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## Who we are

• The European arm of Friends of the Earth International, the world's largest grassroots environmental network • The European network's representative at the heart of the European Union campaigning for sustainable solutions to benefit the planet, people and our future, influencing European and EU policy and raising public awareness on environmental issues • The largest grassroots environmental network in Europe uniting national member organisations and thousands of local activist groups in 30 European countries • The people's voice at the heart of the European Union.



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*Friends of the Earth Europe staff, Belgium, 2010*

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## Welcome

It seems hard to believe that 2010 passed so quickly, and without any discernible dent in the inertia gripping our politicians. Despite the mounting severity of the multiple crises Europe and the rest of the world are in – I'm speaking particularly about the climate, food, economic, and biodiversity crises – the political panacea has been to continue doing more of the same. Friends of the Earth Europe has been there to point out that, as Albert Einstein said, "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results", and to argue that true transformation is needed.

More than 12 months have gone by since we were part of an incredible mobilisation of citizens for the UN climate summit in Copenhagen, and since we felt the disappointment of world leaders' failure to act. We succeeded to shake off the despondency which characterised the start of 2010 and put ourselves back to the challenge, concentrating on practical, solutions-orientated approaches. Among the solutions to climate change at-hand in Europe, we see energy savings as key. The cleanest, cheapest and safest energy is the energy we don't need, and that's why we are pushing the European Union to make reducing demand core to its energy policy. At the same time our member groups are fighting climate change from the angle of resisting false solutions, for example in Germany where there has been huge public opposition to nuclear and new coal power plants.

Another crucial part of the solution is to reduce the disproportionate influence vested-interest groups have on policy-making. Through the Worst EU Lobbying Awards we exposed the privileged access to decision-makers and unethical lobby tactics which business uses in its for-profit lobbying at the expense of more climate and consumer-friendly legislation.

We are advocating for solutions in the area of food and farming by engaging in discussions on the future of European agriculture. As Friends of the Earth Europe we

are not interested in superficial changes to the Common Agricultural Policy. We call for fundamental reform to ensure ecologically sustainable food production in Europe, and to reduce emissions, conserve biodiversity, reduce global impacts such as deforestation, and support rural livelihoods.

A first solution to Europe's over-consumption of the world's natural resources is to measure and set targets for our use of land, water, materials and carbon emissions wherever they are in the world. With our work on resource use we are frontrunners in challenging over-consumption, including its European and global impacts.

The EU budget, and its funding instruments, in particular Structural and Cohesion Funds, can also be part of the solution, and we are arguing for future spending to be a tool for achieving progress on climate, biodiversity protection and resource efficiency.

Solutions exist at all levels – from the local to the global. As well as working at local and European level we engage in international efforts to reach agreements through the United Nations. In 2010 we took our demands to the UN climate talks in Cancún, where we again witnessed a disappointing outcome, and during the International Year of Biodiversity we attended the international biodiversity conference in Nagoya, putting pressure on Europe to protect ecosystems.

2011 is the year when we celebrate 40 years of the Friends of the Earth International federation, as well as 25 years of Friends of the Earth Europe. Throughout our history we have been guided by our vision of sustainable and just societies. And we will continue to champion the transformation agenda which we believe is so-much needed in the future. The many forms and approaches our work takes will, I hope, come across in the words and images of this review. What is common to all our activities, and to all the diverse members of our network, is this shared vision of environmental and social justice, which guides everything we do.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Magda Stoczkiewicz'.

**Magda Stoczkiewicz**  
**Director, Friends of the Earth Europe**  
Brussels, April 2011

## Campaign highlights

In 2010 we continued to work for environmental and social justice in Europe and around the globe through our activities on issues including climate change, agrofuels, genetically modified crops, corporate accountability, EU funds and extractive industries. We also built up a number of new areas of campaigning to reflect our recognition of the most pressing environmental challenges. Through our projects our network goes from strength to strength, enabling us to better campaign for the interests of people and the planet on behalf of our grassroots membership. Here are highlights of just some of our activities in 2010.



Youth activists bring Cancún to Brussels

**100** young people attended the 'Cancún in Brussels' convergence and took action for climate justice in parallel with the international climate talks

### Bringing Cancún to Brussels

In parallel to the UNFCCC negotiations in Cancún, Mexico, Young Friends of the Earth Europe organised a youth convergence in Brussels. Two weeks of actions, workshops, movies, discussion, debates and embassy visits. Over 100 young people took positive actions and put public pressure on European decision makers, calling for climate justice in Cancún.

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CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW!

### Advocating for real solutions

**Pushing for 40%** In 2010 we continued to push for an increase in the EU's climate commitment to at least 40% domestic emission reductions by 2020. Our '40% seminar' assembled panellists from the European Parliament and Commission to discuss the scale of emission cuts feasible in Europe by 2020 and how EU climate policy compares to what science and the EU's historical responsibility tell us is necessary.

*If a 30 percent target is agreed, we'll be closer to the crucial 40 percent figure that should give us a better chance of keeping global warming below 2 degrees*

**Reuters quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner David Heller**

Over **50,000** people demanded a tougher code of conduct for ex-Commissioners

**Petition calls for tougher code of conduct for ex-Commissioners** More than 50,000 signatures were delivered to the European Commission urging it to close revolving doors for ex-Commissioners who move on to lucrative private sector jobs after they step down. The petition, with the ALTER-EU coalition and Avaaz, was part of our work on conflicts of interest, especially the case of former Industry Commissioner Günter Verheugen who set up his own lobby consultancy after leaving the Commission. The Commission committed to strengthen its rules on conflicts of interest for former Commissioners.

**Small change for a big difference** We called on the European Union to introduce a financial transaction tax – a tiny tax on financial market transactions that could raise hundreds of billions of Euros annually for projects to tackle poverty and climate change. Actors from a broad coalition of organisations staged symbolic tug-of-wars between bankers and the developing world to send the message for a tax to Heads of State and EU finance ministers as they met in Brussels.



Promoting the Robin Hood tax outside the European Council



Promoting intelligent energy throughout Europe on the Energy Union tour

7 countries visited by the interactive audio-visual Energy Union tour promoting intelligent energy

**Intelligent energy tours**

**Europe** Working closely alongside local and national Friends of the Earth member groups the Energy Union tour visited Croatia, Slovenia, Germany, Bulgaria, Spain, Belgium and the Czech Republic, promoting the sensible use of energy and sustainable energy production. The interactive tour, with audiovisual artists and musicians Coldcut, travelled by train with its message of intelligent energy.



Saying no to tar sands at the Total headquarters in Paris

**Measuring our resource use – a vital tool for resource-efficiency**

Europe is using ever more of the world's resources, whilst throwing away over five billion Euros worth of valuable resources every year. We held a conference and a seminar in the European Parliament to argue for the need for Europe to measure and manage its resource use, as highlighted in our 'Measuring our resource use' briefing. The seminar was particularly targeted at the European Commission's plans for a Flagship Initiative on Resource Efficiency.

*The European Commission must urgently adopt indicators for measuring Europe's resource use*

**ENDS Europe quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Michael Warhurst**

**Counting the costs of tar sands**

Citizens across Europe voiced their concerns over oil industry investment in tar sands as part of our work to influence the Fuel Quality Directive and highlight the devastating impacts tar sands development will have in Congo, Jordan, Madagascar, Nigeria and Russia. This initiative brought together anti-tar sands campaigners and concerned investors to call on companies to disclose the risks associated with their tar sands investments. Representatives of affected communities visited shareholder meetings of BP, Shell and RBS.

*Tar sands put vulnerable communities at risk, and will slow progress towards the EU's wider climate and energy goals*

**The Guardian quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Darek Urbaniak**

**Revealing the facts**

**Revealing 2010's worst lobbyists**

The Worst EU Lobbying Awards gave energy giant RWE (npower), Goldman Sachs, and derivatives lobby group ISDA the dubious honour of being the worst lobbyists of 2010. Almost 10,000 citizens across Europe participated in an online vote for the most deserving of nominees, sending a clear message to EU transparency and ethics Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič that a major clean-up of the Brussels lobbying scene is urgently needed. The awards, organised with CEO, Lobbycontrol and Spinwatch and supported by organisations such as Oxfam, Attac and CAN Europe, expose and counter dirty lobbying tactics and privileged access.

*The financial industry has an enormous influence on shaping the policy debate. I fully support the Worst Lobbying Awards 2010 to expose industry's effect on EU policymaking*

**MEP Dennis de Jong, supporting the Worst EU Lobbying Awards**



Casting votes in the Worst EU Lobbying Awards 2010



**Challenging the legality of new GMO rules**

We commissioned a legal analysis of European Commission proposals to allow governments more autonomy over decisions to ban GM-crops. The conclusion: the proposals are deeply flawed, legally and politically. We called on MEPs and member states to reject the original proposals and ensure GM-free food and farming.

*Until member states' demands for a full reassessment of the risks of GM-crops are met, there should be a moratorium on authorising new GM-crops*

**The BBC quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Mute Schimpf**

**Warning of the dangers of emissions trading**

The dangers of Europe's reliance on carbon trading and offsetting were spelled out by our briefing, showing that the Emissions Trading System is not delivering the CO<sub>2</sub> cuts required by science, historical responsibility and sound financial practices, and that over-reliance on carbon markets is obstructing the use of other more effective policy measures.

**Rights for people, rules for business** As part of the European Coalition for Corporate Justice we launched the SO-OWE Exhibition with a screening to over 400 people in Berlin. The exhibition, also available online at [www.so-owe.org](http://www.so-owe.org), shows cases of corporate irresponsibility and abuse, and is a tool for our work to demand binding legal frameworks for business to protect people against corporate abuse. In 2010, the European Commission announced that it will take measures to improve environmental and social reporting of companies and that it will develop a new corporate social responsibility policy. Issues brought forward by Friends of the Earth Europe and ECCJ are prominently on the agenda.



Drawing attention to corporate abuses, on the 15th anniversary of the execution of human rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa

**11 African countries studied in our report on land-grabbing which found at least five million hectares of land is being acquired to produce biofuels**

**Mapping land-grabs in Africa** Our 'Africa: up for grabs' report, with Friends of the Earth Nigeria, looked at eleven African countries and found at least five million hectares of land – an area the size of Denmark – is being acquired by foreign companies to produce biofuels mainly for the European market. Activists dressed as 'biofuel bandits' grabbed land outside the European Commission headquarters to warn that EU biofuels targets are leading to uncontrollable land-grabbing from poor communities in Africa, pushing more people into hunger.

*The EU's mandatory target for increasing agrofuels is a clear driver to the land-grabbing in Africa*

**Bloomberg quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Adrian Bebb**

## Influencing the debate

**Criticising the Cancún package** Friends of the Earth Europe took concrete demands to the UN climate conference in Cancún, Mexico, and criticised the European Union's inaction. The negotiations ended with the world further away from a just and strong agreement on tackling dangerous climate change. The weak package adopted lacks substance and pushes for an expansion of ineffective carbon markets. We will continue to build a diverse global civil society movement to achieve climate justice, and push for action in Europe – now more urgent than ever.

*Justice was not done in Copenhagen – and neither was it done here in Cancún. There is a long and challenging way to go to achieve the strong and fair agreement we need*

**The Parliament Magazine quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Susann Scherbarth**



Youth activists at the climate talks in Bonn

**Taking the voice of youth to climate talks** Four days of action during the UN climate talks in Bonn, Germany brought together youth activists at a camp for climate action. Young Friends of the Earth Europe took nonviolent direct action and publicly demonstrated against Europe's inadequate emissions reductions targets and false solutions to the climate crisis. Additionally, Young Friends of the Earth Europe ran a workshop for over 35 representatives of youth groups from the UNFCCC's youth caucus, exploring the youth perspective on climate justice.

**European Ombudsman finds Commission guilty of intransparency and maladministration** Friends of the Earth Europe transparency campaigners filed a complaint following correspondence between the European Commission and carmaker Porsche about CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from cars. The European Ombudsman found the Commission guilty, stating that the failure to disclose the entirety of the letters was a clear instance of maladministration.

**World Bank urged to stop dirty business** Our campaigners handed out dirty contracts for so-called 'clean coal' outside a consultation between bankers, EU officials, industry representatives and other stakeholders, in a symbol of the disastrous impacts of the World Bank's financing on climate change and the world's poorest people. Similar demonstrations took place in South Africa and the United States; all part of ongoing campaigns saying 'no' to dirty coal and the locking-in of carbon intensive energy models.



Marching for climate justice in Cancún

**Questioning industry rhetoric in Liberia** Our campaigners travelled to Liberia to investigate the use of government funds by steel giant ArcelorMittal Liberia. The investigation raised critical questions about the company's complicity in the misuse of millions of dollars. The subsequent report resulted in a meeting between Friends of the Earth Liberia and Liberia's President, and a call from the president to reform the governance and management of county development funds in Liberia.



Handing out dirty contracts for 'clean coal'

**Changing perspectives on the EU budget** Our proposal, joint with coalition partners, on how to allocate the EU budget was launched at a conference bringing together decision-makers, journalists and experts. We believe the EU budget must be used to shape a sustainable future. Environmentally harmful subsidies must be stopped and energy savings, and tackling biodiversity loss and resource inefficiency should be prioritised.

**Biofuels – driving to destruction** Research into indirect land use change released with 57 national campaign groups across 21 countries caused a media storm with over 400 articles worldwide. Raising awareness of the destructive climate and land use impacts of biofuels is an important part of our strategy to get governments and the European Commission to urgently review the real impacts of biofuels on climate change and food security.



Calling for rainforest-free food and farming

**In the mood for CAP reform** Campaigners dressed as cows called for rainforest-free food and farming at the start of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy reform. Our new agriculture campaign is calling for the reform to help farmers swap imported soy animal feed for home-grown alternatives. The expansion of soy plantations is one of the major drivers of deforestation and rural conflict in South America.

**120,000 against illegal timber trade** Over 120,000 European citizens signed a petition asking European law makers to put a stop to the illegal timber trade. The petition, organised with citizen's network Avaaz, called on MEPs to ban illegally harvested timber from the EU market. A new law was passed following over ten years of campaigning from Friends of the Earth Europe – it's a welcome step towards a level playing field in the international timber sector for forest dependent people. We will continue to follow the implementation process to ensure countries and companies turn it into an effective law.

**120,000** people signed a petition against the illegal timber trade

**500,000** new jobs could be created by increasing recycling across Europe

**Creating more jobs, and less waste** Our study 'More Jobs, Less Waste' shows how an increase in recycling across Europe could create at least 500,000 new jobs. This study has since been quoted by the Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik, and was mentioned in the Commission's Flagship Initiative on Resource Efficiency.



## Building on our strengths

**814,000** people visited the Friends of the Earth Europe website – [www.foeeurope.org](http://www.foeeurope.org) – throughout the year to find out more about our work

**Working with the media** Working with Friends of the Earth International and IPS news agency, we hosted a media workshop for European journalists and communicators from our network. Speakers from Friends of the Earth Europe and International gave insights into EU climate policy, gas flaring in Nigeria, agrofuels in Australia and the link between corporations, biodiversity and the food crisis in Latin America.



Developing media skills in our network

**Summer training camp, Poland** 45 young activists from 17 countries across Europe met in Poland for five days of training run jointly by Young Friends of the Earth Europe and Friends of the Earth Poland. The camp delivered key campaign and action skills training to enable young people to deliver effective political campaigns in their local and national contexts. Emphasis on engaging youth from countries with a weaker culture of youth environmental activism meant key groups, notably Poland, Hungary, Croatia and Cyprus, were involved. The event was covered by regional Polish TV.



Engaging youth from across Europe at the YFoEE summer camp

**Leading change at Harvard** Campaigners and communicators from across the Friends of the Earth Europe network participated in an online course at Harvard University led by Marshall Ganz, campaign advisor to President Obama. Focusing on empowerment and mobilisation, the course projects aimed to bring the voices of European citizens directly to decision-makers. Learning from the course was put into practice with the creation of a toolkit of resources to communicate climate justice, and a video of climate justice testimonies from Europe.

**Building stronger member groups** 2010 was the second year of an ambitious network capacity building project. The 'Kolga' project 'twins' members of our network from the Baltic region – Finland, Denmark, Poland and Sweden – with supporting partners from Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Through a series of meetings, strategic trainings and study visits the groups supported and inspired each other towards becoming stronger and more effective.

## New challenges

Friends of the Earth Europe built up a number of new areas of campaigning in 2010 – this reflects our recognition of the most pressing environmental challenges, and opportunities we see to influence EU decisions which have implications for people and the environment across the globe. Here are some of the emerging areas of focus for our work for environmental and social justice.

*We would like to see legislation that does not make it profitable to destroy biodiversity*

The European Voice quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Friedrich Wulf

*Measuring is the first step towards decreasing resource use and becoming a more efficient economy*

EurActiv quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Michael Warhurst

## *We need a fundamental shift in subsidies to help European farmers put home-fed animals in our fields and rainforest-free food on our shelves*

The Parliament Magazine quotes Friends of the Earth campaigner Mute Schimpf

**Resources** Challenging over-consumption, including its European and global impacts is the overarching goal which shapes all Friends of the Earth Europe's campaigns. Europe's resource use is at unsustainable levels, and is inequitable, with Europeans using far more than their fair share of the world's resources compared to those in poorer regions. To this end we are expanding our work on resource use. Our focus is on getting the EU to adopt indicators to measure this resource use, as a first step in achieving an absolute reduction of Europe's global resource footprint. We want to highlight the devastating impacts of consumption, and develop a positive vision of a more sustainable Europe.

**Agriculture** The biggest and most fundamental shake up of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy, since it was established in the 1960s, began in 2010 and will last until 2013. The next few years will therefore be crucial in determining what direction European farming, and its impact in the world, takes. We have already made our voice heard in the debate and are influencing the reform towards a more people and planet-friendly agricultural system in Europe. A new Common Agricultural Policy must stop driving deforestation in South America, stop exacerbating the impacts of intensive agriculture, and end the corporate control of farming and the food chain.



**Energy efficiency** Among the solutions to climate change at hand in Europe, we see energy savings as key. Energy efficiency offers the biggest potential to cut emissions, yet so far there is no binding target – making this the missing link in EU energy policy and the new focus of our energy work. Cutting consumption at home is crucial to achieving at least 40% domestic emissions reductions and avoiding catastrophic climate change – the overall aim of Friends of the Earth’s climate campaign. We are also stressing the other benefits of saving energy, like creating millions of green jobs, reducing import dependency and slashing household bills.

**Biodiversity** Protecting biodiversity is at the heart of what many of our member groups do, and our network already does important practical nature protection work on the ground and has considerable expertise and credibility on this issue. But, as the collapse of biodiversity continues at an alarming pace, we identify the need to campaign on the international, as well as national and local level. Last year was International Year of Biodiversity and the year Europe failed to meet its deadline for stopping biodiversity loss. We attended the international biodiversity conference in Nagoya and made plans which will build up pressure on Europe to protect ecosystems.

# Campaigning with and for people across Europe

Highlights of our member groups' achievements in 2010

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## Germany Minimising 'Amflora' cultivation

Following the green light for BASF's GM-potato 'Amflora', Friends of the Earth Germany maintained pressure to restrict its cultivation with local actions, panel discussions, press work, and nonviolent direct actions at the BASF headquarters. Only one farmer cultivated the potato in 2010, and in 2011 not a single farmer will grow 'Amflora' in Germany, apart from two hectares planned for a 'display-garden' by the biotech industry.

## Hungary Closer to a climate law

After one and a half years of campaigning by Friends of the Earth Hungary, the Hungarian Climate Bill was debated in the Hungarian Parliament. A public campaign continues to strengthen public and NGO support to pressure decision-makers to commit to an essential climate law.



Lobbying in front of parliament in Budapest, in support of a climate law



Acting out against new coal developments in Scotland

## Scotland Securing low carbon power

Working alongside a local group, and as part of the 'Low Carbon Power' campaign, Friends of the Earth Scotland collected and delivered letters to the local council speaking out against new coal developments in Hunterston. Research showing how all Scotland's energy needs can be met with renewables backed up the claim. The report, called 'Power of Scotland Secured', shows that not only can Scotland meet its own electricity needs from renewables, it can also share resources with others.

## Cyprus Putting a stop to poaching

Friends of the Earth Cyprus and the Committee Against Bird Slaughter launched a new campaign against bird trapping and poaching, called 'Stop Poaching Now!'. In one of the most important migratory routes for wild birds in the region, a bird protection camp was organised to ensure a route safe from illegal bird trapping and killing. Activists located dozens of trapping spots, conducted nonviolent direct actions and dismantled hundreds of illegal trapping devices, liberating endangered wild birds. Hundreds of people called for the repeal of a proposed law amendment to weaken existing poaching legislation.

## Belgium Planting a people's forest

Over 100 volunteers planted more than five hectares with regional trees and shrubs as part of the 'Lappersforest Oxygen Forest project'. This constituted the final hectares of the forest, relocated from the Bruges Lappersfort forest and saved thanks to successive peaceful occupations and discussions, and financed entirely through public donations. This is the first community shared forest in Belgium. By the end of this year Friends of the Earth Flanders and Brussels will have planted 20,000 trees and will have created two entirely new forests in Ostend, on the coast of Belgium.



Planting the roots of Belgium's first peoples' forest

## Finland 'Lobbying' en-masse for a climate law

More than 60 'lobbyists' met with 40 Finnish MPs from different political parties as part of Friends of the Earth Finland's mass lobby event. The event included training for activists and an opportunity to get first-hand experience at lobbying. The Finnish Parliament House was turned into a construction site, and a banner read: "Lobbying work in progress – We are fixing Finnish climate politics". More than one third of MPs are now in favour of a climate law.



Fixing Finnish climate politics

### Spain 15,000 say no to GMOs

Friends of the Earth Spain, with Via Campesina and other allies, mobilised 15,000 people to say no to GMOs and call for GM-free food and farming. This was the highlight of a year of continued mobilisation against GM-crops: with street actions, press work, reports, and the publication of the exact locations of GMO field trials. Step by step the Spanish public are becoming more aware of the problem with GMOs, and moving towards a GM-free society.

### Scotland Cleaning up the Royal Bank of Scotland

With a coalition of organisations, Friends of the Earth Scotland held a week of action during the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) AGM in Edinburgh, culminating in an alternative AGM. Rattled by the level of activity RBS Chair Sir Philip Hampton invited Friends of the Earth Scotland to discuss their concerns – where RBS were told to clean up their act.

### Hungary Acting together to protect biodiversity

Acrobats dressed as animals formed a pyramid to raise public awareness about the importance of species interdependence on the International Day of Biodiversity. Alongside speeches, songs and face painting, Friends of the Earth Hungary emphasised that people are part of biodiversity, and we have to act together to protect it.



Raising public awareness about biodiversity in Hungary

### Norway Saving Norway's cod population

One thousand people gathered in Lofoten, Norway, to protest against the expansion of the oil industry into this unique coastal area – home to one of the world's largest coral reefs, and the birth place of the last strong cod population. Norwegian members of parliament attended the gathering, organised in cooperation with the grassroots movement Peoples Campaign Against Oil Drilling. The campaign achieved its goal at the beginning of 2011, with government legislation banning oil drilling off the coast outside Lofoten, Vesterålen and Senja.



Joining forces to defend Norway's coast from oil exploration

### Spain More success for climate change documentary

Friends of the Earth Spain's 2009 documentary showing the impacts of climate change in Spain through personal testimonies toured Europe and received international acclaim. The film was screened at eleven international festivals and was awarded multiple prizes. The film will continue its tour showing climate change is not something that will only happen in the future but is already a reality.

### Hungary Achieving a national ban of the 'Amflora' GM potato

Friends of the Earth Hungary was instrumental in a national ban of the 'Amflora' GM potato. They convinced the government to submit a complaint to the European Court of Justice following the European Commission's approval for its cultivation.

### The Netherlands Calling Shell to account

Friends of the Earth Netherlands continues to expose the dirty practices of Shell. They presented 30,000 signatures to the Shell HQ demanding an end to illegal gas-flaring in Nigeria. A report drawing comparisons between the Gulf of Mexico Deep Horizon oil spill and the continual spillages in Nigeria resulted in a Parliamentary hearing. All this while sustained legal pressure keeps Shell in court over the Ikot Ada Udo spill case, with hearings scheduled in 2011.



Bearing witness to global climate injustice in Cyprus

### Cyprus Promoting climate justice and energy sovereignty

In support of the wave of European mobilisation in the run up to, and during, COP16 in Cancún, Friends of the Earth Cyprus organised numerous demonstrations and produced reports highlighting the need for climate justice and energy sovereignty. One street action involved Themis – the Ancient Greek Goddess of Justice – holding planet earth and corporate profits in balance, and was a critique of the disregard for people and planet in favour of corporate profits visible in Cancún.

### Germany Chain reaction

More than 140,000 people took part in anti-nuclear demonstrations and formed a 120 kilometre human chain across Germany as part of the ongoing anti-nuclear campaign of Friends of the Earth Germany. A further 100,000 demonstrated later in the year – a clear sign that the German population will not tolerate nuclear power, and the accelerated phase-out of dangerous nuclear power plants is essential.



A chain reaction against nuclear power in Germany

### Switzerland Building an ark for biodiversity

An 'Ark of Biodiversity' was delivered to the Swiss parliament to illustrate the need to address biodiversity loss, before being shown in various cities in the country. The wooden vessel shows various representations of endangered species, made by children, and forms part of a large education programme for children to raise awareness about biodiversity and habitat loss.



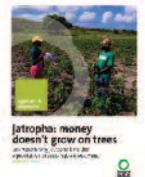
FoE Switzerland's 'Ark of Biodiversity' in front of the Houses of Parliament, Berne

## Publications

In 2010 Friends of the Earth Europe produced the following publications, all of which are available on our website – [www.foeeurope.org/publications](http://www.foeeurope.org/publications) – or by contacting us.



**Food and Farming: From forest to fork (December 2010)** A report revealing how growing European demand for cattle, soy and sugar is destroying Brazil's forests and damaging the climate.



**Agrofuels: Jatropha: Money doesn't grow on trees (December 2010)** The much-touted biofuel crop Jatropha is neither a profitable nor sustainable investment according to this report – warning investors away from this environmentally damaging crop.



**Climate justice: The Cancún agreement: not worth cheering (December 2010)** A briefing analysing the agreement made at the COP16 climate negotiations, and comparing it to what science and justice demand.

**EU funds: Changing perspectives (November 2010)** Detailing 10 guiding principles, this report envisions a sound EU-budget with clear targets, improved efficiency and accountability.



**Nanotechnology: Nanotechnology, climate and energy: over-heated promises and hot air (November 2010)** This report demonstrates that nanotech is currently failing to deliver benefits for global warming, resource depletion and pollution.

**Agrofuels: Driving to destruction (November 2010)** This study analyses the likely impacts on land use and greenhouse gas emissions of biofuel use by 2020 – including factors from indirect land use change.



**Climate justice: The EU Emissions Trading System: failing to deliver (October 2010)** Proving that Europe's Emissions Trading System is failing to deliver, this report shows that reliance upon it means Europe will continue to fail to meet its share of the climate challenge.

**Waste: More jobs, less waste (September 2010)** At least 500,000 new jobs would be created in Europe if countries recycled 70% more of their waste, this study argues.



**Agrofuels: Africa: Up for grabs (August 2010)** This investigation reveals that the amount of land being taken in Africa to meet Europe's increasing demand for biofuels is underestimated and out of control.



**Agrofuels: Three briefings on indirect land use change and emissions from biofuels (August 2010)** A series of briefings looking at three different displacement chains, illustrating the reality of indirect land use change, and how Europe's biofuel targets could be aggravating climate change.



**Extractive industries: Working for development? (June 2010)** This report raises critical questions about ArcelorMittal's complicity in the misuse of government funds in Liberia.



**Friends of the Earth Europe: Friends of the Earth Europe Annual Review 2009 (May 2010)**



**Extractive industries: Tar sands – fuelling the climate crisis, undermining EU energy security and damaging development objectives (May 2010)** This report reveals that the global development of tar sands will magnify the climate crisis and damage Europe's environmental and development objectives.



**Resources: Measuring our resource use (April 2010)** The European Union must take steps towards measuring resource use, this study demands, and adopt policies to increase resource efficiency, such as higher recycling targets.



**Transparency: Bursting the Brussels bubble (April 2010)** An eye-opening insight into decision-making within the European Union, this book is a valuable guide to fighting for greater transparency and accountability.



**Transparency: Lobbying in Brussels (April 2010)** Despite attempts to secure transparency, this report confirms that lobbying in Brussels by Europe's 50 largest companies happens in secret.

**Agrofuels: Too green to be true (March 2010)** This report reveals that the Malaysian palm oil company, IOI Group, fails to live up to its environmental promises in the Indonesian part of Borneo.

**EU funds: Potential unfulfilled (March 2010)** There is still a vast gap between intentions to achieve positive climate objectives, and actual use of available EU money in central and eastern Europe, this report finds.

**Extractive industries: Cashing-in on tar sands (March 2010)** Documenting the UK banks involved in financing tar sands – this report highlights the impacts of extraction on local peoples' health, land rights and livelihoods, as well as the environment.



## Young Friends of the Earth Europe: Building a youth movement

The Young Friends of the Earth Europe network has been getting stronger and more dynamic since it was officially founded in 2007, with each of the last three years empowering successively more young people, in more ways, on social and environmental justice issues.

In 2010 our grassroots network of vibrant local youth groups and young people inspired young people on a local, national and European level and strengthened the voice of the youth movement. Through networking and grassroots training events, nonviolent direct action, great events, building links and sharing knowledge between activists, we enabled young people to run successful political campaigns and to bring attention to what we as young people think.

A few of our highlights from 2010 are:

- Our summer camp in Poland, organised with Friends of the Earth Poland, where 45 young activists from 17 countries met for five days of training. Everyone took part in campaign and action skills training meaning we can campaign effectively locally and nationally
- Four days of action during the UN climate talks in Bonn, Germany. Youth activists from across our network took nonviolent direct action and demonstrated against Europe's inadequate emissions reductions targets and false solutions to the climate crisis
- The youth convergence 'Cancún in Brussels' which we ran in parallel to the international climate negotiations in Mexico. We organised two whole weeks of actions, workshops, movies, discussions, debates and embassy visits during which over 100 young people took positive action and put pressure on European decision makers, calling for climate justice in Cancún
- We represented Young Friends of the Earth Europe at the biennial meeting of Friends of the Earth International in Indonesia, bringing recognition, and the voice, of the youth network to the global stage.

## Financial information

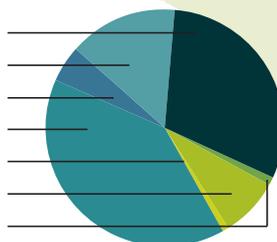
### Income sources 2010 (in euros)

Operational grant - EU	764,084
Project grants - EU	361,220
Project grants - national governments	113,523
Project grants - foundations	1,007,243
Project contributions - members	28,443
Membership fees	190,947
Other income	18,559

### Total income 2010

**2,484,019**

Operational grant - EU	31%
Project grants - EU	15%
Project grants - national governments	5%
Project grants - foundations	40%
Project contributions - members	1%
Membership fees	8%
Other income	<1%



### Expenditure 2010 (in euros)

Campaigning and communications	1,134,500
Network development	142,995
Support to national campaigns	369,808
Management and organisational development	352,476
Administration, IT and office costs	434,240

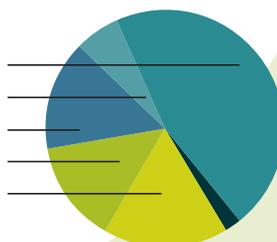
### Total expenditure 2010

**2,434,019**

Reserves carried forward (2%)

50,000

Campaigning and communications	46%
Network development	6%
Support to national campaigns	15%
Management and organisational development	14%
Administration, IT and office costs	17%



Full copies of Friends of the Earth Europe's accounts are available from the Belgian National Bank at [www.nbb.be](http://www.nbb.be) from 1st July 2011.

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Details of our funding can be found on our website: [www.foeeurope.org/about/english.htm](http://www.foeeurope.org/about/english.htm)

## Looking ahead – our work in 2011

In 2011 Friends of the Earth Europe will mark a quarter of a century of work in Brussels for environmental and social justice. In this 25th anniversary year, which coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Friends of the Earth International federation, we continue to be guided by our vision of future sustainable and just societies.

Our activities in 2011 will take many forms and will focus on:

- pushing for binding energy savings targets, and strong policies so every country contributes to reducing energy consumption, thereby cutting emissions, creating millions of green jobs, reducing import dependency, and lowering household bills
- mobilising European citizens in the ongoing fight against climate change, focusing on the increasingly limited atmospheric space available and the need for a far-reaching and socially just transformation in the way we produce and consume
- challenging over-consumption and Europe's unsustainable and inequitable use of the world's resources, by first getting the EU to measure its resource footprint
- stopping oil from tar sands entering the European market, including making sure the Fuel Quality Directive is fully utilised to combat the most climate hostile and devastating of energy sources
- continuing our tireless work for lobby transparency and exposing corporate capture of EU decision-making, especially on climate policy
- maintaining the stance we share with a huge majority of European citizens against genetically modified crops, and opposing European Commission attempts to weaken the GMO safety net
- shaping the debate on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy towards more people and planet-friendly farming
- building up our work on biodiversity to make sure decision-makers are aware of the dire state of biodiversity in Europe and the serious implications this has for the future of people and planet
- enabling people to take action against the destructive impacts of the large scale use of agrofuels
- influencing the next budget phase of the European Union so that it fosters sustainable development and catalyses transformation to a low energy, renewable-based and resource-efficient society
- collecting stories and images to celebrate the anniversaries of Friends of the Earth Europe and International and the strength and diversity of our unique global environmental federation.

To find out more about any of our activities please visit [www.foeeurope.org](http://www.foeeurope.org) or contact us.

