



## Report Migration Working Group

The Working Group on Migration met chaired by Monica Frassoni and outlined targets and topics for the work in the next year or two years. Participating were representatives working on migration topics from the following parties: Die Grünen/Austria, Ecolo/Belgium, Groen/Belgium, ICV/Catalonia, Cyprus Greens/Cyprus, Finnish Green Party/Finland, B90/Die Grünen/Germany, Oikologoi-Prasinoi/Greece, GroenLinks/The Netherlands, Coordinadora Verde/Spain, Grüne/Switzerland as well as representation for the ENGS, the EGP Individual Supporters Network and the Migration Working Group in the GGEP.

### Targets of the working group in time frame of next two council meetings

The working group established priorities and targets from among a long list of proposals brought out during the meeting, setting out to cooperate with the Migration WG of the GGEP, and to invite materials and best practices to be submitted from member parties and other organizations in order not to duplicate efforts.

The target of the Working Group is to be able to intervene in ongoing political processes beyond the Green field. To this purpose, it sets out to **strengthen and broaden the current composition of the WG** itself, in order to be able to deliver advice and best practices to local Green actors, but also to have the capacity to deploy to “hot spots” of the migration question such as camps, borders and places targeted by populists and deliver a Green viewpoint. To have an overview of where such action may be necessary, it will work out a plan of upcoming elections (including local ones) and gather committed people from within Green parties.

The Working Group also sets out to **improve and deepen the knowledge-base on migration research** and make it more easily available to Green actors. A main tool should be encounters of researchers that are documented and presented in an accessible format. One such opportunity for the Working Group to participate in and support will be a hearing by the Green Group in the EP to be held in Brussels, December 2010. For some purposes, such as upcoming elections, a quicker time frame may be necessary, and national parties making strategy on migration questions should be encouraged to document their efforts and share best practices.

Plenty of information already exists on the worst forms of abuses in campaigning, legislation and bureaucratic practices. Also documented are best practices for how to bring forth Green positions and stop populist parties from shifting a whole discourse, and on how Greens can profile themselves in such situations. However, this information, whether from within Green parties, NGO's or state and EU actors, is not circulated among Greens on the European level. Thus, the third target of the working group is to **establish a newsletter on campaigning and political best practices, as well as for sharing information on the most obvious injustices** in the migration field. The target is to publish the first one of these in June 2010.

Great thanks to everyone who attended! As the purpose is to keep including people with relevant experience and knowledge, member parties are encouraged to pass on the information of the Working Group to interested campaigners, policy makers and migration activists within the parties

themselves. Potentially interested people can engage the working group by joining an e-mail list, as well as at the EGP Council, or at other future events.

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