

My Motivation for a second mandate as EGP delegate to the Global Greens

Dear friends,

I have been involved with GG for several years, but for the past two years with the EGP team, Bodil Valero (co-convenor), Ute Michel (treasurer), Pauline Nales and Eleonor Morissey, my 2 colleagues, along with Marina Verroneau and Rui Tavares who are taking over from us on the Committee, we have managed to build a strong, cohesive, and constructive team that has truly enabled GG to expand and become more professional. We finally have a strategic plan, healthy finances, effective working groups, and a new team of three staff members (administrative, communications, and project).

But we are in a period of transition and many challenges await us in strengthening ties with the three other federations, raising the profile of the GG in the global political landscape, and better coordinating links between Green representatives from different continents. Now that we are finally up and running, I want to work with the EGP delegates team to better deploy the work done by the Global Greens, particularly at major international events such as the Biodiversity COP, the Climate COP, and the International Interparliamentary Assembly.

We need to organize the links between the green elected representatives of our various federations even better, and we Europeans also have a responsibility to share more effectively the work and actions we carry out in our assemblies and our regional and local councils. There is a real demand and a genuine desire for exchanges with green parties on other continents. I want to share my experience and the political relationship management skills I have developed around the world over many years. As I no longer hold elected office in my party, ECOLO, I can still devote time to the GG and, above all, to the climate working group for which I am responsible.

It is not easy to reconcile agendas and schedules in an international context, from Montevideo to Kigali, from Beirut to Sydney, but I have learned to do so and, having no other professional activities, I can devote time to this mandate. I think we have a lot of work to do to strengthen the relationship between our different federation but today because the work our EGP team did the last years, I am sure we are ready to build a stronger international Green Federation. And it's what we need today in such a difficult period in different part of the world, in a moment of populism, of conflicts and wars in different parts of the world we need to strengthen the green voice and action all over the world.

If you need any further information about my application, please feel free to reach out to me via email (evelyne.huytebroeck@ecolo.be).

Thank you very much and I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Best regards,

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