

To EGP member parties, Congress 2025 in Lisbon

Candidacy for Global Green Coordination

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I want there to be a Green party in every country in the world. We are now halfway, around one hundred. Every country needs a party that is pro human rights, climate policy, democratic practices, taking care of the poorest, and education - a Green party.

Today I'm active in the Global Greens' Democracy Network. I have coordinated its Elections Task Force from the beginning February 2024. There we have been - as volunteers - following up on how Green parties are doing in elections, including some points on candidacy processes, campaigns, political climate and fairness of elections, and government building after elections. The smallest Green parties are not even setting candidates, some participate in electoral coalitions, and some on their own. There are both wins and losses. As parties, also the four Green federations have very variably resourced.

I participated in the Global Greens congress in Incheon 2024. In the EGP I've attended most of the Councils and Congresses from Tampere 2019 to Vienna 2024, mostly as a delegate of Finnish Greens Vihreät. I have been an active participant in the EGP also before that, participating in the first EGP Congress in Vienna in 1996. I was also representing our party in the rules working group in the 2020s.

I've been in the Greens since the 1990s: as a local activist, candidate in local, regional and parliament elections, chair of local and regional branches, party board member, chair of the Greens working group on development policies and education, and as member of the Europe working group. Since 2020 I've worked as the executive director of Savo-Carelia Greens, the easternmost constituency in continental EU. I live in Joensuu, less than 100 km from the Russian border.

I'm a globalist. Every decision in the local and national levels should be made so that the same kind of decisions could be made in other parts of the world. Every new system should be sustainable when scaled up to relevant environments, and most importantly there is a whole humankind: Green parties must work for the rights of all people.

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