

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.

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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