

Draft Minutes

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Rua do Bojador, Parque das Nações, 1998-010 Lisbon

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FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2025

Plenary: Presentation of Candidates for EGP bodies and Membership
Friday, 17:30 – 19:30

The session opens with welcoming remarks and a procedural update. **Benedetta De Marte**, EGP Secretary General, presents adjusted deadlines to allow the by-election of one regular Committee member at the Lisbon Congress by acclamation. Delegates approve the change.

Mélanie Vogel, former EGP Co-chair, invites the four candidates for the EGP Committee to present themselves (two minutes each), in alphabetical order: **Sean Curry**, Scottish ~~Irish~~ Greens, **Markus Drake**, Finnish Greens, **Jan Steurs**, Groen, and **Tomas Tomilinas**, DSVL.

Delegates then question the candidates. **Wanja Kaufmann**, Miljöpartiet de Gröna, asks about the time commitment required for Committee work, and **Fesl Reza-Khan**, GPEW, asks what candidates would do to make politics bolder and to give hope to people without a political home. Candidates respond in turn.

Candidates for the Financial Advisory Board (FAB) are then introduced. Four candidates compete for three positions: **Christian Lammens**, EELV, **Maura Rose McMahon**, Irish Greens, **Charles Margue**, Déi Gréng, and **Nadia van Huisstede**, GroenLinks (video).

Delegates ask how the candidates would enhance EGP fundraising, and each candidate responds.

Marieke van Doorninck EGP committee member, introduces the Conciliation Panel candidacies and notes four candidates: **Ed Davitt**, Irish Greens, **Imane Nadif**, GroenLinks (via video), **Livia Slanovschi**, Moldovan Greens, and **Magnus P. Wahlin**, Miljöpartiet de Gröna

There are no questions from delegates.

Candidacies for Global Greens Coordination follow. **Evelyne Huytebroeck**, former EGP Co-chair, then takes the floor to announce the withdrawal of her candidacy. Presentations are given by **Sofiia Bodun**, Ukrainian Greens, **Ville Elonheimo**, Finnish Greens, **Cristiona Kiely**, Irish Greens, **Eleanor Morrissey**, **Pauline Nales**, and **Liliane Viola Pollmann**, Federation of the Young European Greens – FYEG.

Delegates ask about the biggest achievements and challenges of the Global Greens, decolonisation, and the meaning of “think local, act global.” Candidates answer individually, with time reminders from the chair.

The meeting moves to membership matters. **VESNA zelena stranka** presents its candidacy, with the party’s vice president **Jaka Zevnik** and co-chair **Urša Zgojznik** outlining its history and objectives.

Christina Kessler, EGP Committee member, presents the conclusions of the fact-finding mission to Slovenia and informs that the EGP Committee recommends to the delegates to accept VESNA Zelena Stranka as a Full Member. Delegates ask about policy successes, electoral prospects, and cooperation

with Greens/EFA-aligned parties, and VESNA's international secretary **Robert Godina** responds. The vote is scheduled for Sunday.

Delegates are informed that the **Greek Greens** decided to withdraw their membership, which Congress will formally acknowledge on Sunday.

The session concludes with **Benedetta De Marte** leading a moment of remembrance for **Kris Fierens**, long-standing co-president of the European Network of Green Seniors, on behalf of the **European Green Party**.

Plenary: Welcome to Lisbon **Friday, 19:40 – 20:30**

Introduction by **Marc Gimenez**, EGP Treasurer.

Marc highlights the expansion of the EGP in Southern Europe which he calls the enrichment of the organisation. He introduces the three EGP member parties in Portugal, and the leaders of Livre and Os Verdes. He mentions that the co-leader of PAN is unwell and unable to join.

The co-leader of Livre Co-Chair **Isabel Mendes Lopes** welcomes participants to Lisbon and presents the party, its values, short history, as well as topics and projects they work on.

Livre was founded in 2013 as a green, left-wing party focused on ecology, transparency, and citizen participation, with candidates selected through open primaries and gender-equal lists. It elected its first representatives in 2017, grown to 6 MPs and 68 local councillors, and became a full member of the European Green Party in 2023.

Livre focuses on local democracy and concrete policies such as active mobility, child-friendly streets, a popular railway pass, a four-day working week, worker representation on company boards, and social protection for victims of domestic violence, while promoting an optimistic and imaginative approach to politics.

Isabel also describes the party as optimistic and proactive, bringing imagination to politics. They are proud to have the biggest participation from a local party at an EGP congress.

Os Verdes National Council member **Maria José Vieira** is delighted to welcome the EGP to Lisbon and presents the party, its history, values and projects.

Os Verdes, a founding member of the European Green Party since 2004, advocates for pacifism, climate justice, anti-imperialism, anti-capitalism, and empathetic, honest politics.

The party campaigns against policies of the current Portuguese government that harm women, migrants, workers, and the poor, and works to mobilise people in defence of labour rights. Os Verdes addresses the impacts of climate change in Portugal, calls for forest protection, and promotes inclusive public transport, reduced traffic, cultural support, and cooperation with social and environmental movements.

Maria José highlights the party's commitment to inclusivity and youth participation.

Vita Davydova, Treasurer of FYEG, is invited to the stage. Vita explains that FYEG is facing serious budgetary challenges, having lost its structural grant which represented around half of the organisation's total budget. She stresses that FYEG's work is vital in supporting young people to shape Green policies, and that a weaker FYEG would have consequences for the entire Green movement.

The host concludes by announcing that networking will take place on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2025

Plenary: Congress Opening: Loud for People, Planet and Europe
Saturday 10:00 – 10:40

Vula Tsetsi, EGP Co-Chair, welcomes delegates to Lisbon and frames the Congress as a moment to show that Greens can win again across Europe by delivering solutions on climate action, housing, and workers' rights. She warns that since 2024, reduced Green influence and the rise of the far right have led to rollbacks on climate and social protections, stressing that when Greens are absent, polluters and extremists prevail.

She rejects the false choice between jobs and the environment promoted by the European People's Party and the far right, arguing that social justice and climate action are inseparable. Vula condemns the normalisation of the far right and criticises cooperation with leaders such as Viktor Orbán, Marine Le Pen, André Ventura, and Giorgia Meloni, as well as attacks on women's rights, LGBTIQ+ rights, migrants, journalists, and democracy.

She expresses solidarity with democratic forces in Serbia, including the Zeleno-Levi Front, and supports Gergely Karácsony against Orbán's policies. Internationally, she reaffirms unconditional support for Ukraine, calls for consistent respect for international law, and condemns the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, demanding accountability, justice, and recognition of the State of Palestine.

Vula highlights Green successes in government, particularly Green mayors transforming cities across Europe, and the growing strength of the movement in England and Wales. She concludes by presenting the Greens as the movement of hope against far-right fear, outlining priorities for a united 2026 campaign: defending human dignity and democracy, accelerating climate action, expanding renewables and the circular economy, strengthening European solidarity, and advancing social justice for all.

Ciarán Cuffe, EGP Co-Chair, welcomes delegates to Portugal and warns that Europe faces democratic backsliding, conflict, and the growing influence of powerful interests undermining democracy. He stresses that today's global challenges cannot be solved by nation-states alone.

He highlights Green achievements across Europe and argues that Europe's future depends on an accelerated green transition rooted in shared values, social justice, and independence from global powers. Ciarán defends the Green Deal, calls for stronger climate ambition, fairer housing policies, robust labour rights, and responsible migration discourse, while condemning cooperation with the far right and the erosion of the cordon sanitaire.

Looking ahead to key elections in 2026, he expresses optimism and reaffirms the Greens' enduring mission: putting people and the planet first and steering Europe by long-term values rather than short-term pressures.

Rui Tavares, Co-Chair LIVRE & EGP Committee Member, welcomes the attendees to Portugal recalling the EGP Congress in Dublin. He mentions the difficult political times, specifically due to the autocrats and oligarchs. He stresses the need to treat human beings as human beings. The Greens know there is always an alternative, and they need to be this alternative. He welcomes the Group co-presidents.

He wants the Greens to be in power, and to act. He mentions the good changes that Green politicians have achieved all over Europe. On the housing crisis, he points out the general strike in Portugal in the week ahead. He also mentions the labour rights which are being weakened in Portugal by the current

government. Specifically, there are direct democratic rights at threat by the coalition between the right and far-right.

He says we not only need to resist, but we need to win. He stresses the importance of the arts and culture in this battle. He ends his discourse by stating that “the future is a verb, it is something to be built collectively.”

Plenary: Loud for Freedom **Saturday 10:40 – 11:05**

Rasmus Nordqvist, MEP & EGP Committee member, introduces the plenary and stresses he wants the participants to be loud during this congress.

In a video message the Mayor of Budapest **Gergely Karácsony** talks about the rise of far-right around Europe and the danger for our democracies. He mentions the will of populists to make divisions. He believes in the importance of cities and regions to fight back against this. He wants an inclusive democracy, with people having trust and faith in democracy. He thanks the Greens for the help in this fight.

Dilek İmamoğlu, wife of imprisoned **Mayor of Istanbul, Ekrem İmamoğlu**, reads a message of the Mayor in a video recording which addresses the rise of populists around Europe, stating we all face the same political difficulties and challenges. She touches upon topics, including the need of rebuilding trust, the fragile democracy, the threat posed by big tech and autocrats, the exploitation of migrants, and the importance of a just sustainable Europe. She thanks the Greens on their standing against the war in Gaza, defending human life and stresses the importance of building networks and cooperation, and the need of courage to build a fairer greener Europe.

Vula Tsetsi, EGP Co-Chair, introduces Serbian and Georgian representatives on stage. She calls out the EPP who still have Vucic in their party.

Biljana Đorđević, Co-President of the Green–Left Front, Serbia states that it has been one year since the train station in Novi Sad collapsed which is a direct demonstration of the regime's bloody hands. She mentions the demonstrations in the country over the past year, which are the biggest in recent history. She asks for social justice and solidarity in those times. She stresses that this year has proved something essential: that there exists a Serbia that resists and refuses corruption. She says they will not surrender and be present in every protest.

Levan Tsutskiridze, Chairperson, Freedom Square, thanks the Greens for their solidarity with the Georgian population. He summarizes what is happening in the country. First, the country faces the attack of oligarchs. Second, there is an attack on the rule of law. There is an attack on European values and ways of life. He says this cannot/will not succeed because: first, there is no democratic legitimacy, second, there is no international legitimacy, and third, the government has lost its moral legitimacy to govern. He stresses that we will succeed by fighting where people are in the streets to protect democracy. He is not afraid and is confident in the powerful idea of democracy.

Sopho Verdzeuli, Member of the board, Movement for Social Democracy, presents the movement and the situation in Georgia. She presents how the population is fighting everyday together. She calls on democratic and progressive forces to unite. She asks to recognise the battle, and to share the stories of solidarity. She asks to help spread the message of this common fight. She sends her solidarity to Serbians, Hungary, and Turkey. She ends her discourse stating, ‘no one is free until everyone is free.’

Vula Tsetsi concludes the panel and acknowledges the Belarus activist and former leader of Greens in Belarus, **Dimitri Kuchuk**, who has just been released after many months of imprisonment by the Lukashenko regime. He unfortunately cannot be here because of VISA issues. She ends the panel by stating we will do everything to protect democracy and freedom around Europe.

Plenary: Loud for a Fair and Green Transition Saturday 11:05 – 12:15

Vula Tsetsi, EGP Co-Chair, opens the session. She informs the audience that unfortunately, Pia Olsen Dyhr cannot participate due to personal reasons. She welcomes the panellists and introduces them.

Vula Tsetsi situates the discussion in the current European political context, marked by the rise of the extreme right and increasing pressure on Green politics. She notes the dominant media narrative portraying Greens as weakened following electoral losses in several EU member states. She frames the discussion around two central questions: identifying current political priorities and defining how Greens can counter hostile narratives while rebuilding hope and mobilisation for Green ideas. She invites panellists to reflect openly on how to move from a defensive to a proactive political position.

Felix Banaszak, Co-Chair of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, reflects on the German Greens' recent experience, including entering party leadership shortly after the collapse of the governing coalition and subsequent electoral defeat. He argues that despite policy achievements in government, public support declined, exposing a widening gap between the Green movement and broader society. He stresses that the challenge is not only programmatic but also perceptual: Greens must be seen as fighting with people, not acting upon them. He frames this as a core task for reinventing Green narratives and reconnecting with society.

Sandra Benčić, Co-coordinator of Možemo! – politička platforma, describes Croatia's political context as one of deep polarisation between far-right forces and defenders of constitutional, anti-fascist democratic values. She argues that progressive parties have too often adopted a defensive stance, allowing the right to dominate political narratives. While warning of the dangers of right-wing coalitions, she also identifies an opportunity to mobilise centrist voters around social justice and the green transition. She emphasises that future electoral success depends on framing Green policies as serving the many, not just urban, highly educated constituencies, with social justice as a decisive factor.

Jesse Klaver, parliamentary group leader of GroenLinks–PvdA, outlines the Dutch context following recent electoral losses and ongoing government formation talks. He explains the creation of a new Green Labour Alliance with the Social Democrats, arguing that broad progressive cooperation is essential in a time when democracy and the left are under pressure. He criticises excessive self-analysis on the left and urges Greens to project confidence and political will. Jesse Klaver stresses the need to connect emotionally with voters, move beyond moralism, and focus on convincing people that Greens are genuinely fighting for their everyday interests.

Anja Presnukhina, Co-spokesperson of FYEG, speaks from a youth perspective, warning that young Greens cannot afford further electoral defeats or institutional austerity. She highlights hope as the core function of the Federation of Young European Greens, enabling young people to continue political engagement despite social insecurity. She underlines that meaningful political participation is impossible without basic material security such as housing, food, and safety. Presnukhina stresses the need to prioritise everyday social issues affecting young people and to understand why far-right youth movements are successfully addressing these concerns.

Vula Tsetsi acknowledges Jesse Klaver's specific national context and expresses solidarity with Dutch Greens' efforts to enter government and counter the rise of the extreme right. She then introduces a short video contribution, framing it as a reflective pause in the discussion.

Zack Polanski, leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, in his video contribution, argues that hope must be treated as a political strategy rather than a sentiment. Drawing on recent successes of the Green Party in England and Wales, he highlights electoral breakthroughs, rapid membership growth, and increased influence on national debates around inequality and wealth taxation. He frames affordability as the defining political issue of the moment, inseparably linked to the climate crisis.

Polanski calls for bold economic reforms, public investment, and community energy, asserting that Greens can counter the far right by making hope and tangible solutions politically normal again.

Responding to questions on government experience, **Felix Banaszak** outlines Germany's substantial progress on renewable energy and climate policy. However, he acknowledges that making climate policy concrete has intensified social resistance and widened the gap between Greens and working-class communities. He argues for a new narrative of "ecology for ~~everybody~~ ^{everybody}", inspired by concepts of participatory and socially just ecology. Banaszak stresses the need to remove climate policy from the culture war imposed by the far right and rebuild it as a broad social project that delivers visible benefits and restores trust.

Sandra Benčić addresses the perception of Greens as an urban-only movement. Drawing on governing experience in Zagreb and Pazin, she argues that credibility outside cities depends on authenticity and representation by people rooted in rural communities. She highlights conflicts around renewable energy infrastructure and land use, stressing that without economic justice and community ownership, green transitions reproduce fossil-era injustices. She presents concrete policy actions, including blocking land expropriations and protecting public services, as proof that a just transition must address both distribution and ownership.

Jesse Klaver argues that Greens often rush to present solutions without first listening to people's lived problems. He reframes climate action around affordability, energy independence, and cost of living pressures. He warns against internal cultural gatekeeping within progressive movements, arguing that excessive ideological purity undermines mass mobilisation. Klaver stresses that defeating the far right requires moving from defensive opposition to a proactive agenda centred on improving people's lives and uniting diverse social groups around shared interests.

Anja Presnukhina reflects on the evolution of the climate movement since 2019, noting growing frustration with institutional failures such as COP processes dominated by fossil fuel interests. She highlights the dual role of Young Greens in organising both inside and outside institutions while amplifying marginalised voices. Presnukhina argues that while climate awareness has become mainstream, structural change has stalled, and maintaining hope requires honesty about the limits of existing frameworks and renewed commitment to tangible outcomes.

Vula Tssetsi closes the session by returning to the concept of ecology as "home", stressing the need to link environmental action with everyday life and social security. She frames the Green project as a core progressive alternative capable of delivering concrete solutions.

She then introduces a final video contribution focused on Ukraine, reaffirming the Greens' commitment to international solidarity and human rights, while noting that further discussion on Palestine will follow later in the programme.

In her video contribution, **Oleksandra Matviichuk**, Chairperson of the Centre for Civil Liberties, Ukraine, warns that the international legal order based on the UN Charter is collapsing under the weight of Russia's war against Ukraine. She highlights the global erosion of freedom, not only in authoritarian states but also within democracies where human rights are increasingly questioned. Her central message is that freedom and human rights are not permanent achievements but daily choices that require continuous defence.

Plenary: Greens/EFA: Loud for affordable homes for people – tackling the housing crisis in Europe
Saturday, 14:00 – 15:30

This panel by Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament discussed as a main topic a housing crisis in the majority of EU countries that is threatening social cohesion, threatening young people's futures, widening the inequality gap and the ability for people to find affordable homes.

The speakers highlight concrete solutions to fix the situation but also emphasise the need to urgently stop treating housing like a money-making business for the few. The "Build, build, build" rhetoric doesn't tackle the root causes of the crisis, nor does it give any guarantee for long-term solutions to those who need it most.

In the past 15 years the EU has witnessed a housing prices increase of 60.5% and rents by 28.8%, with Portugal experiencing the highest increase in the past year. In Southern Europe civil society has started fighting back against the Airbnb-style tourist rentals which are eating away houses for people to live in, making leases more precarious and driving up prices to unsustainable levels.

Building on the [Greens/EFA position paper on housing](#), this session dives deeper into the challenges and possible solutions to tackle the financialisation of the housing market in Southern Europe and how the forthcoming European Commission's Affordable Housing Plan could come into play.

Venue: Casa do Alentejo

Plenary: Loud for Social Europe **Saturday, 18:00 – 18:50**

Vula Tsetsi, EGP Co-Chair, opens the session by explaining the intention to underline that Green politics must combine climate action with social justice. She introduces the panel as a panel of progressive partners with shared struggles and growing cooperation. She invites reflections on how to build stronger alliances for a different Europe, particularly in the face of difficult political majorities and rising pressure on social and climate agendas.

Yolanda Díaz, Second Vice-President and Minister of Labour, Spain (SUMAR), argues that Europe faces a real climate emergency and a democratic emergency, and that public action must address equality and social rights alongside climate action. She rejects a "false dichotomy" between labour, the economy, and environmental policy, and stresses the need to involve trade unions and be ambitious in shaping the transition. She warns about the dangers of the far right and authoritarian movements and argues that progressive forces should act together to defend democracy and deliver social improvements, linking credibility to implementing what is promised.

Luka Mesec, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour, Slovenia (Levica), highlights the cooperation between Levica and VESNA Zelena Stranka as grounded in the principle that there is no green transition without social justice, and no social justice without a green transition. He argues that politics need renewed imagination to set a forward-looking agenda. As concrete examples from Slovenia, he references work on social housing investment, long-term care reforms with dedicated financing mechanisms and policies on "economic democracy" through forms of worker ownership, presenting these as models that can be developed further and linked to green priorities.

Isabel Mendes Lopes, Co-Chair LIVRE, emphasises that social justice and environmental justice should be advanced together, presented in ways that tangibly improve daily life. She stresses "time" as a political issue and references work connected to a four-day workweek pilot, arguing that technological progress should translate into better lives and fairer time distribution. She also refers to the context of labour disputes in Portugal as connected to defending workers' rights and democracy. She gives examples of integrated measures framed as both social and ecological, including improving housing conditions and affordability, and policy steps presented as improving everyday life.

Closing round

- **Vula Tsetsi** invites the speakers to express final, forward-looking conclusions, noting time constraints and interpretation limitations in the setting.
- **Yolanda Díaz** talks about the importance of following up on the promises to the citizens to improve their lives. She uses a good example from Spain of offering alternative to neoliberal narratives, shifting the labour paradigm and lowering inequalities.
- **Luka Mesec** states that a key priority for Europe is uniting progressive forces and regaining agenda-setting capacity. He argues that progressives should not become merely defensive “protectors of the system,” but instead advance their own demands and political programme.
- **Isabel Mendes Lopes** concludes that the European project should be built as a project of hope and enthusiasm, strengthened through cooperation among progressive forces in Europe and globally, to counter oligarchic power and make a better future feel possible and achievable.
- **Vula Tsetsi** closes the session by stressing the need for continued joint work and expressed hope for cooperation in future pan-European campaigning, concluding that there is no Europe without a social future.

Venue: Casa do Alentejo

Plenary: Loud for Palestine Saturday 18:50 – 19:20

Vula Tsetsi, EGP Co-Chair, opens the session by welcoming the audience and introducing the invited speakers, Nasser Abu Baker and Benedetta Scuderi. She frames the session as a moment to acknowledge the ongoing violence in Israel and Palestine and to reaffirm the European Greens’ commitment to a peace process grounded in justice, security, and dignity for both Palestinians and Israelis. Vula notes the challenges within the European Union in reaching a common position on the situation and stresses the need for Greens to contribute actively to solutions.

Ciarán Cuffe, EGP Co-Chair, invites **Nasser Abu Baker**, President of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate and Vice President of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), to take the floor and share an overview of the situation from his perspective. Abu Baker thanks the European Greens for the invitation and expresses appreciation for international solidarity. He focuses on the situation of journalists in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem, emphasising that those affected are people with families, hopes, and lives, not “numbers”. He describes what he calls systematic targeting of journalists and media infrastructure, referring to killings, injuries, arrests, and the destruction of offices and homes. He describes restrictions and violence in the West Bank and argues that the broader humanitarian impact of the conflict is devastating. He closes by stating that Palestinians aspire to live in peace, security, and freedom, and offers to answer questions.

Ciarán Cuffe then introduces **Benedetta Scuderi**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA Group in the EP, noting her longstanding engagement on Palestine and her participation in a freedom flotilla to Gaza. Scuderi thanks Abu Baker for his testimony and argues that what is happening demonstrates that current diplomatic approaches and ceasefire narratives are failing. She states that atrocities continue and calls for concrete action by European institutions and governments, including ending political and economic ties that, in her view, enable ongoing violations. She specifically calls for the EU to take practical steps such as suspending agreements and applying political consequences, and stresses that expressions of concern are insufficient without action. She concludes by encouraging participants to take the message back home and keep mobilising.

Ciarán Cuffe thanks both speakers and echoes the call for action, highlighting the need for an end to fighting and for support to meet basic needs, including health care, water, and shelter. The moderators then invite the room to observe one minute of silence in remembrance of those who have died.

Venue: Casa do Alentejo

Plenary: Loud for Culture
Saturday 19:40 – 20:40

Ernest Urtasun Domènech, Minister of Culture of Spain, SUMAR, mentions the fact that far-right are targeting culture as a first in their politics. We need artists to be mobilized. This is how it shapes democracies. For example, in Spain on Palestine and Ukraine. The next MFF should have an increase in investment in culture.

Agnese Lāce, Minister of Culture of Latvia and Co-chair of PROGRESĪVIE, stresses the need to talk about culture and not let the far-right attack it. She mentions the Russian propaganda on culture. We need to make sure that culture is not monopolized by one way. We need to allow for culture to be many. Culture changes all the time. We need liberty of the sector. There is a necessity in the EU programmes.

Rui Tavares, Co-chair LIVRE & EGP Committee, mentions the importance of culture to make Greens win again in the EU. We will only win if we are coherent around the lines of international law. Where is our Guernica of today? We don't have it because the culture of power misunderstands the power of culture. Politicians don't talk enough to poets, singers, artists, literature, etc. They have the power to mock, to caricature. Pleads to think more of politics as an art. With the intuition to win. We have succeeded when we have created institutions: universities, libraries, etc. Could we have European libraries all over Europe, to show a tangible Europe? The example of Erasmus is something tangible.

Joana Gomes, Consultant on public cultural affairs, talks about her experience with EXPO 2025 in Japan. They choose to show the new Portugal and not the 16th century. Culture is the most ecological way to make war. We are in the midst of a cultural war that we are not winning. The culture sector is at the forefront. We need to be intolerant with racist xenophobic speeches. We need investment in culture, also at local level.

Terry Reintke, MEP & Co-chair Greens/EFA, talks about her experience in the European Parliament. Culture is a representation of who we are. The far-right has very much understood this. Can we use culture in a different way as progressives in society? We have multiple ways to do this: different way of speaking. Success of culture pass in Germany. We have to fight to get those policies into government.

Christina Kessler, EGP Committee member, concludes the panel and introduces the presentation of the GEJ.

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2025

Session: Diversity Report
Sunday, 09:30 – 09:45

Marina Verronneau, EGP Committee member, presents the first ever diversity report, which was prepared with high participation of the member parties. It is clear that this is the beginning of a learning process to which everyone is invited.

There were no questions about the report.

Session: Financial reporting
Sunday, 9:45 – 10:15

Marc Gimenez, EGP Treasurer, presents the 2024 financial accounts. The EGP received an unqualified audit report from Grant Thornton for the 2024 accounts, which is positive as it means there are no remarks.

He informs the delegates that the IFRS audit of the 2024 accounts was completed, while the final verification by DG FINS, APPF, and European Court of Auditors (ECA) is still ongoing.

EP elections played a structural role in 2024. Following overall negative results the focus was put into restructuring organization to prepare for reduced budget in 2025.

Marc Gimenez presents the accounts for 2024 for final approval by the EGP Congress in Lisbon. The EGP has had total net revenues and expenditure of 6,72 million EUR in 2024 including a carry-over to 2025 of 751.337,69 million EUR. 30.333,76 EUR had to be dissolved from the Campaign Fund to meet the minimum requirement for own resources.

The Committee proposes to the 40th EGP Congress to adopt the accounts 2024, this includes:

- Dissolution from Campaign fund of 30.333,76 EUR,
- Deciding on a carry-over to 2025 of 751.337,69 EUR.

Marc Gimenez moves on to present key figures of 2026 draft budget. Budget framework looks very different to pre-European election budgets due to reduced number of MEPs post EU elections. The budget is based on 50 affiliated MEPs to EGP and 12 EUPPs as registered by the APPF.

The combined financial effect is an expected EP grant for 2026 of 3.567,949 EUR.

The estimated amount of the carryover from 2025 is 400,000 EUR.

The budget for 2026 is balanced at 4.517,449 EUR

Marc Gimenez presents draft membership fees 2026 that are an important part of the budget as we need 10% of own resources to be gathered. For 2026, the total to be invoiced from EU member parties is 485.078 EUR.

The EGP Committee proposes to the 40th EGP Congress to adopt:

- 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 EP 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.
- The draft membership fees for 2026 as per the membership fee table for EU countries only, with a total of 485.078 EUR.

Marc Gimenez and **Christian Kmiotek** (déi dréng), on behalf of the Financial Advisory Board (FAB), recommend to the Congress to accept the 2024 Accounts and 2026 draft budget.

Marc thanks Christian for his work as member of the Advisory Board as he will not continue.

Session: Membership relations & reporting **Sunday, 10:15 – 10:45**

Benedetta De Marte, EGP Secretary General, presents the membership and activity report, with the 5 strategic pillars of EGP work for the mandate. The Secretary General presents activities and meetings that were organised by EGP this year, then proceeds to describe the projects that were running this year including the Local Councillors, the Green delegation to the Budapest Pride, the discussion Groups, the statutory meetings including the Congress and other meetings and activities.

Benedetta presents the changes in the membership. She also presents some of the main items for the Activity Plan 2026, including the WG on the Statutes and Rulebook.

Voting session**Sunday, 11:15 – 13:00**

Benedetta De Marte introduces the Amendments Committee (AMC) members who will alongside her chair the session: **Sibylle Steffan**, **Joanna Kamińska** and **Ariane Giraneza Birekeraho**.

117 votes are allocated.

88 votes are needed for a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority (75%).

78 votes are needed for a two thirds majority (66.6%).

59 votes are needed for a simple majority (50%).

The test vote is held. Delegates are invited to raise potential issues. No issues raised.

STATUTORY VOTES**By-election of one (1) Committee member**

Benedetta De Marte announces that Jan Steurs, nominated by the Green Party of England and Wales, has withdrawn his candidacy.

Three candidates compete for one spot: Sean Currie, Markus Drake and Tomas Tomilinas.

Ariane Giraneza Birekeraho explains that a simple majority is needed for a candidate to be elected in the first round.

Votes:

Tomas Tomilinas receives 51 votes.

Sean Currie receives 47 votes.

Markus Drake receives 16 votes.

Tomas Tomilinas and Sean Curry move to a second round.

Votes:

Tomas Tomilinas receives 65 votes.

Sean Currie receives 43 votes.

4 abstentions.

Tomas Tomilinas is elected Committee member, as he reached more than 50% of the vote.

Financial Advisory Board (FAB) election

Four candidates are running for three positions: Christian Lammens, Maura Rose McMahon, Charles Margue, Nadia van Huisstede.

Votes:

Maura Rose McMahon: 47.41% - 55 votes

Christian Lammens: 18.97% - 22 votes

Nadia van Huisstede: 18.97% - 22 votes

Charles Margue: 14.66% - 17 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

As Christian and Nadia both got 22 votes, a new vote is opened to determine which of the two candidates goes to the 2nd round with Maura.

Nadia van Huisstede: 70.43% - 81 votes

Christian Lammens: 29.57% - 34 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

Nadia van Huisstede goes to 2nd round.

Votes for the 2nd round of vote for the 1st member of FAB:

Maura Rose McMahon: 74.53% - 79 votes

Nadia van Huisstede: 25.47% - 27 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

Maura Rose McMahon is elected.

Votes for the 2nd member of FAB:

Nadia van Huisstede: 52.78% - 57 votes

Charles Margue: 24.07% - 26 votes

Christian Lammens: 23.15% - 25 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

Nadia van Huisstede is elected.

Votes for the 3rd member of FAB:

Christian Lammens: 50.48% - 53 votes

Charles Margue: 49.52% - 52 votes

Abstentions: 5 votes

Christian Lammens is elected.

Conciliation Panel election

Ariane explains that the body consists of an odd number of members (5-9) and that each member is voted separately. Asher Serrana, delegate from Groen, suggests for *en bloc* vote of all four candidates as there are less candidates than positions to be filled. The delegates agree with the proposal.

Votes:

In favour: 112 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

Ed Davitt, Imane Nadif, Livia Slanovschi and Magnus P. Wählin are elected.

Global Greens Coordination (GGC) election

Ariane reminds everyone that Evelyne Huytebroeck has withdrawn her candidacy.

Votes for the 1st full member:

Pauline Nales: 49.09% - 54 votes

Eleanor Morrissey: 19.09% - 21 votes

Sofiia Bodun: 13.64% - 15 votes

Cristíona Kiely: 9.09% - 10 votes

Liliane Viola Pollmann: 7.27% - 8 votes

Ville Elonheimo: 1.82% - 2 votes

Abstentions: 0

Pauline Nales and Eleanor Morrissey advance to the 2nd round.

Votes:

Pauline Nales: 62.28% - 71 votes

Eleanor Morrissey: 37.72% - 43 votes

Abstentions: 0

Pauline Nales is elected a full member of GGC.

Votes for the 2nd full member:

Eleanor Morrissey: 72.81% - 83 votes

Sofiia Bodun: 15.79% - 18 votes

Liliane Viola Pollmann: 6.14% - 7 votes

Ville Elonheimo: 2.63% - 3 votes

Cristíona Kiely: 2.63% - 3 votes

Abstentions: 0

Eleanor Morrissey is elected a full member of GGC.

Votes for the 1st alternate member:

Liliane Viola Pollmann: 55.26% - 63 votes

Cristíona Kiely: 20.18% - 23 votes

Sofiia Bodun: 19.3% - 22 votes

Ville Elonheimo: 5.26% - 6. votes

Abstentions: 0

Liliane Viola Pollmann is elected an alternate member of GGC.

Votes for the 2nd alternate member:

Ville Elonheimo: 46.43% - 52 votes

Sofiia Bodun: 26.79% - 30 votes

Cristíona Kiely: 26.79% - 30 votes

Abstentions: 0

Ville Elonheimo advances to the 2nd round. As Sofiia and Cristíona each got 30 votes, a new vote is opened to determine which of the two candidates goes to the 2nd round with Ville.

Cristíona Kiely: 54.55% - 60 votes

Sofiia Bodun: 45.45% - 50 votes

Abstentions: 3

Cristíona Kiely advances to the 2nd round.

Votes:

Ville Elonheimo: 62.16% - 69 votes

Cristíona Kiely: 37.84% - 42 votes

Abstentions: 1

Ville Elonheimo is elected an alternate member of GGC.

Membership issues

Joanna Kamińska, reminds delegates that $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the allocated votes is needed for the Full Membership of VESNA Zelena Stranka.

Votes:

In favour: 96,58% - 113 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

VESNA Zelena Stranka is voted Full Member of EGP.

Joanna announces the decision of Oikologoi Prasinoi from Greece to withdraw its EGP membership and asks the delegates to acknowledge the withdrawal by raise of hands. The delegates acknowledge the withdrawal.

Draft Minutes 39th Congress

No amendments were received to the draft minutes of the previous EGP Congress, held in Dublin 6-8 December 2024

Votes:

In favour: 100% - 107 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstentions: 3 votes

Minutes from the 39th Congress are adopted.

Updated Membership List - Annex B of the EGP Statutes

3/4 of allocated votes is needed for the adoption.

Changes to the Membership list:

- Updated list of Direct Members
- Withdrawal of Oikologoi Prasinoi
- VESNA Zelena Stranka - Full Member

Votes:

In favour: 94.87% - 111 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

Updated Membership List is adopted.

Accounts and Activity Report 2024

Votes:

In favour: 100% - 106 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstentions: 2 votes

Accounts and Activity Report 2024 are adopted.

Budget and Membership Fees 2026

Votes:

In favour: 100% - 97 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstentions: 5 votes

Budget and Membership Fees 2026 are adopted.

EGP Activity Plan 2026

Votes:

In favour: 99.03% - 102 votes

Against: 0.97% - 1 vote

Abstentions: 1 vote

EGP Activity Plan 2026 is adopted.

Working Group EGP Statutes and Rule Book 2026

Votes:

In favour: 100% - 107 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

Proposal for the establishment of a Working Group on the EGP Statutes and Rule book in 2026 is adopted.

VOTES ON RESOLUTIONS

R1: Freedom to live better: Building a Green and Social Europe

Tabled by the EGP Committee.

Ciarán Cuffe presents the resolution.

The compromises are accepted with a few abstentions.

The resolution as amended is adopted by an overwhelming majority.

R2: Green solutions for more crisis-prepared, resilient and safer societies

Tabled by Vihreät – De Gröna, Finland. Supported by SF - Green Left, Denmark; PROGRESĪVIE, Latvia; Esquerra Verda, Spain; Eestimaa Rohelised, Estonia; Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, Germany.

The resolution is presented by Kati Systä, Vihreät De Gröna.

Compromises are voted en bloc unanimously.

The resolution as amended is adopted with a few abstentions.

R3 Shifting Europe's Infrastructure Towards Sustainability and Justice: The European Rail Network at the Centre

Co-tabled by Esquerra Verda, Spain & Os Verdes, Portugal; Miljøpartiet de Grønne, Norway; Zeleno – levi front, Serbia; Verdes Equo, Spain. Supported by Miljöpartiet de Gröna, Sweden

The resolution is presented by Oriol Muñoz Gual, Esquerra Verda, Spain.

Compromises are voted en bloc unanimously.

Sibylle explains that AM2 by PROGRESĪVIE and CAS compromise wording on the same text will be voted against each other as they are amending the same part of text.

Mairita Luse, delegate of PROGRESĪVIE speaks in favour of PROGRESĪVIE's amendment.

Victor Cavaco, delegate of Os Verdes speaks in favour of CAS compromise.

Votes:

CAS AM 2: 54.63% - 59 votes

AM 2 PROGRESĪVIE: 45.37% - 49 votes

Abstentions: 0 votes

CAS compromise text is favoured with an absolute majority.

Votes on including the CAS compromise in the resolution:

In favor: 93.88% - 92 votes

Against: 6.12% - 6 votes

Abstentions: 5 votes

CAS compromised amendments are adopted.
The resolution as amended is unanimously adopted.

R4 European Digital Democracy: Sovereignty, Rights and Online Safety

Co-tabled by Green Party of England and Wales, United Kingdom; Les Ecologistes, France; Miljøpartiet De Grønne, Norway. Supported by: Vihreät - De Gröna, Finland; PROGRESĪVIE, Latvia; Verdes Equo, Spain; ADPD, Malta; Ecolo, Belgium; Groen, Belgium

Fesl Reza-Khan, delegate of GPEW and Raphaëlle Rémy-Leleu, delegate of Les Ecologistes present the resolution on behalf of the tabling parties.

Compromises are voted en bloc unanimously.
The resolution as amended is unanimously adopted.

R5 No more victims: stop femicide in Europe

Co-tabled by GroenLinks, Netherlands; Os Verdes, Portugal; Zeleni-levi front, Serbia; Partidul Verde, Romania; Les Ecologistes, France.

Corina Straatsma, delegate of GroenLinks presents the resolution on behalf of the tabling parties.

Compromises are voted en bloc unanimously.
The resolution as amended is unanimously adopted.

Emergency R6 Urgent Action to Protect Civilians in Sudan

Tabled by EGP Committee

Christina Kessler, Committee member, presents the resolution,
The compromises are unanimously adopted.
The resolution as amended is unanimously adopted.

Session: Closing remarks

Sunday 13:00 – 13:15

Benedetta De Marte, EGP Secretary General, starts her speech referring to the National Security Strategy of the USA that was published a few days ago. The NSS strongly targets the EU and aligns with the agenda of other imperialist actors aiming at destroying it, including Putin. Benedetta underlines that the EU is under attack and calls on the Green family to keep defending the European project and engage in strengthening the EU. She further calls on the Greens not to shy away from working on rethinking the EU economy and strengthening its competitiveness, as well as continue working on global, social and climate justice. She mentions floods in South-East Asia as a stark reminder of the climate crisis. In 2026, EGP will work more on campaign readiness.

Benedetta De Marte thanks **Rui Tavares**, **Isabel Mendes Lopes** and the whole of LIVRE, Os Verdes and PAN, and welcomes VESNA Zelena Stranka as full member, welcomes **Tomas Tomilinas** as new Committee member, newly elected members of the other EGP bodies, all the candidates, the Committee, the AMC and delegates, the partners and especially the EGP team.

The Congress is closed.