

Iniciativa del Poble Valencià

FFM Report and recommendation

October 2026

Context

In April 2026, the EGP Committee was notified of a decision of *Iniciativa del Poble Valencià* (Initiative of the Valencian People, IdPV) to apply for membership in the EGP. A formal request was communicated to the EGP on 24 September.

At its meeting on 26-27 September, the Committee decided to move ahead with a fact-finding mission to Valencia. The fact-finding mission took place on 7 October, with an EGP delegation consisting of Secretary General Benedetta De Marte, Treasurer Marc Giménez and Committee member Jelena Miloš. The delegation met with the applicant party as well as other political partners, civil society organisations and a trade union.

This report summarises the findings of the fact-finding mission.

Short overview of the political situation in Valencia

General

The Valencian Community is the 4th largest of Spain's 17 autonomous communities. The autonomous communities have broad competences in the fields of transport, spatial planning, housing, healthcare, education, environmental protection, agriculture, economic development, culture and more. The Valencian self-government's legislative body, the Corts, is comprised of 99 members elected every four years.

The regional government was led by Partido Popular (PP, EPP) from 1995 to 2015. Corruption scandals and discontent about the government's management of the economic crisis led to a progressive wave in the 2015 regional and municipal elections. One of the big winners was Compromís, a coalition of progressive regionalists, ecosocialists and Greens (more below). Compromís won the mayorship of Valencia and entered the regional government led by the Valencian Socialist party PSPV. The left lost both the regional government and the mayorship of Valencia in 2023.

On 29 October 2024, heavy rainfall in Valencia and other regions of Spain caused massive floods (commonly referred to as *DANA* in Spain). 233 people died in the region of Valencia, seven in Castilla-La Mancha and one in Andalusia - one of the deadliest natural disasters in Spain's history. The regional authorities have been strongly criticised for their negligence during the crisis. Warning messages were delayed and reliable information was not available. Additionally, the then-government of Carlos Mazón (PP) had closed down the Valencian Emergencies Unit set up by the previous government to deal with floods. Following mass protests demanding Mazón's resignation, he stepped down a few days after the first anniversary of the disaster.

Green politics

Different Green parties have existed in Valencia throughout the last decades. At the same time as Green actors united elsewhere in Spain to form Equo, the party's regional branch Verds Equo was created in 2014. Verds Equo is in a coalition called Compromís, which participated in the regional government and held the mayorship of Valencia from 2015 to 2023. Compromís was established in 2011 and today consists of three parties: Més, a progressive regionalist party that is a member of the European Free Alliance, Iniciativa del Poble Valencià, and Verds Equo. Compromís currently has 15 deputies in the Valencian Corts (9 Més, 4 IdPV, 2 Verds Equo), 2 members of Spain's Congress of Deputies (1 Més, 1 IdPV), 1 member of Spain's Senate (Més) and 1 member of the European Parliament (Més). Compromís has established itself as one of the two main progressive forces in Valencia (alongside the Socialists), with ambition to lead the city and the region.

IdPV is an ecosocialist and regionalist party that was born out of a split in the regional branch of the United Left in 2007. Since its beginnings, the party had strong ties with then-EGP member Iniciativa per Catalunya Verds – to the point of inspiring the name of the new Valencian party. The most known IdPV politician is Mónica Oltra, vice president of Valencia's regional government from 2015 to 2022. The party has 1200 members. In addition to its representatives in the Valencian Corts and Spain's Congress of Deputies, IdPV has 68 local councillors - including 4 mayors - around Valencia.

Main political values in the programme

Iniciativa del Poble Valencià is an ecosocialist and feminist party with historical roots in the radical left. It has a strong commitment to social and economic justice, exemplified in its programme and political work. In recent years, the party has strengthened its ecologist

profile, strongly accelerated by the tragic floods of 2024 and the debates on extreme weather events driven by climate change.

The party wants to go beyond its Marxist roots and considers class struggle and ecological struggle as two faces of the same coin. IdPV offers voters a promise of a better and happier life. This is translated into concrete policy proposals with governing aspirations. Ecological policy becomes tangible, with material proposals for mitigating and adapting to the climate emergency. IdPV's works in an environment where climate skepticism is common and some of the proposed solutions are unpopular - such as the construction of massive photovoltaic farms. In this context, IdPV advocates for a dignified and territorially balanced ecological transition that does not burden groups and areas that are already highly exposed.

In the current context of rising authoritarianism - which is strongly felt in Spain - IdPV positions itself as democratic and antifascist. It stands up for the rights of migrants, women, LGBTQ+ and other targeted groups. IdPV sees the necessity for strong, accountable institutions in the face of increased lawfare against political opponents and widespread corruption.

IdPV has a broad geopolitical outlook and stands for a Europe that defends peace, human rights and multilateralism. It is a pro-European force that wants stronger cooperation against the "reactionary international". It advocates for ending dependence on the US arms industry and eventually replacing NATO with a European Defence Union. IdPV is critical towards American, Russian and Chinese imperialism and wants Spain to take a more active role in the UN.

In this view, Valencia is an integral part of Europe and the world. IdPV is Valencianist, stressing the need for self-government, local solutions to local problems, creating broad social majorities in Valencia, and the right to learn and use the Valencian language. IdPV considers Valencia to be an open and plural community.

Crucially, IdPV is critical of its heritage, namely the difficult compromises made during coalition government with the Socialists. It aspires for a stronger Green and social voice in Valencia's institutions.

Youth wing

IdPV's youth wing is called Joves amb Iniciativa (JAI). The organisation was re-established in 2024. It was previously a member of FYEG. JAI currently has 87 members and six local chapters in the Valencia region. JAI is represented in IdPV's governing bodies and has a close

relationship to the party in general. JAI is active in social movements, fighting for the right to housing, against corruption, for LGBTI rights and against the rise of fascism.

List of organised meetings during fact-finding mission

- **Iniciativa del Poble Valencià**
 - Carles Esteve (Spokesperson, Member of the Valencian Parliament)
 - Sergi Tomàs (Organisational Secretary, Local Councillor)
 - Miriam Panyella (Board Member)
 - Nacho Lara (Board Member)
 - Judith Domènech (Spokesperson of Joves amb Iniciativa)
- **Verds Equo del País Valencià**
 - Natxo Serra (Secretary General)
 - Paula Espinosa (Member of the Valencian Parliament)
- **Verdes Equo**
 - Mar González (Co-Spokesperson)
 - José Ramón Becerra (Co-Spokesperson)
 - María Pastor (Member of Madrid Assembly, Deputy Group Leader)
 - Alejandro Sánchez (Member of Madrid Assembly)
 - Paz Serra (Member of Madrid Assembly)
 - Catalina Abell (Advisor)
- **Esquerra Verda**
 - Júlia Boada (Co-Coordinator)
 - Oriol Muñoz (International Secretary)
- **Intersindical Valenciana**
 - Josep Codonyer (Head of Organisation and Environment)
- **Associació de Víctimes de la DANA 29 d'Octubre**
 - Mariló Gradolí (Spokesperson)
 - Toñi García
 - Empar Puchades
- **Acció Ecologista - Agró**
 - Santiago Gasset (President of the Board)
 - Carles Arnal (Member)

Findings from the above meetings

- IdPV is an established Green-Left political force in Valencia's political institutions and beyond. It was born from a split in a left-wing party some 20 years ago and has strong historical ties with Green actors in Catalonia.
- IdPV is part of a coalition called Compromís, which includes a Green component (Verds Equo) and a progressive regionalist one (Més). This coalition has had significant electoral success since it was founded in 2011, and leading IdPV figures have occupied ministerial positions in the regional government. It should be noted that Compromís is in a process of consolidating as a federation of its three parties' components.
- Through its key role in Compromís, IdPV is present in bigger cities as well as smaller towns and rural areas throughout the Valencia region.
- IdPV is a modern ecosocialist, feminist and pro-European party whose political platform and actions strongly echo those of the EGP. The party is recognised for its consistent support for quality public services and transparent institutions. It should be noted that IdPV has gradually moved towards a more ecologist agenda in recent years and is currently putting green policies at the center of its political aspirations. The key role of Verds Equo in greening the agenda of Compromís as a whole should also be noted.
- The party aspires to govern again, with key regional and local elections coming up in May 2027. IdPV's Mónica Oltra is a well-known figure in Valencia and Compromís' candidate for mayor of Valencia.
- The EGP has cooperated with politicians of IdPV on several occasions in the last years, which has strengthened the party's conviction to apply for membership.
- EGP member parties, and more specifically the Valencian branch of Verdes Equo, consider it a positive development that IdPV wants to join the EGP, as it would strengthen the green agenda in the Compromís coalition and in Valencia ahead of key regional and municipal elections in 2027.

Conclusions and recommendation

Conclusions

Several actors in Spain are looking at the Greens as their international reference point. The fragmented nature of Spain's political landscape brings certain challenges in this regard. It is important to identify and work with actors – including in regions of relevant size – who have the goal and capacity to implement Green policies in the everyday lives of people and show what progressive, Green government looks like. Iniciativa del Poble Valencià is one of those parties, as shown by their governing experience on regional and local level since 2015.

While IdPV has historical roots in the left, it has become a party with a transversal and credible Green agenda. This can be seen in its strong prioritisation of ecological policies, in particular after the deadly floods in 2024, as well as its anti-authoritarian and pro-European international outlook.

Welcoming IdPV in the EGP at this moment strengthens the Green voice in Spain's 4th largest region before a crucial electoral cycle in Spain and Valencia. IdPV can inspire Green parties across Europe to contest upcoming election campaigns with energy and ambition.

Due to the specific political fragmentation in the country, EGP considers it particularly important to ensure that ahead of elections and specifically national and European ones, all the EGP current and future member parties will engage into consultations among themselves before than with other potential partners.

Recommendation

The Committee of the European Green Party believes that Iniciativa del Poble Valencià meets the EGP's membership criteria.

The Committee of the European Green Party sees the continued expansion and consolidation of the Green European family in Southern Europe as fundamental for strengthening our political weight and amplifying progressive governance.

Considering all the above, the EGP Committee recommends to the delegates of the 41st EGP Congress to accept Iniciativa del Poble Valencià as an Associate Member.