



## Notes on the draft budget and membership fees 2026 & Proposal for adoption

### Summary & Proposal for decision

The total balanced budget 2026 (EP budget + carry-over budget) stands at 4.517.449 EUR, based on an expected grant of 3.567.949 EUR (compared to a grant of 3.216.304 EUR in 2025). The draft membership fees 2026 are overall at nearly the current level (489.850 EUR, approx. 20.000 EUR less than in 2025).

The political landscape after the European election is still volatile, which leads to uncertainty around the total number of affiliated MEPs to all EUPPs and may have an impact on the maximum grant amount EGP can potentially receive in the coming years.

### Proposal for decision:

#### **The 40<sup>th</sup> EGP Congress in Lisbon, 5-7 December 2025, adopts:**

- 1. The draft total budget 2026 of 4.517.449 EUR (4.077.449 EUR EP budget + 440.000 EUR carryover budget). This includes an expected grant of 3.567.949 EUR, a carryover from 2025 of 400.000 EUR and a provision to the Campaign Fund of 77.261 EUR.**
- 2. The draft membership fees for 2026 as per the membership fee table for EU countries only, with a total of 489.850 EUR.**

Membership fees will only be raised from EU member parties, in line with current legal requirements. The voting rights of the non-EU member parties at Congress remain unaffected.

*The Financial Advisory Board (FAB) was consulted on the EP draft budget and outlook and did not raise concerns. FAB representative took part in the October online Committee meeting, which adopted the carryover budget and the membership fees 2026.*



## Notes on the documents

### 1. Budget 2026

#### - EP budget 2026

The EP budget 2026 is balanced at 4.077.449 EUR.

#### Expenditure

##### Category 1: Personnel costs

The total staff cost is 2.150.000 EUR. The transition to lower staffing levels is still ongoing and is expected to be finalised in the end of 2026.

##### Category 2: Infrastructure and operating costs

The infrastructure costs are stable and amount to 378.500 EUR. This is based on reasonable costs for running EGP. The number of staff has some, but overall, a limited impact on the total.

##### Category 3: Administrative expenditure

The administrative expenditure is 358.850 EUR (or 102.050 EUR more than in 2024).

The increase in this category compared to previous years is mainly due to 70.000 EUR allocated for studies and research, 60.000 EUR for Committee meetings that had to be re-allocated here from Category 4 following the instructions by DG FINS. Some additional costs in accounting and legal costs have been also foreseen.

The amount in budget line 3.5.2. Honorary fees Committee (- 39.000 EUR) was adjusted to based on the end-of-year projection for 2025.

##### Category 4: Meeting and representation costs

This is still the biggest category after personnel with 832.038 EUR. The budget line for (Autumn) Congress has been increased to 400.000 EUR given an additional outreach dimension and to allow for more activities to be organised during the congress.

The budget for working groups is decreased as they primarily meet online.

The budget for local councillors projects is increased to 60.000 EUR by 20.000 EUR, enabling the possibility of repeating the Green Mayors meeting.

There is a substantial decrease in 4.1.11. Mission travel costs, including Fact-Finding Missions (FFM) to 25.000 EUR due to re-allocation of 80.000 EUR to budget line 4.3 Representation costs following the instruction from the DG FINS to book all costs related to trips to events not organised by EGP, like congresses of the member parties.

In addition to the provision of funds in all other budget lines in this category, there is a total of 87.058 EUR in 4.1.5. EGP priority projects, which gives the Committee space to accommodate the ad hoc projects arising during the year.

##### Category 5: Information and publications

This is set at 245.000 EUR, with more than half (140.000 EUR) for 5.3. Publicity costs



#### Non-reimbursable (non-eligible) expenditure

Allocation to funds is considered a non-eligible expenditure in the year when it's allocated, and amounts to 77.261 EUR (to Campaign Fund).

The rest of the items, as always, are an estimate largely beyond our control, set at the level of the 2025 end-of-year projections.

#### **Revenues**

The EP grant calculation is based on 50 MEPs. This would result in a grant of 3.567.949 EUR.

Membership fees: According to legal requirements, they are allowed from EU member parties only and are by very far our largest source of own resources, with a total of 470.000 EUR in 2026 (for more detail see 2. below). In the EP budget, the total amount of fees has to be split between two budget lines. This is because the EP and Authority do not consider associate members to be members in a legal sense and have issued corresponding accounting requirements. Only the fees from full members are included in the membership fees budget line (435.000 EUR submitted in the EP budget, 35.000 EUR in the carryover budget). The fees from associate members have to be considered as donations (17.000 EUR submitted in the EP budget, 2.000 EUR in the carryover budget) and are included in the total in that budget line.

Participation fees: The total expected income from participation fees of 35.000 EUR is split between the EP and carry-over budgets and is kept at the same level as 2025.

And a small provision for financial income (500 EUR) is included again.

#### **- Carry-over budget**

Most of the carry-over budget of 440.000 EUR is allocated to activities: Category 4 (290.000 EUR in total for priority projects, Congress and mission travels) and Category 5 (40.000 EUR in total for digital campaigning, which could also enable a potential TILT upgrade). A quarter of the carryover is devoted to Category 1 concerning Personnel Costs (110.000 EUR) in order to be able to execute the additional budget.

#### Development of Funds:

Because of the projected carry-over to 2026, 141.000 EUR of own resources is currently projected to be allocated to the Campaign Fund at the end of 2025 (this is reflected in the "Development of Funds 2021-2026" table in the column (2025 projection). Further 77.261 EUR is to be allocated to campaign fund in 2026 as explained above.



## **2. Draft membership fees 2026**

Membership fees are set at a very similar level to 2025 for the vast majority of our member parties. The total membership fee is 489.850 EUR. This is a slight decrease compared to 2025 (510.059 EUR). There are only a handful parties with more than a few hundred EUR changes to their fees compared to 2025, due to election results or changes in the economic coefficient.

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