **Romans Gagunovs,** Riga Stradins University
- **Saar van Bueren,** Deputy Secretary General, PES
- **Stefan Ćetković,** Leiden University
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