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**Title:** **Marc Gimenez for Treasurer**

**Tabled by:** Esquerra Verda

**Photo**



**Video**

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**Motivation Letter [PDF]**

Dear friends from the European Green family,

It is a real honor for me to put forward my candidacy for the position of Treasurer of the European Green Party for the next three years ahead of us. It will be a difficult period where we will face many challenges, both political and organizational, and how we handle those together will be decisive for the success of our common political project.

Both my organization and my personal approach to political commitment is that of taking responsibility and make a step to the front when it is needed the most and collective intelligence and engagement is required to overcome the challenges ahead. Having been actively participating in the construction of the European Green Party for nearly twenty years now -since my beginnings at FYEG where I subsequently had the exciting opportunity to serve also as co-spokesperson, and later as regular delegate of Esquerra Verda (formerly ICV) where I have been International Secretary and Head of Delegation at EGP congress for the past years-, I am well aware that this is a moment to take further responsibility and to put our own experience and energy to the service of the common cause.

I have been living and working in Brussels for the past 15 years, serving as political advisor for the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament -most recently within the Transport committee, where I deal with EU budget affairs and infrastructure financing, among other topics, and I am hence already acquainted with the EU Financial Regulation. Despite the distance, I have always kept close links with my mother party while also strengthening the ties with the different components of the European Green family. I consider myself to be in a position where quite few people are in order to contribute in bringing them even closer together and establish further coordination, which we will really need in the years ahead to overcome this dark period where our climate and democracy in Europe and globally are at stake. War is taking part in our continent and also at its doors, and our values and guiding principles are being put in question. There is no time to lose and we cannot afford to do it wrong if we want to effectively combat the rise of extreme right and make hope and love prevail over fear and hate.

This is why when I have been recently suggested to run myself to become EGP Treasurer, both my party and myself had little hesitation. We want to live up to our traditional commitment to the project with whichever duties are required, in some cases even leaving relative comfort zones, and put our skills at the service of the collective. This is why for me it will become a pleasure to put my passion for numbers and spreadsheets -as an engineer by training- together with the deep understanding of the implications of budget in terms of priorities within the political sphere -after two decades of activism as well as professional work in the EU institutions, at the disposal of the Committee and of the EGP organization as a whole.

I am convinced that I can do a good job, learning from and building upon the excellent example and foundations set by the preceding treasurers, with special mention to Ute Michel and Lena Lindström, from whom I learnt that this job is not only about being rigorous with figures, but also about having the overall picture and understanding the importance to prioritize and distribute our resources efficiently and smartly. First of all, I believe I would be able to live up to such standards as Treasurer because of my absolute motivation and determination to carry out a thorough work -of course with the priceless assistance and daily work of our Director of Finance, Compliance and Administration and the whole accounting team-, understanding its often overlooked but essential importance and implications for the functioning of the organization; I actually had the opportunity to get further acquainted with EGP budget in finances already as part of the expert Working Group on Membership Fees reform a few years ago, where we successfully focused on ensuring fairness in the respective contributions from member parties.

Secondly, I consider I would be a good addition to the Committee in a broader context because, besides the technical skills obviously required to do this specific job, I do believe that given my trajectory I can also bring about a human contribution in terms of team spirit, consensus building and finding compromises when needed. I consider myself a team player, very used to work in an international environment and sensitive to the different ideological and cultural nuances across parties, and someone who can put naturally emotional intelligence at the service of the collective political success. This is why I have enjoyed taking part for many years now in the different rounds of Compromise Amendment Sessions prior to the EGP Councils and Congresses, as well as in the final negotiations on the spot as Head of Delegation regarding different resolutions -and more recently on the 2024 EU Elections Manifesto-, contributing to successfully bridge any differences, also on sensitive issues.

I thus believe and feel that this is precisely the right moment to invest myself further in this organization, this project so dear to me that I have had the chance to witness grow for many years. And in this moment where we find ourselves at a crossroads everyone that is in a position to do so needs to take ownership and work even further to preserve it and make it thrive again. I am aware that a difficult period awaits in front of us, with a foreseeable reduction of the EP grant as a result of the outcome of the European elections that will have an impact on our overall budget. Therefore, one of the big challenges that we have ahead is to manage this concerning change on the best possible way, making sure that we minimize its consequences and ensure that we can preserve the core of the organizational upgrades and enhanced professionalization that we experienced following the green wave and the success in 2019. I consider myself ready to contribute in piloting this period in a way so that we are still well equipped for the future challenges and assist to the work of the Secretary General in this regard, together with the co-Chairs and the rest of the Committee, building the foundations of many new successes at national level and with 2029 always in the horizon.

In conclusion, I would like to have your trust as member parties to take on this important duty as EGP Treasurer, probably more than ever given the current context, so that I can contribute to the best of my heart and my brain to keep the European Green Party resilient in turbulent times and ultimately to keep making it the increasingly useful tool for ecological transformation across Europe that we all are working for.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Gimenez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marc Gimenez



## Europass Curriculum Vitae

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### Current employment / Occupational field

#### **Political Advisor to the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament Committee on Transport and Tourism**

Dates 01/08/2020 - Present  
Occupation or position held **Political advisor in the European Parliament (TA)**  
Main activities and responsibilities Staff member of the Greens/EFA Group in the EP. **Committee on Transport and Tourism**  
Name and address of employer European Parliament  
Rue Wiertz, 60, 1047 Brussels (Belgium)  
Type of business or sector European Institutions  
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Dates 01/09/2012 - 31/07/2020  
Occupation or position held **Political advisor in the European Parliament**  
Main activities and responsibilities Staff member of the Greens/EFA Group in the EP. **Committee on Petitions**  
Name and address of employer European Parliament  
Rue Wiertz, 60, 1047 Brussels (Belgium)  
Type of business or sector European Institutions  
Type of business or sector European Institutions

Dates 18/01/2010 - 31/08/2012  
Occupation or position held **Political advisor in the European Parliament**  
Main activities and responsibilities Staff member of the Greens/EFA Group in the EP. **Liaison Officer for Southern Europe.**  
Name and address of employer European Parliament  
Rue Wiertz, 60, 1047 Brussels (Belgium)  
Type of business or sector European Institutions

Dates 01/03/2007 - 15/01/2010  
Occupation or position held **Local Assistant to a Member of the European Parliament**  
Main activities and responsibilities Overall coordination of the Local Office work and external communications.  
Political relations with the civil society at the constituency.  
Writing parliamentary questions, amendments and follow-up of relevant dossiers. Administration.  
Name and address of employer Raül Romeva i Rueda, Member of the European Parliament. Rue Wiertz, 60, 1047 Brussels (Belgium)  
Type of business or sector European Institutions

Dates 01/09/2006 - 28/02/2007  
Occupation or position held **Research assistant in an engineering project**  
Main activities and responsibilities Internship in a Product Development Centre of a manufacturing company.  
Research of technological alternatives for the mounting of large bearings.  
Design of experiments, monitoring and analysis of stress tests for the mounting process  
Name and address of employer **SKF**  
Hornsgatan, 1, SE-415 50 Göteborg (Sweden)  
Type of business or sector Manufacturing/Engineering

### Education and training

Dates 01/09/2005 - 10/02/2007  
Title of qualification awarded **MSc in Production and Operations Management**  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered Reverse Material flow management:  
- Master's Thesis on "**Warranty Claim Management**" within the Logistics department at Atlet AB  
Operations Managements  
Resource Efficiency  
Project Management  
Organisational Behaviour  
\*Enrolled in the initial study program due to being selected among the hundred promising young engineering students to take part of the Academic-Corporate joint venture for engineering excellence '**UNITECH**' (2005-2007).  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training **Chalmers University of Technology**  
SE-412 96 Göteborg (Sweden)  
Level in national or international classification MSc (ISCED 6)  
Dates 17/09/2001 - 30/06/2005  
Title of qualification awarded **Industrial Engineering**  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered Mechanics, Electronics, Hydraulics, Structures, Electricity, Robotics, Transport, Materials science  
Mathematics & Statistics  
Management & Economics  
Industrial Organisation  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training ETSEIB - **Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya**  
Av. Diagonal, 647, 08028 Barcelona (Spain)  
Level in national or international classification ISCED 5 (5 years degree)

### Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Spanish, Catalan**  
Other language(s)

Self-assessment  
*European level (\*)*

**English**  
**French**  
**Italian**  
**Swedish**  
**German**

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
C1	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B1	Independent user
B1	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B1	Independent user
A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User

(\*) [Common European Framework of Reference \(CEF\) level](#)

<p><b>Political activity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Political responsibilities at European level:</b></li> <li>- Co-Spokesperson of the <b>Federation of Young European Greens</b> (2008-2009)</li> <li>- Youth wing representative at <b>Executive Committee of the European Green Party</b> (2008-2009)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supporters</b>          Miljöpartiet de gröna, Les Écologistes - Europe Ecologie Les Verts, Groen, Europa Verde - Verdi, Ecolo, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, Irish Green Party, Communistas Glas, Cyprus Greens - Citizens Cooperation, LIVRE, GroenLinks, Federation of Young European Greens, Možemo! – politička platforma</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other political duties and activities:</b></li> <li>- Esquerra Verda member (Green party in Catalonia, formerly named ICV) since 2002</li> <li>- Esquerra Verda International Affairs Secretary and Head of delegation to EGP since 2022</li> <li>- Esquerra Verda International Affairs Board member (initially ICV) since 2008</li> <li>- Delegate to the EGP Councils without interruption between 2008 and 2024</li> <li>- Member of the EGP Working Group on Membership Fees reform (2019)</li> <li>- Coordinator of ICV Brussels local chapter (2013-2017)</li> <li>- Member of ‘SUMAR Bélgica’ Steering Group (2023-2024)</li> <li>- Co-founder of EQUO Bruselas local chapter (2011)</li> <li>- ICV European Parliament affairs coordinator (2007-2009)</li> <li>- Member of ICV's European elections Campaign Core Team &amp; Program Drafting Team (2009, 2014)</li> <li>- Member of the Board of the Catalan Council of the European Movement International (2009-2011)</li> <li>- Member of the European Youth Forum Working Group on Employment, Social Affairs and Sustainable Development (2008-2010)</li> <li>- Observer of the structural Commission for the confluence of the Spanish Green parties (2010-2011)</li> <li>- Co-chair of the National Assembly of Joves d'Esquerra Verda (Catalan Young Greens); 2012</li> <li>- Co-chair of the FYEG General Assembly (2011)</li> <li>- European Greens representative at the EQUO Constituting Assembly (2011)</li> <li>- Chairperson of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Committee at the Africa-Europe Youth Summit (2007)</li> <li>- Member of the Political Committee of the Euro - Latinamerican Youth Forum, FEULAT (2008)</li> <li>- Attending to both European Green Summer Universities (Frankfurt Öder/Slubice, 2008 and 2011): Organizer and speaker of the panel on European Campaigns Management (2008)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Further studies and diplomas:</b></li> <li>- Specialisation diploma on “<b>System Dynamics</b>” - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (2015, online)</li> <li>- Completed Academic part of the <b>PhD program 'Sustainability, Technology and Humanism'</b> of the <u>UNESCO Cathedra on Sustainability</u> of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (2009)</li> <li>- Diploma of the <b>UNITECH Program</b> for European Students of Technology (2005-2007)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other activity in NGOs:</b></li> <li>- Member of 'Acció Jove' (Catalan branch of the youth wing of the main Trade Union in Spain, CCOO)</li> <li>- Member of Engineers without Borders</li> <li>- Member of the Steering Committee of the Anti-war Movement in the Industrial Engineering Faculty during Iraq war, 'ETSEIB per la PAU' (2003)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Publications:</b></li> <li>- 'Austerity in Spain - a failed ideology' (with Delfina Rossi; Green European Journal, Spring 2012)</li> <li>- 'Green Guidelines on the Energy Sector in Europe' (Ecosprinter; Special Issue on Energy, 2008)</li> </ul>