

## Molly Scott Cato: Motivation Letter

I'm excited about the idea of working with friends and colleagues from across Europe to support the Green Parties, increase protections for our climate and our natural world, and defend and revitalise our democracies.

I have been a member of the Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW) for more than 35 years, serving at all levels inside and outside the party. I have been spokesperson for the GPEW on Economy and Finance for more than a decade and the External Communications Coordinator for EWGP since 2020. I will soon be stepping back from these roles.

I had the honour to serve in the European Parliament between 2014 and 2020, representing South West England and Gibraltar. During this time I was on the Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and was the Parliament's rapporteur on sustainable finance. I am a Professor of Economics and happy to lend that knowledge and experience to the committee. I also served on the Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

I campaigned vigorously for the UK to remain a member of the EU and am currently Vice Chair of the European Movement UK. My purpose there is to end the silence around the question of our membership of the EU. The European Movement has EU membership as its objective and I'm proud to work with them to keep that issue alive. I have participated in a number of events for the Green European Foundation and written articles for their journal, including [this futuristic one](#) that probably says more about my personal dreams than anything else!

Since the end of my time as an MEP, I have focused on my national party, taking a role on the national executive as External Communications Coordinator. I was instrumental in our communications that led to our historic election result in the general election in July 2014. I would be offering myself to the committee with the particular function of communications.

I believe that green parties across Europe have a historic role of being outside the establishment politics that citizens are turning against, while standing firmly behind democracy and citizen engagement. This deliberate attack on democracy is something I came to understand during the campaign against Brexit, and I want to work with other green parties across our continent to be part of the vital work of defending democracy against autocracy, disinformation and fascism.

I studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University and took a PhD in Economics from the University of Wales. I have written and published on resilient local economies, cooperatives and social enterprise, sustainable finance, monetary policy and tax policy. I live in Stroud, a small, but vibrant town in rural Gloucestershire am on the core group of my local community farm.