

Draft annex D,- EGP Rule Book

To be voted on at the extra ordinary Congress, 2-3 June, Vienna

Agreement between the European Green Party and the Federation of Young European Greens

This agreement complements the provisions stipulated by the- EGP Statutes and Rule Book.

The EGP recognises and appreciates the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG-) as its sole youth wing and FYEG endorses this position.

I Political Cooperation

The relationship of FYEG and EGP should aim to strengthen the green movement in Europe. FYEG and EGP will work together on a common Green project for Europe. They will do so with the other green actors, cooperating in campaigns, projects, meetings, actions and institutional work based on mutually agreed common priorities. One of which will be the strengthening of EGP and FYEG.

The political and organisational presence of the European Green Party among young people will be through the Federation of the Young European Greens. Making the green voice heard among young people is a responsibility of all green actors. FYEG will be the leading and coordinating organisation in reaching out. FYEG will as well be the voice of young greens on European level and establish the policy of the European greens related to youth issues.

FYEG's main task is to promote and lobby for their members point of view on politics in general and on green politics specifically. Furthermore, it works to defend and promote youth's rights within the Green Parties and the EGP and in Europe and to involve young people in the green project. It is also a tool for education and political learning and development. FYEG will strive to unite young green organisations all over Europe and advance and inspire the creation of green organisations where they do not exist, in Europe and beyond in agreement and cooperation with EGP. FYEG as well as EGP engages itself to oppose any kind of social, ethnic, religious, sex oriented, age based, or birthplace linked discrimination. FYEG is committed to fight against homophobia and xenophobia and in favour of equality.

FYEG and EGP will inform each other about their activities and contacts in order to achieve a greater level of synergy.

FYEG aspires to be fully involved in the EGP policy making process. It sees its role as a catalyst to advance the green agenda.

FYEG is represented by one of its Co-Spokespersons at the Committee level. In addition, FYEG and EGP agree to a basic reciprocity and make sure that their respective representatives are invited to each other's main political meetings.

The EGP ensures that political contributions and statements of the FYEG are circulated among its members and regularly discussed in its meetings. Vice versa, FYEG will circulate relevant position papers and statements of the EGP among its members.

Independence

FYEG is a separate political organisation. With the purpose of bringing together young environmental and Green political groups from all over Europe, and act as an actor at European level, FYEG strives for environmental and human rights as well as for social justice. FYEG recognises as its parent party the European Green Party. The FYEG endorses the Charter of the EGP. FYEG remains an independent organisation, which can take its own political standpoints, has its own political platform, and does its own activities and has the freedom to cooperate with like-minded organisations and institutions and will share its contacts with EGP.

FYEG cooperates with EGP at European level and in principle with the EGP member parties and the Global Greens.

FYEG will stay independent in the meaning that it will follow its own political agenda and has the right to publicly take different standpoints than the party.

FYEG will if possible campaign with EGP and in elections strongly support EGP.

II Organisational relation

Committee of EGP

~~One representative of FYEG will be a co-opted member of the Committee. This representative will be nominated by FYEG and will be the responsible for the coordination of the work between FYEG and EGP.~~

Congress of EGP

~~FYEG has the right to four votes in the Congress, four delegates will be representing the Federation towards the Congress, to be nominated by the FYEG (as explained in the EGP Rule Book, art.10.7).~~

Extended Congress of EGP

~~FYEG has the right to 6 delegates with six votes. The 6 delegates should be nominated by FYEG and will represent the Federation towards the Congress (as explained in the EGP Rule Book, art.12.3).~~

European Green Foundation

~~The EGP will support that FYEG obtains a seat in the General Assembly of the Green European Foundation.~~

Other meetings

~~FYEG will have right to take part as full members in other meetings of the EGP, not necessarily funded by the EGP.~~

~~The FYEG agrees to respect a basic reciprocity and makes sure that EGP representatives are invited to the main political meetings of the FYEG.~~

III Financial relations

Costs efficiency

~~EGP and FYEG will work together to minimise each other's costs, including common communication and administration. EGP and FYEG discuss cooperate regarding joint projects, priority regions, priority themes etc and implement joint projects.~~

Financial arrangements

~~Annually EGP provides FYEG with a fixed percentage of its yearly expenditure budget as a basic grant financial support for the functioning of FYEG. After every European election FYEG and EGP will negotiate on a financial agreement for that legislation period.~~

~~The percentage of the EGP budget allocated yearly to FYEG shall~~

~~This basic financial support shall be calculated as follows: not be less than~~

- ~~• 3,5% * of EGP's (budget amount of the EP grant + 10% of the own resources required to cover it).~~
- ~~• The amount of the EP grant is provisionally set according to the EGP application for the EP grant in the preceding year and is adjusted, if necessary, following the confirmation of the grant award by the EP.~~
- ~~• The maximum amount of this basic financial support is limited to the amount legally allowed by the European Parliament.~~

~~(total eligible expenditure).~~

~~The full amount of the basic financial support shall be used in the budget year, no carryover to the following year is allowed.~~

~~Expenditure, accounting and reporting must be done in accordance with the rules and regulations stipulated by the European Parliament.~~

~~At least as long as there is no structural funding for political youth wings provided by the EU, EGP will strongly support FYEG in its efforts to increase its funds available. For that the EGP will assist the FYEG in its financial talks with other green groups such as the Green Foundations.~~

~~FYEG is obviously entitled to apply – as is every other EGP body – for additional funding for projects, campaigns, political initiatives, special working groups, etc. These applications will be handled on an equal footing with all other requests.~~

FYEG ~~has initiated the process of trying~~ is still advocating for to getting political youth organisations supported by the European Parliament in the framework of European Party financing. The EGP will take a proactive role supporting this option as well as in supporting all other provisional steps that can contribute to generate funds or access to appropriations in the frame of the EU institutions that can help to enhance the work of the FYEG and to allow FYEG to function independently from funding by the EGP. The EGP will also assist the FYEG in its financial talks with other green groups such as the Green Foundations.

~~When financial difficulties occur within FYEG, EGP will, according to its possibilities, assist FYEG to solve them.~~

IV Final dispositions

In case of strong disagreements concerning the implementation of this agreement both FYEG and EGP can start a mediation procedure. The mediation procedure foresees the creation of a 6 person mediation commission (3 from each organisation) and a time frame for the mediation commission to present proposals to the EGP and the FYEG to solve the strong disagreement.