

Introduction:

As the EGP Congress is taking place once a year, there is a lack of manoeuvre for EGP to safeguard its reputation in between Congresses where disciplinary measures can be taken. Therefore, it is important to remedy this in the EGP Statutes.

The below proposed amendments concern the whole section of Membership evaluation, an addition in Membership responsibilities in Article 4 and in Article 6 on Committee of the EGP Statutes.

For changes to the Statutes a 3 / 4 majority of the allocated votes is needed.

**Membership evaluation** (page 7)

Current text	Proposed amendment
4.14 Upon a request of other Members or by their own decision, Committee can evaluate the membership status of the Members. The report of the evaluation process shall be shared at the following Congress.	No changes
4.15 Any Member can terminate or suspend its membership upon a request towards the Committee. The Committee will inform the Members through a designated communication and at the following Congress.	No changes
<p>4.16            If a Member does not comply with its responsibilities, the Committee can recommend the following disciplinary measures to the Congresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• withdrawal of speaking rights in EGP meetings, including Congresses;</li> <li>• withdrawal of voting rights in EGP meetings, including Congresses;</li> <li>• withdrawal of participation in EGP meetings, including Congresses;</li> <li>• withdrawal of access to information;</li> <li>• suspension of Membership;</li> <li>• termination of Membership.</li> </ul>	<p>4.16            If a Member does not comply with its responsibilities <u>indicated in Articles 4.2, 4.3, and 4.22 through 4.24</u>, the Committee can recommend the following disciplinary measures to the Congress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• withdrawal of speaking rights in EGP meetings, including Congresses;</li> <li>• withdrawal of voting rights in EGP meetings, including Congresses;</li> <li>• withdrawal of participation in EGP meetings, including Congresses;</li> <li>• withdrawal of access to information.;</li> <li>• suspension of Membership.;</li> <li>• <del>termination of Membership.</del></li> </ul> <p><u>In case of emergency, the Committee can take disciplinary measures on a temporary basis. The Committee can amend or lift the temporary measures.</u></p> <p><u>The Committee will immediately inform the Members about the measures taken through a designated communication.</u></p>

	<p><u>Any temporary disciplinary measures are subject to approval by the following Congress if they are still in force. If the next Congress is not scheduled within six months, the Committee decision on the temporary disciplinary measures can be appealed through an extraordinary Congress.</u></p>
<p>4.17          The proposal for the suspension or termination of membership must be substantiated by a fact-finding mission report.</p>	<p>4.17  <u>If a Member does not comply with its responsibilities indicated in Articles 4.2, 4.3, and 4.22 through 4.24, the Committee can also recommend the termination of Membership as a disciplinary measure to the Congress.</u>          The proposal for the <del>suspension or</del> termination of membership must be substantiated by a fact-finding mission report.</p>
<p>4.18          In the case of non-payment of Membership Fees, the Committee, acting on the advice of the Treasurer, is authorised to withdraw voting rights of that Member prior to the opening of each voting session at the Congress.</p>	<p><u>Renumber 4.18 as 4.21 and adjust the numbers in between.</u></p> <p><u>4.18-21</u>          In the case of non-payment of Membership Fees, the Committee, acting on the advice of the Treasurer, is authorised to withdraw voting rights of that Member prior to the opening of each voting session at the Congress.</p>
<p>4.19          At the Congress, both the Member under evaluation and the Committee will present their views.</p>	<p><del>4.19-18</del>          At the Congress, both the Member under evaluation and the Committee will present their views.</p>
<p>4.20          The Congress reverses disciplinary measures upon request of the Committee or the Member under the measures. The Congress will take into consideration the Committee’s recommendation and Fact-finding mission report in case of reversing suspension.</p>	<p><del>4.20-19</del>          The Congress <del>reverses-can lift</del> disciplinary measures, <del>except termination</del>, upon request of the Committee or the Member under the measures. <del>The Congress will take into consideration the Committee’s recommendation and Fact-finding mission report in case of reversing suspension.</del></p>
<p>4.21 Membership evaluation deadlines are as given in Annex C of the Rule Book.</p>	<p><del>4.21-20</del> Membership evaluation deadlines are as given in Annex C of the Rule Book.</p>

**Membership rights and responsibilities** (pages 7-8)

Current text	Proposed amendment
<p>4.22            Full and Associate Members shall have the following rights and responsibilities within the European Green Party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to participate in the political discussions and in the development of the political agenda;</li> <li>• to participate in outreach activities, including the common campaigns;</li> <li>• to participate in coordination meetings and execution of the common European election campaign;</li> <li>• have access to the membership- and information platforms developed by EGP;</li> <li>• use the European Green Party logo on their own media, including on the landing page;</li> <li>• pay their designated annual fee, as provided in Annex B of the Rule Book.</li> </ul>	<p>4.22            Full and Associate Members shall have the following rights and responsibilities within the European Green Party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to participate in the political discussions and in the development of the political agenda;</li> <li>• to participate in outreach activities, including the common campaigns;</li> <li>• to participate in coordination meetings and execution of the common European election campaign;</li> <li>• have access to the membership- and information platforms developed by EGP;</li> <li>• use the European Green Party logo on their own media, including on the landing page;</li> <li>• <u>pay their designated annual fee, as provided in Annex B of the Rule Book;</u></li> <li>• <u>adhere to the Green values of the European Green Charter in its principles, policies, structures and actions;</u></li> <li>• <u>not bring the European Green Party into disrepute.</u></li> </ul>

**Committee** (page 13)

Current text	Proposed amendment
<p>6.4.9 The Committee works as a collegial body; deliberations are reached in a consensual way. The Committee can vote and take decisions by a simple majority. The Committee operates on the principle of collective responsibility in decision-making.</p>	<p>6.4.9 The Committee works as a collegial body; deliberations are reached in a consensual way. The Committee can vote and take decisions by a simple majority, <u>except for temporary disciplinary measures, where a 3 / 4 majority is required.</u> The Committee operates on the principle of collective responsibility in decision-making.</p>

**EGP Rulebook**

To align used wording, a subsequent amendment is needed to the overview of deadlines **Annex C** in the Rulebook: "Termination" instead of withdrawal of membership

For changes to the Rulebook, a 2 / 3 majority of the allocated votes is needed.

<b>Membership issues</b>	
<del>Withdrawal</del> <b>Termination</b> of membership; Notification with dossier to be sent to the concerned member and EGP member parties	2 months before Congress