

Dear Friends

It's been two and a half years since our last committee election, where I was fortunate enough to earn your trust.

It has been a tremendous privilege and pleasure to be part of this work. Not least, working alongside my colleagues in the committee, the fantastic staff at EGP, and of course, meeting so many of you, speaking with you, and learning from the incredible work you are all doing every day to further our green agenda.

I believe we've made good progress during this period. We've expanded our political family, which has strengthened us all. Our election campaign was something to be proud of – out of all the parties, ours was the most European in its approach. We remained focused on bold ideas and the transformative changes we need. However, this election also clearly highlighted the challenges ahead of us.

The European Parliament election results left a lot to be desired. Some countries, like my own, performed well, even exceptionally, but the overall picture shows that we need to do better. I believe it's time for the green family to come together more closely, to be more strategic in our political agendas, and crucially, to improve how we reach out to both existing friends and allies, and, more importantly, to those we have yet to meet.

At the EGP, we must deepen our engagement with our partners in GEF, FYEG, and the Green Group in the European Parliament. Together, we need to craft strategic plans that will ensure we stand tall and strong in the upcoming elections, whether at local, national or European level - including the 2029 European election. And this work must start now.

More than ever, the need for our political agenda is clear. A just green transition cannot wait, as local communities are facing devastating climate impacts daily – too much water in some places, drought in others, heatwaves, fires, and winds in a scale that we're not used to. This has become the new normal. So why aren't we stronger in every member state, both inside and outside the EU?

I don't have all the answers, but I have some, and I believe that together we can come up with even more – and better – solutions. But we need to step outside our own bubble. When we know our policies can help local communities tackle the challenges they face, why aren't they more united with us? When we know that a green policy agenda offers businesses a stronger future, why aren't they standing closer to us? We may have part of the answer, but if we truly want to stand with, behind, and in front of local communities, activists, and progressive businesses, we need to reach out and engage them. It's only by talking to them, working with them, and co-creating solutions that we can expect them to stand proudly with their local green candidates. I believe we can do much better in this regard.

We need to learn from our successes and, with open minds, seek out new solutions. As Greens, people expect us to be bold and creative.

I want to continue working towards a stronger and more strategic European Green Party. There is a real need for us, and I ask for your support to continue being part of this important work.

Yours,
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