

Dear Member Parties, dear delegates,

My name is Irene Vivas Lalinde, and I would like to ask for your vote to become the first member of my party, Verdes EQUO, to join the European Green Party Amendments Committee. Verdes EQUO has gone through a lot of challenges since its creation in 2011, but after overcoming many of them, we are ready to contribute to the decision-making of this family at the highest level.

Many of you do not know me but I have been part of the Greens since 2016 when I joined Juventud Verde and became part of the Executive Board. Since then, I have contributed to our work from many different positions, including as a FYEG Executive Committee member, a FYEG observer to COP 26 and COP 27, a member of the Presidency of two FYEG General Assemblies, a member of the Federal Executive Board of Verdes EQUO (until October 2024) and now as a permanent delegate of Verdes EQUO to the EGP. Throughout all these experiences, I have learned about our values, principles and processes, but I have also been critical about our weaknesses and blind spots. The ongoing catastrophe in my hometown, the province of Valencia, and in other areas in Eastern Spain, have led to countless fake news and conspiracies, and catastrophes like this are weakening democracy, also in Europe. In the coming years, the European Greens will go through difficult conversations. Representation in moderating these discussions also matters.

As a Member Party, we have contributed to building green positions together with our International Secretary. And I would like to thank the recently elected Board for encouraging me to run for this position. Personally I would like to bring my technical expertise on climate mitigation and adaptation and international law from working in organisations at international, European and local level, as well as my negotiation and people skills.

If elected, I would like to bring inclusive and innovative approaches to reach ambitious positions through the widest consensus possible, including the opinions of smaller and peripheral members. I also hope to put facts and science at the forefront of our discussions while safeguarding our internal rules and processes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to irene.vivas.lalinde@gmail.com

See you in Dublin,
Irene