

Dear Member Parties, dear Delegates,

I am very happy and honoured to present my candidacy for the EGP executive committee.

It's been 10 years that I've been engaged in green politics in France and Europe. I am currently a member of the executive committee of the French Greens and the European and International Secretary. The desire to promote a fairer, greener and more social federal Europe is one of the reasons why I became involved in politics. And it still is. My dedication to European issues and the EGP has been clear from the various responsibilities I have taken on within the French Greens.

As the current European and International Secretary for the French Greens, I worked hard to strengthen the connections of my party with other European green parties and to contribute to the EGP Mediterranean Network. I coordinated the French delegation within the EGP, making sure that we were fully involved, that we made constructive contributions to the EGP's work, and spoke with a single voice. For the European elections in 2024, I was in charge of organising the drafting of our electoral manifesto together with the campaign team. Our programme was voted best by environmental NGOs. Before that, I was in charge of the French Greens' European affairs Committee for two years. I established a collaborative workspace between the EGP and the Committee, fostering joint preparations for congresses and enhancing our strategic discussions.

Now I'd be honoured to take new responsibilities within our green families in the EGP Committee. If elected to the Committee, I will bring my experience and motivation to the table to contribute more actively to the growth and success of our European Green family. I would like to work on the following priorities with you:

#### **Fighting the far right and boosting citizens' confidence in the Greens in Europe**

In the last few years, the Green wave led many of our parties to positions of leadership. But we now face the challenge of maintaining trust and accountability with citizens. We also need to build this confidence in the countries where the Greens are emerging as a new major political force. This is especially important in the face of the growing far-right, which threatens our democratic values and ecological goals. One of my main priorities will be ensuring that the EGP leads the fight against right-wing extremism by coordinating a cross-border strategy. We need to carry out a joyful combat mandate to reorganise and strengthen our forces across Europe.

#### **Ensuring the integration of new members into our European Green family**

As our movement grows, welcoming new parties and ensuring their successful integration into the EGP will be critical. I will focus on supporting these new members, helping them navigate the structures of the EGP and empowering them to fully participate in our shared political mission. Providing the tools and strategic resources necessary for their development will not only strengthen these parties individually but also enhance the overall cohesion and vitality of the European Green movement.

#### **Deepening ties between the EGP and elected representatives at European, national and local levels**

We must strengthen the relationships between the EGP and our elected representatives at the European, national and local levels. Upcoming local elections across Europe will be key in shaping Green politics, while the next European Parliament term will be critical for our movement, given the Greens/EFA's support for Ursula von der Leyen's election. By fostering stronger connections and collaboration, we can amplify the impact of our Green policies and ensure that local and European victories lead to broader political success. We need to rely on and consolidate the network of local councillors. Strengthening these links will also build a stronger foundation for future local and European elections and advance our Green values at all levels of governance.


**Ensuring the cohesion and strength of our European Green family**

As we continue to grow and evolve, maintaining the unity and strength of our movement is paramount. A cohesive European Green family is essential for us to effectively respond to the challenges we face. My focus will be on fostering collaboration, open dialogue, and shared strategic planning across all our member parties. By ensuring that we remain united around our core values, we can face future political challenges with a strong, collective voice and continue to push for the environmental and social transformations Europe needs.

I would be delighted to talk with you and would be honored by your support.

Yours sincerely,

Marina VERRONNEAU

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marina Verronneau', with a stylized flourish at the end.