

ADDITIONAL MEETING RULES, valid only for the Online 31st EGP Council, 10-13 June

The 31st EGP Online Council endorses the EGP Committee decision of 15 April to hold the Council via online platforms and acknowledges the necessary changes as listed in this document.

Overall, provisions and proceedings for Council as stated in the EGP Statutes and EGP Rule Book remain valid for the Online Council. However, due to the conversion, some adaptations have been necessary. This list is not exhaustive as we are treading fairly unknown territory which develops very quickly. We like to think that, first and foremost, common sense is to be applied.

The EGP Statutes and Rule Book mention the following regarding a council “via telecommunication means”:

Statutes, Article 6. Structure and bodies of the European Green Party:

6.3.1. The Council is the highest decision-making body of the European Green Party. It is convened by the Committee and must meet at least once a year in person. Council meetings may be held in person or by telecommunication means under conditions laid down in the Rule Book.

Rule Book, Article 8 Council meeting proceedings:

8.1 The Council meets at least once a year in person and normally meets twice a year.

8.4 Exceptionally, Council meetings and/or votes may be convened and held via telecommunication means. Rules for such exceptional meetings and/or voting are to be developed by the Committee and appended to the Rule Book after approval by Council.

The EGP Committee proposes to develop general telecommunication Meeting Rules afterwards, based on the experiences of the 31st Council and with the inclusive cooperation of the member parties.

The EGP Rule Book was developed in 2011 by working groups, built on the experiences of nearly 20 years of past EFGP and EGP Council meetings.

WHAT CHANGED due to conversion to the Online Council:

No more “Skopje Council, 12-14 June”

Any remaining mentioning of the originally planned “Skopje council” or “the spring council” is to be regarded as referring to the 31st EGP Online Council 10-13 June and will be amended in the adopted versions.

Preparations for Skopje council have been ongoing for more than half a year, documents were agreed upon in that sense. If “Skopje council” is still used in any of the documents, it is understood to be read “31st EGP Online Council 10-13 June”.

Schedule related

- Time slots mentioned are in Central European Summer Time (CEST).
- The 31st EGP Online Council programme is reduced considerably, and spread over 4 days between 10 and 13 June 2020.

The usual schedule of the EGP Council programme starts on Friday early afternoon and ends on Sunday early afternoon; with parallel CAS sessions on Friday and Saturday early afternoon. Concentration to follow an Online Council works differently than at a face to face Council; and important, the private conditions in which to follow the online council are very different for each of the participants.

Programme outline:

- o Day 1: Compromise Amendments Session (CAS)1 & 2: Wednesday 10 June, 17h-19h CEST (for delegates and member party representatives only)

- Day 2: CAS 3 & 4: Thursday 11 June, 17h-19h CEST (for delegates and member party representatives only)

As usual, delegates will be informed about the exact number of CAS sessions which can be determined once we know the number of tabled amendments (deadline 4 June) and tabled emergency resolutions (deadline 11 June).

- Day 3: Thematic, public program, Friday, 12 June, between 14h and 20h. Followed by a concert! (open to the public)
- Day 4: Statutory issues – reports/elections/voting session (for delegates and member party representatives only)

Thematic content plenaries and voting business plenaries are scheduled separately to allow the managing of secure access to the platforms for its relevant public: voting delegates, further member party observers and open to the public (live streaming)

<https://europeangreens.eu/onlinespring2020/programme>

Used online platforms – your data

- Conferencing platform: SpotMe – Launch Interactions // data for the event will be stored on servers in Germany
 - Amendments platform: Motion – Antragsgrün // server located in Germany
 - Voting platform: Beernink solutions – AVA Voting // server located in the Netherlands
- The electronic voting system used at the face to face Councils for the past 7,5 years was adapted for online use (more details below). A secure login and password will be provided to only grant delegates access to the platform.

The access to the Online Council will go through the usual registration on the EGP Council website. For more details about this procedure and the relevant providers, go to '[Online Council and your data](#)'. For more information please also read our [privacy policy](#).

Online testing meetings with the delegates, and other registered participants, will be organised ahead of the Council to practice the use of the platform(s). Several test meetings are planned in week 1 - 5 June, with different time slots. All delegates and registered participants are expected to attend minimum one of them.

Elections and Membership Application:

In addition to the usual proceedings, the candidates and the application party have been asked to provide a video presentation. Other ways of promoting material and moments will be ensured.

Elections of the open positions in FAB and Conciliation Panel, and URA's membership application will be handled in extraordinary conditions, without the usual possibilities for EGP delegates to interact in person with candidates and URA representatives during the Council. The same applies for the candidates for the election of the remaining open positions in FAB and Conciliation Panel.

Access and Secure Voting

Bert Beernink, with whom EGP has been working for the electronic voting at the EGP Councils since November 2012, has developed a secure platform with AVA voting, which provides:

- The server where the session takes place and where the vote takes place is secured with SSL (https connection)
- When logging in (with email address and password) the password is sent encrypted to the server via SHA-512
- Per account, you can only log in on 1 device (laptop, mobile, tablet) at the same time
- When you log in, a session ID is generated that can be used to confirm all delegations have cast their votes.

Please note that the electronic voting is secret. The details of the votes cast are not shared with EGP.

A few days ahead of the Council, and following the official vote distribution, the EGP Office will transfer to Bert Beernink, the name, email address and weight of the vote per voting delegate.

Mathematically, there is no change in the voting procedure except from the use of your own devices (e.g. laptop, mobile phone, tablet) to cast the vote instead of a voting device provided at the face to face Council meeting. The additional change the online setting requires is the provision of the name and email of the voting delegates.

To make sure that we can have an interactive voting session, where the delegates can ask questions and comment, we will use an integrated Zoom session. The European Green Party has a paid Zoom account, with the latest updates that secure the highest security. This Zoom session is only accessible once people are logged in to the session on the voting platform.

Delegates - speaking rights in CAS and Voting Session

Allocation of speaking time will be only reserved for the official voting delegates in the CAS and voting sessions. Following the application of the 50+ rule, the gender balance within the delegation has to be observed. If not respected, only one of the delegates will have speaking rights. Other green party members can participate as audience but will not have speaking rights.

Deadlines

All deadlines mentioned in the Rule Book have been respected with the following exceptions (Annex I: overview of deadlines with tracked changes):

- Tabling Emergency resolutions and tabling amendments on emergency resolutions have been advanced 1 day respectively. Collecting 5 supporting signatures has been advanced 2 days.
To allow Compromise amendments sessions to be scheduled a few days before the online council to allow for proper discussion and deliberation
- Note that three more deadlines have been advanced 24h, regardless of the online council conversion, to avoid 1st May holiday and to allow earlier release of candidacies and amendments on regular resolutions.
- **Extra Deadline:** Nomination of Delegates: 8 May 2020
8 May was given as deadline to the member parties to nominate/confirm their voting delegates to the EGP office; both for the purpose of updating the Allocation list of delegates and votes, for the planning of the test meetings, as for securing access to the voting platform.

Reimbursement

The reimbursement rules are obsolete, not applicable.

!! Annex II: Be prepared! Concrete practical guidelines for online meetings.