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Title: Sean Currie

Tabled by: Scottish Green Party

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Motivation Letter [PDF]

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- **I am asking for your vote for the EGP Committee, so that I can bring my experience and personality to help steer our movement through one of its hardest moments with clarity and strategy.** The Greens are under pressure across Europe: squeezed electorally, often divided internally, and increasingly mistrusted by the civil society that once powered our breakthroughs. At the same time, I work every day in the Council of Europe with governments backsliding on democracy and rule of law, and I know how authoritarian actors operate – and how they can be pressured to move. With no non-EU representation currently on the Committee, at the worst possible moment, we risk losing perspectives that are essential for the whole Green family.

Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

I bring a decade of strategic experience across the Green family - including as a participant in EGP Committee meetings. My experience ranges from the Scottish Greens' Executive to co-leading FYEG, where I helped grow FYEG to more members, more budget and more staff than ever before, while running our most ambitious European election campaign yet. Attending EGP Committee meetings as FYEG's representative gave me a clear sense of what effective leadership requires: political judgement, coalition-building, and the ability to navigate the very different realities of our parties.

We need to confront authoritarianism and defend democracy. In the Council of Europe, I negotiate directly with the governments that are undermining democracy and human rights, and I know how they operate. I succeeded in convincing these governments to pass the institution's first recommendation on youth and climate. This work has taught me how institutions shift, how governments respond to pressure, and how political leverage is built.

I can rebuild our relationship with civil society. Before working inside institutions, I spent years organising outside them: blockading fossil fuel infrastructure, disrupting private jet fairs, and building transnational solidarity in difficult contexts. Through Stay Grounded and my freelance work, I continue to support movements and NGOs with strategy and communications. I know why many activists feel disillusioned with party politics – and what Greens must do to regain credibility.

To champion small and non-EU parties, we need them represented in the committee. As a Scottish Green, I know how distant Brussels can feel. With the restructuring that has removed voting rights from non-EU parties, non-EU representation in the Committee is more essential than ever. I will ensure reforms do not make the EGP narrower or less democratic, and that no part of our family is left without influence.

I will focus on capacity-building and practical support. Member parties are the backbone of the EGP. I am a professional trainer and have supported dozens of organisations with strategy, campaigning and organisational development, including the Greens/EFA campaigns team. Strengthening parties - politically and structurally - is the most reliable way to rebuild our influence.

Finally: I am a pan-European candidate, and I have the time to do the work. This role demands more than national experience. It requires a European political mindset and the availability to put in serious work, especially with a reduced Secretariat. I bring both.

I would be honoured to earn your confidence and help the EGP navigate the years ahead with clarity, discipline and ambition.

Note: my nomination was changed from FYEG (as stated in the video) to the Scottish Greens (with support from FYEG) in order to make sure we were following the correct procedures.

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Equo, Europa Verde - Verdi, Green Party of England and Wales



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Title: **Markus Drake**

Tabled by: Vihreät - De Gröna

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Motivation letter

for **EGP Committee Member**

Markus Drake (he/him)

Vihreät - De Gröna - Finnish Greens

Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

Dear friends in Green parties across Europe,

Here we go again! I am, like last year, asking for your support for a position on the Committee of the European Green Party, specifically the one vacated by Elīna Pinto, at the nomination of the Finnish Greens. I am a veteran Green activist from Finland, living and acting all over the European continent for over three decades, in recent years with an interest and focus on security and preparedness.

I have had the pleasure of serving as a member of the board of my national party, as secretary general of the Young European Greens, and the privilege of following the past four European Parliament elections closely. I live in Brussels, having first moved there in 2007. I spend my time observing politics, have worked in youth politics, in the development sector, and as a professional campaigner. But my passion is for re-shaping European politics, strategic planning, and ideological development. That is what I have done for the Finnish and Young European Greens, that is what I would join doing for the EGP on the Committee.

Previously, we Greens have been the avenue where new social movements have brought new questions and identities into the political realm. Right now, we must continue to carry that energy, while accepting that the world has changed. The new challenges of living in geopolitical times means not only adjusting our positions and re-directing our energies. It means collective work on accepting a changed reality. It means grief and grieving for things that have been lost. I am convinced that unless we Greens work intensely on what we have in common, meet up, encounter and listen to each other, we will have a difficult road ahead of us. We may have a difficult road anyway, but at least we can manage to walk it together. That is what I would drive in the EGP: more encounter, more listening, more sharing.

I lived in a small village for a couple of years, and found a local community there, and strength in it. I joined the volunteer firefighters, a pretty conservative bunch, and in them found allies for both welcoming refugees and fighting forest fires. It is by the same tools we European Greens must face our challenges. Through determination and solidarity, but also in our refusal to give up our ideals against overwhelming odds. The threats we face are social, environmental, climatic and military. We have answers to them, but also disagreements about tactics and strategy. That is all right! As long as we know each other, and have learned to trust in that each of us is acting in good faith, we can stand together even in our disagreements.

I want to develop the EGP as the space where that trust is built. Thank you for your time and hopefully your support.

Markus Drake

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Albania, Partidul Verde, Eestimaa Rohelised, Partido Ecologista Os Verdes, Die Grünen



Die Grüne Alternative, Green Party of England and Wales

Relevant positions:

- **Chair** of the Europe **Working Group**, Finnish Green Party June 2019 - June 2024
- **Member** of the **Party Board**, Finnish Green Party June 2017 - June 2021
- Member of the **Party Council**, Finnish Green Party May 2013 - June 2017
- Member of the **Party Council**, Finnish Green Party June 2021 - June 2023
- Campaign tour **Manager**, Finnish Green Party Feb - May 2017
- **Secretary General**, Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) Jan - June 2016
- Media and Communications **Officer**, CIDSE March 2013 - Dec 2014
- Campaign **Officer**, Helsinki Green Party, Municipal elections Nov - Dec 2012
- **Secretary General**, Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) Sept 2010 - Aug 2011

Education:

- Bachelor Pol.Sc. (Journalism), Helsinki University, Finland 2007

Other Green experience:

- Personal election campaign, Finnish Parliament 2015
- Member of the Executive Committee, FYEG 2005-2007
- Personal election campaign, Finnish Parliament 2003
- **Spokesperson**, Green Youth and Student's League (ViNO) 2001-2003
- **Spokesperson**, Helsinki region Green Youth 2001

Other political experience:

- Member, EGP 2024 Election Manifesto Editorial Group 2023-2024
- Chair, EGP Working Group on Migration 2008
- Squatting and social centres movements, The Netherlands and Finland 1999-2005
- Globalisation movement, Europe and Latin America 1999-2003

Languages:

- excellent: English, Finnish, Swedish
- fluent: German
- basic: French, Dutch, Danish
- reading comprehension: Italian, Spanish



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Title: Jan Steurs

Tabled by: Green Party of England and Wales

Photo



Video

<https://vimeo.com/1138670449>

Motivation Letter [PDF]



Jan Steurs

*Don't you know, they're talking 'bout a revolution
It sounds like a whisper
Poor people gonna rise up, and get their share
(Tracy Chapman)*

Dear Green Friends,

With this letter, I would like to put my candidacy forward for the election of the EGP Committee position.

For the past seven years, I have represented Groen as a delegate—years that have taught me how to work across parties, build trust, and deliver results. I've collaborated with the Committee and over ten member parties on projects and statements regarding the Middle East, building bridges and contributing to a stronger cohesion regarding positions of our different parties. With this experience, I know to be ready to swiftly integrate in a Committee which has already implemented several plans. Having also received the full trust of the Green Party of England & Wales and Groen, I am ready to hit the ground running from day one.

"Feminism isn't preached (by men). It is practised, by simple daily actions and by standing up to support. I am proud to call myself a feminist and I will step in as an ally."

We face challenges, we are all aware of this. The question is how we overcome them. For the European Green Party, a part of the answer lies in making sure it remains conscient of its grassroots democracy origins and its European ambitions. When the European Union threatens our pan-European ambitions, we need to find solutions wherein our non-EU members remain fully embedded in our organisation, with enough voice and leverage to make a difference inside the European Green Party. The internal processes are a key element in our cooperation, and we need to make sure they work for all of us.

"The first international Fridays for Future assembly, which I coordinated in 2019, did not happen because they came to us. It happened because we reached out to them, inviting them to Strasbourg to witness climate debates, but also by offering facilities for this assembly and reimbursement for 60 very young activists."

The second part of the answer lies outward. It was us, the Greens who went to Hungary to defend the Pride. It was us who went to Serbia, to support the protest against a would-be dictator and us who joined the Sumud Flotilla. It is us, who fight for upholding the Istanbul Convention in Latvia, all the while staying on our line to defend climate policies. Bold, political choices for which I applaud the current Committee, choices I wish to encourage even further by doubling down on social issues. Let's talk about wealth taxes, about including social programs in defense budgets and housing first. And perhaps importantly: don't talk about the working class without the working class.

"Having worked my way up without a higher degree, doing bullshit jobs and paying off family debts, I know what it means to struggle. I know another fighter when I see one, so let me tell you: I will fight for you too."

And while a full-scale invasion is happening in Ukraine, a hybrid war is being fought elsewhere in Europe. Drone espionage, cyberwarfare, sabotage, disinformation campaigns and meddling in election campaigns are a daily reality. We need a common security policy but most importantly, a holistic approach including a common European diplomatic

and trade policy: sanctions don't work when some circumvent them. If NATO proves to be unreliable, it is time to consider complementary alternatives and make meaningful steps towards a European Defensive Alliance. Turning Europe in a military-industrial complex cannot be our solution. Investing in security should not happen at the expense of investments in a green and social Europe. A coherent foreign policy with sufficient and thus substantially augmented support to Ukraine, currently fighting on the frontlines of democracy, is essential.

Curriculum Vitae [PDF] *"We face the 6th Extinction wave, a global climate catastrophe. As Greens we know that we need global climate justice. To get to there, we need uncompromised positions on human rights and international law. This is why intersectionality is so important."*

If we wish to make a difference in Ukraine, Palestine or beyond we need all our allies. We need understanding and mutual support for each and every member party. There is a bigger enemy out there. One which attacks our climate policies, our human rights, our democracy and for many minorities, their right to exist. Fascism is here, and we need to beat it.

We can do that, by making hope normal again. And in order to do so, we need to make bold, political choices, supported by the best of campaigns. Allow a campaigner to help you with this in the Committee.

I ask for your support to work on these issues in the Committee of the European Green Party.

ModernFather - Transparency activist - Campaigner

JAN STEURS

Networker

Analytical

Driven

Supporters

Groen, Cyprus Greens - Citizens Cooperation, Zieloni, AD+PD, LIVRE, Partido Ecologista Os Verdes, Miljöpartiet de gröna, Ecolo, Esquerra Verda, Partija Zelenykh Ukrainy, Partidul Verde, Zeleno-levi front, Miljøpartiet De Grønne, Verdes Equo, Europa Verde - Verdi, déi gréng, GroenLinks



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WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 - CURRENT: GROEN
Digital campaigner

2022 - 2024: FREELANCE
Digital Strategy Consultant

2020 - 2022: MUNICIPALITY KOEKELBERG
Political assistant

2020: GREENS/EFA
Campaigner

2019: FYEG
Communications & Campaign Manager

2014 - 2019: FREELANCE
Social Media Manager

2012 - 2014: GROUP M
Social Media Manager

2009 - 2012
Bullshit jobs

PROJECTS

2021 - CURRENT
Founder of AdLens, a transparency project publishing reports on political advertising

2019 - CURRENT
Representative of Groen at the European Green Party

2022 -2023
Guest lecturer at ULB & Artevelde Hogeschool

2018
Local campaign leader during the Green Wave in Saint-Gilles (Brussels)

2017 - 2019
President of the Brussels young greens

2012 - 2017
Board member of CMBE, later VLCM, Flemish network for social media professionals

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH



FRENCH



SPANISH



DUTCH



ITALIAN



STUDIES

Disclaimer: I publish my higher studies for transparency reasons. I don't claim to have a diploma, my university studies were unfinished.

CURRENT
Bachelor in Marketing

2005-2009
KU Leuven (Arts faculty)
Linguistics and literature



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Tabled by: Demokratų sąjunga „Vardan Lietuvos“

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Video

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Motivation Letter [PDF]

Dear Green friends,

My name is Tomas Tomilinas, and I have been a Member of the Lithuanian Parliament since 2016. Today, I kindly ask for your support for my candidacy to the EGP Committee.

Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

My motivation is simple: the main goal of my life is to build a strong and independent Green Party in Lithuania and to strengthen the Green movement across Eastern Europe. As a Member of Parliament, I have the position, network, and experience needed to promote green ideas and translate them into real, transformative policies.

Over the years, I have worked to advance social reforms, reduce poverty, and improve climate policy. My small country has made major investments in green energy and stopped a nuclear project in 2012. I was one of the leaders of the referendum campaign against that nuclear power plant, and later served twice in the ruling coalition. Today I have more time for EGP work, because we are in opposition.

I see my role as connecting the Green movement with the everyday concerns of ordinary people—helping us reach not only voters in big cities but also those in rural regions. Within our Green family, my mission will be to deepen the debate on a new climate narrative: one that links climate action with security, biodiversity, and the future of our forests. This work has already begun.

Politics, at its core, is about storytelling. Human rights and liberal democracy are stories—powerful ones that we believe in deeply. They are better stories than those told by dictators and populists. But they are still stories, and we must tell ours better. We need to win the debate again: on the climate crisis, on the threats facing liberal democracy. We can fight dangerous ideas without fighting people. We need to persuade, inspire, and speak to our fellow citizens—yes, even our neighbours who secretly support Trump or Le Pen.

As a politician committed to human rights, equality, and democracy, I try to lead by example. In our region, too many hide in the grass instead of standing up. Politics requires clarity, courage, and seriousness—especially today, with so much noise and populism around us.

I experienced this personally. In 2021, I was expelled from my former party for voting in favour of LGBTQ+ rights in Parliament. So we built a new, Democrats party—now a proud member of the EGP. As Vice-Chair of the Party and vice of Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs, I work hard to change my country's position on EU decision-making reform, including ending the single-country veto.

My motivation comes from a deep belief that we can create a fairer, greener, and more united Europe—if we act together with honesty, courage, and hope.

Thank you for your trust, and for everything we build together as Greens.

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Education
2005-2007 Mykolas Romeris University, EU Administration
2001-2005 Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science

Political experience
From 2024 Member of Parliament (Seimas)
Committee on European Affairs, Deputy Chair
Committee on Environment Protection, Member
Commission for Addiction Prevention, Member
Group for Interparliamentary Relations with the Belarus democratic forces, Member
Group for Interparliamentary Relations with the Republic of Korea, Head

2020 - 2024 Member of Parliament (Seimas)
Committee on Environment Protection, Member

2016 - 2020 Member of Parliament (Seimas)
Committee on Social Affairs, Deputy Chair
Commission for Healthy lifestyle, Member
Commission for energy and sustainable development, Member

From 2022 Political party "Union of Democrats For Lithuania ", Deputy chair

2014 - 2016 Head of national office for Member of European Parliament Bronis Ropė

2008 - 2012 MP Antanas Baura advisor

2004 - 2008 MP Laima Mogenienė assistant

Other Parliamentary activities	Special focus on protecting environment and economic interests of working families, the poor, and small business owners. Creator of a programme of financial support for housing for young families to help the regions of Lithuania, participated in designing of major social reforms (child money), campaigner for highly opposed laws (progressive taxes, alcohol control); preparation of important draft laws (e.g. mandatory disclosure of salary details in job adverts, minimisation of food waste in supermarkets, employment quota for persons with disabilities).
Supporters Partija Zelenykh Ukrainy, Zieloni, Miljøpartiet de grønne, SF - Green Left, PROGRES?VIE, GroenLinks*	
Public activities	Author of numerous social projects and initiatives, articles and three books; consultant of trade unions; specialist of adult education; co-founder of the NGO Social Investment Management Centre and political think tank Institute for Democracy (2023) and other organisations; coordinator and of party working groups for preparation of electoral programmes (2012, 2016, 2020, 2024); co-initiator of establishment of trade unions in retail chains (2007); founder of the Greens Political Group within the Peasant party (2010); coordinator of the campaign for the referendum against the nuclear power plant (2012); founder of the Union of Democrats 'For Lithuania' (2022); promoter of the ideas and historical heritage of President Kazys Grinius.
Hobbies and interests	Nature, countryside, nutritious food, reading, history.
Foreign languages	English, Polish, Russian, Belarusian, German.
	Married with four children.