

Venue

Tampere-talo Oy
33100 Tampere, Finland

Adopted Minutes

Friday, 8 November 2019

Opening of the Council

13:30 - 14:30

Speakers:

- Iiris Suomela, Vice-chair of the Tampere city council (Finland)
- Reinhard Bütikofer, Co-chair of the European Green Party, MEP, Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament (Germany)
- Maria Ohisalo, Minister of Interior and Party Leader of the Finnish Greens (Finland)

Reinhard Bütikofer opens the 30th Council of the European Green Party. He explains the schedule of the first two sessions and invites the first speaker, Iiris Suomela, Vice-chair of the Tampere city council and member of the Finnish parliament, on the stage.

Iiris Suomela welcomes the attendees in Tampere, her hometown. She mentions that it was the international aspect of the Green family that got her involved in the first place. She highlights the importance of female and youth representation in politics and the core values that lead her - protecting human rights, decreasing globally rising inequalities, tackling climate change. She ends by saying that international cooperation is equally important on a municipal level.

Reinhard Bütikofer thanks Iiris Suomela for the welcome and reminds the audience that the EGP is 15 years old now, and that 2019 was a very successful year for the Green family. He lists electoral successes for the Greens in 2019 - Netherlands regional elections, Finland, Ireland local elections, Belgium, Bremen, and the European elections, after which 75 members of the European Parliament are now sitting in the Greens/EFA group, which is 10% of the EP. The success continued with Denmark, Austria, Norway local elections, Saxony and Brandenburg, Portugal, Hungary local elections, Poland and finally Switzerland. He thanks all the activists and party members who contributed to these successes and attributes these successes to unity, youth, being energetic and openness to new partners. He highlights how important climate crisis, biodiversity crisis, rising inequalities, appalling social injustices and attacks on democracy were in the European election campaign. With the European political

sphere probably more divided than ever, the importance for the Greens of staying connected to movements, of being able to engage in dialogues and finding alliances, of providing a Green orientation to politics has become more important than ever. He emphasizes the necessity to build an alternative political centre that overcomes divisions over European integration, immigration, climate policy and between urban centres and the rural areas. He ends by thanking the outgoing Committee members, former Committee members, staff members, Greens/EFA members, their staff and the national member parties.

In his video message, **Antti Rinne**, incumbent prime minister of Finland, thanks the EGP for inviting him to the Council and highlights the importance of agreeing on EU carbon neutrality targets for 2050 and the importance of keeping climate high on the political agenda. After describing Finland's climate goals and the plans to reach them, he wishes a successful Council and pleasant stay.

Maria Ohisalo welcomes everyone and mentions the challenge the world faces with climate change. She outlines why Europe should lead the world in the fight against climate change and reminds the fact that Europe managed to re-establish itself once 75 years ago. She underlines the values on which this new Europe was built upon and speaks about the importance of standing up against the mistreatment of refugees and the risks on the freedom of the press. She praises the Nordic welfare state model, explains the core elements of it, highlights the need of tackling social inequalities and sheds light on the European angle on this question. With the far-right capitalising on these inequalities, Greens need to provide real solutions to these questions, like the Green New Deal, its inspiration and core elements - economic, social and financial sustainability. She points to the importance of government regulation, incentives and job creation in financing the Green transformation in a fair way, but elaborates also on the challenge of Green participation in coalition governments, mentioning Finland as an example, and how the overarching policy of the coalition government keeps climate change in the forefront in all decisions.

Plenary Session

Europe in the world - Where do we stand in the global coordinated system?

14:30 - 15:45

Moderator:

- Reinhard Bütikofer, Co-chair of the European Green Party, MEP, Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament (Germany)

Keynote speaker:

- Johanna Sumuvuori, State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Finland)

Speakers:

- Ulrike Lunacek, former vice-president of the European Parliament and MEP of the Greens/EFA Group, former member of the Austrian Parliament (Austria)
- Angela Stanzel, senior policy fellow, Asia Program, Institut Montaigne (Germany)

- Peter Eriksson, Minister for International Development Cooperation (Sweden)

Reinhard Bütikofer introduces the panel and invites speakers on stage.

Johanna Sumuvuori speaks about the state of multilateralism and the rule of law based international order in the age of big power politics, this multilateralism needing more support than ever. She notes that climate change, cybercrime, terrorism, conflict and humanitarian crises are global problems that can only be solved in a multilateral international environment.

She continues by saying that foreign policy should always be based on values and elaborates on the Finnish government's coalition agreement as an example, which includes that Finland pursues a human right-based foreign and security policy. She underlines the added benefit of a predictable international framework and the importance of the work on the necessary reforms of the United Nations. She warns of the risks of a multipolar world governed by the delicate balance of power and by strong-men politics and puts emphasis on the gender aspect of such a world view. She ends by explaining her views on the role the Europe Union should play in this new coordinate system.

Peter Eriksson talks about the relationship between Europe and Africa, commenting that the EU deals too much with internal problems and too little with international, external issues. Colonialism tainted the potential role that Europe could play in international affairs, but Africa has an increasing importance in international affairs, which means there is a need to develop an equal partner relation between Africa and Europe. He continues by mentioning the need for a sustainable agricultural practice both in Europe and Africa, and of the energy resource problems that Africa is facing. He underlines that digital development could be a cornerstone of fast economic development in Africa. Safe, legal migration routes have to be established in view of the conflict areas existing in Africa where climate change plays a role in the development of these conflicts. He concludes by underlining the importance of gender equality aspects in the development in Africa, as these aspects are being side-lined by the US, Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Vatican.

Angela Stanzel introduces her intervention about the trade war between the US and China, mentioning that Europe is facing the same problems with China as the US, but disagrees on the means with which the US President tries to enforce international trade standards. Trade war is not only about trade, but also about the hegemony of superpowers in a given geographical area, and an ideological fight between two opposing worldviews. China uses mass surveillance and internment of its citizens, while this system is designed to be exported. She highlights the lack of success traditional diplomacy was able to achieve regarding systemic changes in China. Regarding Europe's response to the trade dispute, she mentions the new proactive trade mechanisms the European Commission has put in place, and what obstacles Europe will need to overcome in the future regarding industrial policy, investments, cyber security and trade. Talking about security policy, she highlights that Europe needs to develop strategic response scenarios to potential conflict points with China. She underlines the US's decreasing influence and interest in multilateral frameworks, creating a vacuum for

Europe to fill. She concludes by emphasising the need for the EU to become united to be a strong global actor in the world, and by pointing out the contradictions within the EU that make that possibility hard under the current circumstances.

Ulrike Lunacek talks about the relationship between the Western Balkans and the European Union. She recalls the work she has done in this area in the European Parliament and introduces a book she wrote on Kosovo, highlighting the difficulties for cooperation in that area, including recent conflicts, and the promise of prosperity European integration would bring in the political sphere in the Western Balkans. She expresses her disappointment on the European Council's (EU) decision not to open accession talks with North Macedonia and Albania and lists the steps these countries took in recent years to fulfil some of the EU's

accession criteria. This decision by the EC leaves the region open to other spheres of influence, such as that of Russia, Turkey or the states of the Persian Gulf. She criticises the lack of uniform foreign policy of the EU, talks about the French President's concerns with the current accession mechanism and presents a proposal of how it could actually work.

Interventions and questions from the floor address the lack of a united foreign policy of the EU, the strengthening of the Green unity in foreign policy proposals, the "sixteen plus one" cooperation's role in developing a common China policy, African countries' positive responses to Chinese loans and investments, concrete ways of cooperation between Africa and Europe could be fostered, with specific emphasis on the protection of LGBTIQ+ rights, the Belt and Road Initiative, the future of the Eastern Partnership and humane ways to tackle the refugee crisis in Greece.

Reinhard Bütikofer thanks the panellists and the audience and closes the session.

Plenary Session

2019 EU Elections Campaign

16:30 - 17:30

Speakers:

- Mar Garcia, EGP Secretary General (Spain)
- Sybren Kooistra, former EGP Campaign Manager (The Netherlands)
- Ska Keller, MEP, president of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament (Germany)

As an introduction, a video highlighting the priorities of the 2019 EU elections campaign is presented.

Mar Garcia starts by mentioning that the principal idea of this campaign was that while the far right and cynicism were on the rise in Europe, the Greens offer an alternative. She continues by emphasizing that the campaign was focused on the message of change and as such was a big success. She recapitulates the main elements of the campaign narrative: a path for a different Europe, how European issues have influence on the daily life of people; a tone that is optimistic and empathetic, but also conveys a sense of urgency for facing the fight against climate change. She highlights the professionalism of the campaign and the cooperation with the member parties. She finally describes the process of producing the campaign manifesto, the 12 priorities and the campaigning platform Tilt.

Sybren Kooistra shares a video that was produced for Europe Day 2019. He states that the main strategy was focused on Get-Out-to-Vote efforts, the turnout of young people being consistently low. Therefore, it was important to reach them via digital channels, thus building a campaigning movement. The notion of the “Green Wave” was important to get journalists to write about it. Sybren Kooistra highlights the role of leading candidates and how Twitter was used to engage the audience during the debates. He further gives an overview of how the Tilt

network activities supported the campaign, and he describes the media products that were produced – 25 videos and 4 online activities. He ends by presenting the video about the leading candidates.

Nils Rübemann from FYEG highlights that young people were at the heart of these elections. He invites the audience to attend a session dedicated to FYEG taking place the next day.

Questions from the audience on corruption, logging, getting young people to vote and visualizing the work of MEPs to voters are answered

Plenary session

Presentation of the candidates for the Committee

19:15 - 20:00

Moderator:

- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, MEP, EGP Committee member (France)

The candidates for the Committee present themselves in 3-minutes slots in the following order:

- Evelyne Huytebroeck – candidate for the position co-chair

- Thomas Waitz – candidate for the position co-chair
- Mar Garcia – candidate for the position secretary general
- Ute Michel - candidate for the position treasurer
- Michal Berg - candidate for the position Committee member
- Jean Lambert - candidate for the position Committee member
- Vitalie Marinuta - candidate for the position Committee member
- Vula Tsetsi - candidate for the position Committee member
- Oras Tynkkynen - candidate for the position Committee member
- Bodil Valero - candidate for the position Committee member
- Mélanie Vogel - candidate for the position Committee member

Indrit Abdiaj couldn't reach the venue in time to be present at this session. He will present his candidacy in the session 'Presentation of the candidates for the other statutory bodies of the EGP' on Saturday morning.

Saturday, 9 November 2019

Plenary session

Discussion on voting business

8:30 - 9:30

Moderator:

- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, MEP, Committee member EGP (France)

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield welcomes the participants and announces that the session agenda will follow the order of the voting list.

- **Candidacies for Committee and other EGP bodies** are presented in dedicated sessions.
- **Application for full membership of Verdi/Grüne/Vërc**, from the South Tyrolean region, in North of Italy. There are no questions from the floor.

- **Membership issues: Withdrawal of membership of Latvijas Zala Partija**

Martins Toms Staks, delegate LZP, takes the floor. He expresses to be glad to be among like-minded people. The LZP has provided some information to the delegates to explain their views. He considers there to be a huge misunderstanding, some facts in the report tabled by the EGP Committee not being correct, even false.

Oras Tynkkynen, emphasizes that the EGP Committee is very grateful that the Latvians Greens are present at this Council and appreciates the response that has been shared with the delegates. He recommends everybody to have a look at the file because it compiles a lot of the history and the information about the relationship EGP has had with LZP. He further states that when the EGP Committee is suggesting the withdrawal of a membership of a member party, it is not something done lightly. To the contrary, this is done extremely rarely and only after thorough discussions and investigations. In this case of LZP, the Committee is strongly and unanimously convinced that, at this point in time, the right move forward is to withdraw the membership, based on the fact that there is a multitude of differences in some of the key policy areas and values that the Green family shares, and the fact that there has been extremely limited will for interaction and participation on the side of the LZP. He adds that however, the EGP can of course cooperate with LZP should they want so. There is always the possibility for LZP to re-apply for membership if they indeed want a fresh start. Re-applying would provide the opportunity for LZP to show that they are committed to this cooperation and that they want to contribute to the European Green family.

Marko Kaasik from the Estonian Greens contributes supporting LZP. He considers the withdrawal of LZP would be a mistake because LZP has permanently honoured and put into practice the single basic Green value that distinguishes us from all other political families

which is uncompromised environmentalism. Forests and wildlife are much better preserved in Latvia and it's without any doubt a result of the Green Party being in parliament and sometimes in government during the past 28 years of independence. In his view, LZP is one of the strongest in Eastern Europe and withdrawing its membership would weaken the position of the Green family in Eastern Europe even more. For instance, the Estonian and Latvian Greens very recently signed a memorandum of cooperation focusing on urgent environmental issues in both countries. In case of a membership withdrawal, the Estonian Greens would strengthen their bilateral cooperation with LZP.

Christian Kmiotek, co-chair of déi gréng Luxembourg, asks Martins Toms what the LZP's position on same sex marriage and on LGBTQ+ communities were. Martins Toms Staks replies that the LZP stands for family rights, for the happy family with healthy children who are being fully provided for. He says LZP was not against same sex marriage and LGBT rights. Latvia being a small country in a distant area of Europe, the LZP is looking into how to increase the population and how to make Latvia a comfortable area to live in.

Mar Garcia replies that the proposal to withdrawal LZP's membership was the outcome of a very long relationship, non-existing from the side of LZP. The EGP Committee has done more than one fact-finding mission to Latvia in the past decade, but on each of these occasions, it did not manage to meet with the LZP leadership because there was no active will to do so. She holds that there might have been LZP representatives in one of the previous council meetings, but then as single participant, and not as an active delegate, as that person didn't come

forward to pick up his votes. She finally thanks Martins Toms Staks and Diana Gintere for their efforts to come to Tampere but regrets nobody from the board has come.

- **Membership issues: Withdrawal of membership Zelena Partija, Bulgaria**

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield reports that Zelena Partija from Bulgaria has withdrawn their membership with EGP by letter. The information was shared with the delegates end of September 2019. Hence this proposal won't be voted on in the voting session but mentioned to notify the delegates and to be added in the minutes. She adds that the remaining EGP member in Bulgaria is the "Green movement", formerly Zelenite.

- **Formal adoption of the Accounts 2018**

Mar informs about the Accounts 2018. They are presented for formal adoption at this Council, as there was no spring Council in May due to the European elections. She explains that the internal auditing process was prolonged several times because the EP is now scrutinising much more in depth how the public money that is allocated to the European political parties is spent. Both pertinent bodies, the Directorate General on Finances of the EP and the independent Authority of European Political parties and foundations (APPF), installed in 2017, had demanded further information after the audit beginning of April 2019 and this process has come to an end only a few days ago.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield clarifies that questions on the Accounts 2018 will be dealt with in the Treasurers parallel session today at 12h, as well as the questions about the proposal for changing the criteria for membership fees and reimbursement rules.

- **Proposal to change the criteria for membership fees**

Mar Garcia explains the long and joint process, with several meetings held in Brussels, involving the Financial Advisory Board, the Working Group on the revision of the membership fees rules, with financial experts of the member parties, and a Treasurers' meeting. The new criteria for membership fees reflect more the real political and economic strength of the parties.

- **Proposal revision allocation of votes**

Mar Garcia explains that this Committee proposal aims at the number of votes at the Council reflecting better the real situation of the Green parties in their country. She specifies that if this proposal has sufficient support from the delegates, it will be put to the vote on Sunday.

Christian Kmiolek comments that they put forward an amendment proposing an additional vote for the criterion of government participation on the national level. It was discussed in the CAS the previous day, but no compromise was found, so this will have to be put to the vote on Sunday.

- **Membership list (annex B to EGP Statutes): no comments**

- **Finances 2020 – budget and membership fees**

Questions will be dealt with in the Treasurers meeting the same day. Mar Garcia explains that two versions of membership fee calculations have been distributed, one with the current criteria and one on the basis of the proposed new criteria.

- **Activity Plan and Campaign evolution:** Some amendments have been tabled and will be dealt with in CAS 3.
- **Tabled resolutions**

Gwen Delbos-Corfield highlights the planning (with division of texts) of the next CAS sessions on the screen.

- Green Campaign: from Climate Emergency to Climate Neutrality: no questions
- The Value of Culture in Europe: The GPEW draft resolution will be withdrawn. The GPEW will start a process with the member parties to prepare a more developed paper for the next Council.
- Marine protected areas in European waters: no questions
- Campaign to sign/ratify the UN Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons: no questions
- Revision of EU Directive on Trans European Transportation Network: no questions
- Global Greens congress South Korea: no questions
- EU Mercosur trade agreement:

Ellen van Reesch, from GroenLinks, introduces the resolution which aims at two things: the human rights situation which deteriorated especially for certain vulnerable groups, and the dramatic increase in forest fires in the Amazon rainforests destroying precious eco-systems, not only in Brazil but also in other Mercosur countries. The destruction serves economic gains, much of it being for the production of beef and soy products that are exported to Europe. Meanwhile the EU keeps negotiating the Mercosur trade deal. Since the EU is the second biggest trade partner of Brazil, it has leverage. The EU should send a strong signal that it cannot agree on any trade deal until there is credible action to stop deforestation and address human rights. Secondly, the resolution is about the content and purposes of trade agreements in general and the contradiction it creates with the self-claimed EU front-running on climate and sustainability, the EU having signed the Paris Agreement and the UN Agenda 2030 on sustainable development and many other related commitments. These remain empty if trade policies, which are the main instrument the EU has, are not serving these goals. The text calls for a revision of the fundamental principles of trade policies and agreements to make them deliver these sustainability objectives and to ban investor protection mechanisms (ISDS/ICS...) from any existing and future treaties.

It is pointed out that EGP adopted a resolution on illegal deforestation in Europe at the Berlin Council of November 2018 ("Save European forests!" :

<https://europeangreens.eu/content/save-european-forests>)

- Support refugees arriving in Greece:

Ruth Noorduynd from GroenLinks explains that this resolution wants the EU and member states together with Greece to do far more for the relocation of the refugees that arrive in Greece, to relocate them fairly in Europe, and to relieve the refugees of the terrible circumstances they are living in on the islands, especially before winter sets in. It also calls for recalling the deal with Turkey and to work on a more structural solution to handle the shifting numbers of refugees, which vary depending on crises in the world.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs there have been three emergency resolutions tabled:

- EGP supports opening accession negotiations with North Macedonia and Albania
- Brexit highlights that the struggle for European unity is more important than ever
- The EGP supports the "Hirak" in Algeria

Plenary session

Presentation of the candidates for the other statutory bodies of the EGP

9:30 - 10:30

Moderator:

- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, EGP Committee, MEP (France)

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the candidates successively to present themselves

- EGP Committee candidate, Indrit Abdiaj from Albanian Greens

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield explains that some candidacies have arrived very shortly after the deadline. The Council will be asked on Sunday to accept by vote the late candidacies before proceeding with the election.

- Candidates for Finance Advisory Board:

- Christian Kmiotek, déi gréng (Luxembourg)
- Yves Fossi, EELV (France) – not present
- Nadia van Huisstede, GroenLinks (The Netherlands)

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield points out that in view of the fact that there are two male and one female candidate and in view of the 50+ gender rule, only one male candidate can be elected, an election for the third female person will have to be organized at the next council.

- Conciliation Panel

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield announces that the Panel can consists of between 5 and 9 members, but only 4 candidates have submitted their candidacies. The Committee proposes to vote all four candidates en bloc tomorrow:

- Sergi Alegre, ICV (Spain)
 - Emily Büning, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (Germany)
 - Frieda Jans, Groen (Belgium) (video presentation)
 - Alex Deval, EELV (France)
- Green European Foundation – EGP representative in the General Assembly
- Emma Nohrén, miljöpartiet de gröna (Sweden)
- Global Greens Coordination representatives – 6 EGP representatives in the Global Greens Coordination (GGC): 1 full Committee member, 2 full member parties' members, 1 alternate Committee member, 2 alternate member parties' delegates:
- Pegah Edalatian, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (Germany) – Jamila Schäfer from the German Greens presents his candidacy, as Pegah Edalatian is not present.
 - Eva Goës, miljöpartiet de gröna (Sweden)
 - Igor Jurisic, SMS Zeleni Evrope (Slovenia)
 - Sergii Kurykin, Party of Greens of Ukraine
 - Annika Ojala, Vihreät - De Gröna (Finland)
 - Josef Smida, Zelení (Czech Republic)
 - Eleanor Morrissey, Green Party of England and Wales (UK)
 - Charlotte Soulary, EELV (France)

Gwendoline thanks all the candidates for their presentations and ends the session.

Plenary session

Meet the Finnish Greens

11:00 – 12:00

Moderator:

- Panu Laturi, former Secretary General of the Finnish Greens and former EGP Committee member (Finland)

Speakers:

- Lasse Miettinen, former Secretary General of the Finnish Greens
- Kaisa Hernberg, Leader of the Green city council group in Helsinki
- Oras Tynkkynen, former Member of the Finnish Parliament
- Heidi Hautala, MEP, Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, vice-president of the European Parliament and former Minister for International Development and State Ownership Steering
- Anni Sinnemäki, Green deputy mayor of Helsinki

Lasse Miettinen presents the election successes of the Greens in Finland and the history of Finnish politics in the last 8 years. He introduces research done on green voters and highlights environment, ending poverty and education as key policy issues.

Oras Tynkkynen highlights three significant changes of the Finnish Greens over the past years: growth, renewing the composition of the party and parliamentary group, and maturity of the party.

Heidi Hautala emphasises the importance of trainings and skills development of the young party people. She states that there has been a change in what is considered mainstream, the Finnish Greens having been able to position themselves as part of mainstream. She sees this is a positive development, leading to higher acceptance of the Greens by citizenship.

Kaisa Hernberg stresses that in addition to people in bigger cities voting green, now also voters from smaller municipalities turn out to vote Green.

Anni Siinemäki agrees that Green issues have become mainstream and that Greens aren't seen as a marginal voice anymore. She emphasises that focusing on values instead of facts in political communication is beneficial to pushing forward more radical ideas.

Panu Laturi raises the question of working in the government alongside right-way parties. Anni Siinemäki answers that communication with one's own voters and staying true to one's own values is crucial.

Heidi Hautala discusses the challenges of grand coalitions.

Kaisa Hernberg states that the Finnish Greens are the most influential party in the Helsinki City Council and that the party has proven to be very competent in building partnerships. She advises not to badmouth other parties, to choose one's battles carefully and to keep good communication within one's own party and with public servants.

Oras Tynkkynen highlights some of the victories of Finnish Greens such as the climate neutrality target for 2035, and an increased funding for nature protection. He adds that education is a topic the Finnish Greens have managed to spearhead, this being key to their success.

The panellists answer questions from the floor.

Plenary session

Climate emergency: from declarations to action

14:30 – 15:45

Moderator:

- Monica Frassoni, EGP co-chair (Italy)

Speakers:

- Virginijus Sinkevicius, EU Commissioner designate for Environment and Oceans (Lithuania)
- Krista Mikkonen, Finnish Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (Finland)
- Michael Bloss, MEP (Germany)
- Laura Kolehmainen, climate activist (Finland)
- Marie Pochon, secretary general of Notre Affaire à Tous (France)

Monica Frassoni opens the session. She describes the definition of “climate emergency” and its connection to current social movements. She shares an overview of local authorities that have declared climate emergency, defining the aim of the plenary as to discuss what concrete actions should follow a climate emergency declaration.

She welcomes the first speaker, EU Commissioner designate for Environment and Oceans Virginijus Sinkevicius.

Virginijus Sinkevicius opens his intervention underlining that the Greens stand for an open and free Europe, the Green Wave now reaching its peak. He discusses the ecological transition and the fact that this transition shouldn't remain theoretical, but that it is time to out to ordinary people, encompassing all fields of society. He continues by describing the role his portfolio will play in this transition and his three priorities: (1) protection of biodiversity has a strategic role, its importance being shared by the college of the EU Commissioners, and for which he is going to prepare a new EU strategy; (2) circular economy, its action plan aiming at making the EU's economy resource-efficient throughout the entire production cycle; (3) zero pollution. He concludes by remarking the importance of having on-board not only the EU Commissioners but also local and regional governments in order to effectively implement the strategies he will be pursuing during his mandate.

Monica Frassoni opens the second part of the session by asking all speakers how useful the notion of climate emergency is, and what should be the actions that should follow a climate emergency declaration.

Laura Kolehmainen states that the notion of emergency can be useful if it is followed by concrete actions. **Marie Pochon** continues by highlighting the discrepancy between public

announcements on the climate crisis and actual political inaction or unambitious action both in France and in the entire EU. She stresses that climate emergency is also a social emergency both outside and within the EU, due to social inequalities and environment degradation that are being aggravated by climate change, and that an emergency should not imply a restriction, but an enlargement of the people's rights.

Monica Frassoni continues by asking Minister **Krista Mikkonen** if national governments feel the mounting pressure coming from civil society. Krista Mikkonen states that Finland's ambitious climate targets were a consequence of this external pressure. She underlines that ambitious targets are only a beginning and that progressive climate policies must be accompanied by a just transition in order to guarantee social protection.

Monica Frassoni then asks **Michael Bloss** MEP to elaborate on the European Parliament's climate emergency proposal. Michael Bloss claims that the novelty in the current situation is not the acknowledgment of the climate crisis, but that civil society is taking a stand vis-à-vis political inaction. He evokes the sense of frustration felt within the climate movement and argues that it is important to respond to this frustration by pushing for policies at the European and national level. He underlines that carbon-neutrality is a long-term, generational project, and that Greens should embrace this project as theirs.

Monica Frassoni gives the floor to Virginijus Sinkevicius. He claims that this was a momentous time for climate action in terms of support from European citizens. He argues that the youth movement is driven by fear for the future, which cannot be assuaged by weak action. He continues by highlighting that all sectors of society must have climate protection as a common target and that Europe needs to be at the forefront of the fight against climate change.

Laura Kolehmainen agrees with the analysis of the youth movement. She claims the youth will not stop until politics deliver, and that the situation could deteriorate otherwise.

Marie Pochon argues that politics (and Green politicians) should transform into political acts and legislation the victories that climate activists are obtaining in civil society.

Michael Bloss holds that EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's choice of naming the Commission's climate policy "European Green Deal" is a success of the Greens who have been using the terminology "Green New Deal" for ten years. He claims that the Commission's long ranging targets such as 2050 are not synonymous with immediate action: what is needed is a climate law that encompasses more proximate targets (such as 2030), a carbon budget, etc. He continues by arguing that Europe should become the hothouse of industrial decarbonisation and that the European Investment Bank should become a climate bank.

Krista Mikkonen states that, within the Council, Finland's aims are to reach the 2050 targets and that, although at different levels, there was a shared awareness among the EU national governments. Finance is the main concern and just transition is a key element to support countries being in a difficult financial and economic situation. She states that one of the

priorities of Finland's EU presidency is circular economy as the most important tool to reach resource-efficiency and to protect biodiversity.

Monica Frassoni opens the floor to questions from the public on topics ranging from system change, electric transport, and employment in rural areas to Greens in government. Virginijus Sinkevicius argues for the need to have a system change accompanying climate policies for electric transport to explore climate-proof technologies and for rural areas to be developed organically. Krista Mikkonen adds that for Greens being in government means to be under scrutiny to deliver on their own promises. Laura Kolehmainen picks up the discussion on rural areas by arguing that Greens should not only push for a just transition that is inclusive of demographics, but also that the Greens should push for less consumption by their urban, educated voters. Michael Bloss discusses how society has advanced farer than decision-makers in terms of climate action, and he argues that the role of the Greens should be to further mobilise, portraying change as something positive. Marie Pochon concludes by pointing out that through civil disobedience the question of the legality and legitimacy of climate inaction is raised, and she claims that politicians should follow up on this and change laws and regulations.

Monica Frassoni concludes the session.

Keynote

Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

16:15 – 16:45

Pekka Haavisto welcomes all present to Tampere. He starts his speech by focusing on the success of Green parties across Europe and on the growth in salience of Green topics. He then focuses on the Finnish presidency of the EU Council and on his work as Foreign Minister and the importance of raising the importance of human rights, of denuclearization, of the EU enlargement in the Western Balkans, and on the situation in the EU's neighbourhood namely in Turkey and Syria. He finishes by emphasizing the importance of unity inside the Green family.

Video presentation

30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall

16:45 – 17:00

A video celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall is shown, featuring Green European politicians sharing their personal connection to this historical event and how it impacted their political views.

Plenary Session

Greens/EFA in EP: Shaping the new direction for the European Union

17:00 – 18:30

Moderator:

- Ska Keller, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament

Speakers

- Saskia Bricmont, MEP (Belgium)
- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, MEP (France)
- Terry Reintke, MEP and Vice-President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament (Germany)
- Ciarán Cuffe, MEP (Ireland)
- Heidi Hautala, MEP (Finland)

Ska Keller introduces the session which has a goal to introduce the Green Group in the European Parliament and to showcase the changes that have happened due to the 2019 European elections. **Terry Reintke** points out the enthusiasm of the newly constituted Group, due to its large share of new MEPs and their diverse background. She points out that it yet lacks wider geographical representation, especially from Eastern and Southern Europe. She points out that the Green Group is now the 4th biggest group, making it bigger than the far right. She also highlights that new majorities need to be found due to the lack of a clear majority-minority dynamic. She ends by focusing on the importance of links with the civil society.

Saskia Bricmont, starts by sharing her experience in the European Parliament and how it differs from her past experiences at the national and regional levels. She focuses on the importance of the fight for children's rights of 'fighters' in Syria and Iraq, a topic she is currently working on, stating that even in difficult topics it is essential that Greens stand on the side of human rights and have a compelling story to tell.

Ciarán Cuffe points out the importance for the Irish Green Party to be, after 15 years, back in the European Parliament. He points out that cities are the place where a just transition needs to happen and that this is why the Greens are relevant in cities.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield points out that during the last years, the three pillars of the European Green family - the party, the parliamentary group and the foundation - have been working more closely together. She also states that her work in the EGP has given her an understanding on the cultural differences within the Green family. She finishes by sharing that her focus on this mandate will be on the rule of law protection, on transparency in the European Union, on working for a more federal Europe and on gender issues.

Heidi Hautala shares with the audience how she got involved at the European level through the European Greens before Finland joined the EU, and how she became an MEP in 1995. She points out that her focus will be on a responsible business conduct and on developing a more realistic count of the environmental impact of businesses. She concludes by reminding how much the Greens were divided in the 90s and that this has changed dramatically in recent years.

Questions from the audience are answered.

The session concludes with several MEPs leading discussions in small groups.

Plenary Session

Farewell to the outgoing Committee members

18:30 – 19:00

Moderators:

- Mar Garcia, Secretary General EGP (Spain)
- Evelyne Huytebroeck, Committee member EGP (Belgium)
- Thomas Waitz, Committee member EGP (Austria)

Speakers:

- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield (France)
- Lena Lindström (Sweden)
- Reinhard Bütikofer (Germany)
- Monica Frassoni (Italy)

Mar Garcia starts the session by presenting a video of the incumbent Committee members not seeking re-election, and their work during their mandates, focusing on the work of Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield. Evelyne Huytebroeck takes the stage and focuses on the work of Lena Lindström. Mar Garcia takes the stage and focuses on the work of Reinhard Bütikofer.

Finally, Thomas Waitz takes the stage to talk about the work of Monica Frassoni. The outgoing Committee members express their gratitude and share some personal thoughts.

Sunday, 10 November 2019

Plenary Session

Membership relations and reporting

9:00 – 09:30

Chair: **Mar Garcia**, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

Mar Garcia reports on different aspects of the 2019 EU elections campaign of the EGP: the campaign working groups, the online campaign, gatherings/meet-ups, social media outreach, the Tilt ChangeMaking platform, the cooperation with the partners (information campaigns of the Greens/EFA in EP, the training tools of FYEG and GEF). These all delivered good work and were quite successful.

The Committee believes there is room for improvement:

- Regarding the role of the Spitzenkandidaten/leading candidates: member parties could make much more use of them in their European campaign; invest more in how to integrate the Spitzenkandidaten in national campaigns.
- The Tilt platform to be spread more widely among the members of the member parties. There is a lot of room for development here. If already all the members of the member parties were registered on Tilt, it would make a solid base for campaigning.

Mar Garcia points out that a long and exhaustive campaign evaluation is available online (<https://europeangreens.eu/sites/europeangreens.eu/files/ExtensiveEvaluationEGPCampaign2019.pdf>). Welcoming the proposal of Groen (Belgium), commitment is expressed to develop a shared perspective of the 2019 campaign together with the member parties in 2020, with the aim to define what can be taken up for the next EU election campaign in 2023/24.

Mar Garcia continues by asking the delegates and international coordinators to inform the EGP office when new people start in their boards, secretariats or communications departments, in order to keep the EGP database up-to-date. Having the right contacts in the party is important also in view of pushing on the member parties' agendas the European sphere and the European Greens' approach.

She adds that there has been much more mentioning of transnational lists than at the last EU election 2014. If this becomes a reality, the EGP will have to discuss how this model will shape the European Greens' next European election campaign in 2024. She promises to closely

monitor, together with the Greens in the EP, the evolution of this topic in the framework of the EU Commission President Van der Leyen's Conference on the Future of Europe and announces that the member parties will be updated closely.

Vula Tsetsi, Secretary General, Greens/EFA in EP comments that a lesson learned is that the work for 2024 must start as early as of January 2020. The Group is preparing a structure that – if accepted – will connect the Group campaigners directly with the member parties. The Group will also invest in network officers for enlarging the next Group with potential partners.

Regarding the Activity Plan 2020, Mar Garcia points out that it needs to be defined more clearly by the new EGP Committee. The focus for 2020 will be on two big areas: The common campaign on climate and the strengthening of the Green presence in Southern and Eastern Europe.

Mar Garcia lists the mechanisms planned:

- European Ideas' Lab (EILs)

EILs held in Brussels and in several regions in Europe during 2018 and 2019 allowed to connect the Green narrative and Green policy proposals with civic society.

- Local Councillor / Green Cities Conferences

Strong Greens on the local level are important. Challenges, among other, will be the very specific local issues, language issue etc.

- Tilt, the ChangeMaking platform

The EGP Committee wants to invest in identifying with the member parties how Tilt can be of help on a national level. Mar Garcia announces that the EGP Committee will coordinate such a process in 2020, Tilt being a precious instrument that will be key for upcoming EGP campaigns. Mar asks the delegates to spread the word about Tilt within their party and make them sign up under <https://www.tilt.green/>.

- Green Family meetings

The plan is to organise meetings before EU Councils, connecting and coordinating Greens that are holding offices as green ministers and state secretaries.

- Coordination with the EGP partners: Greens/EFA in EP, FYEG, GEF and Global Greens

Mar Garcia announces that the EGP Committee will invest a lot into intensifying these partnerships. She highlights that the next Global Greens congress will be held in South Korea in July 2021.

The presentation is followed by comments from the floor.

Reinhard Bütikofer, MEP, Co-Chair EGP Committee, states that EILs have been done successfully, together with the Greens/EFA in the EP, in several regions. He encourages everybody to take this format up as EILs have been strengthening and enriching

considerably the Greens' relationship with local NGOs and local initiatives. He continues by stating that the ambition is to improve quantitatively and qualitatively the Local Councillor / Green Cities Conferences

Regarding the Green family meetings, Reinhard Bütikofer gives as a specific example the Lithuanian EU Commissioner designate Sinkevicius who promised he would be prepared to organise an annual meeting with all the national or regional ministers for environment, climate, energy etc. to connect everybody and to facilitate a professional topical exchange.

Regarding the non-EU member parties, Reinhard Bütikofer states that due to the EU election campaign, the EGP Committee's focus was on the EU. He underscores that there is a need to stay connected to the member parties outside the EU, also mentioning the UK Greens who might not be within the EU in a short period and the Swiss Greens, having had a great election result last October.

Finally, Mar Garcia gives a very short update regarding the court case between the EGP and the former Dutch member party De Groenen, the court case in Brussels being on hold due to an unresolved legal representation situation on the side of the party.

Plenary Session

Presentation of finances

9:30 – 10:00

Chair: **Lena Lindström**, treasurer (Sweden)

Lena Lindström presents the accounts 2018, the draft budget 2020 and the proposal for a revision of the membership fee rules and the allocation of votes. She specifically points to the big election success in the EU elections 2019, leading to a considerable increase in funds possibly available for the EGP. These have to be accompanied by more own resources to reach the funding requirement of 10% own contribution. With the current income structure, especially the income from membership fees which currently account for 95% of the EGP's own resources, the EGP won't be able to apply for the EP funds it would be eligible to. This has led the EGP Committee to propose a revision of the membership fee rules, as they will be voted later the day.

Ute Michel presents the report of the Finance Advisory Board. The Finance Advisory Board recommends the Council to adopt the tabled financial documents.

Election session

10:30 - 11:30

Co-chairs:

- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, MEP (France)
- Mar Garcia, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that 125 votes have been initially allocated. Seven allocated votes from three member parties have been withdrawn because of unpaid membership fees 2019. Hence, the total amount of allocated votes is 118. A 3/4 majority of the allocated votes is 89 votes; a 2/3 majority of the allocated votes is 79 votes.

The electronic voting system is introduced to the delegates. In a trial vote, 118 out of 118 allocated votes are cast. The 50%+1 attendance quorum is thus reached.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield reminds the Council that the number of votes cast includes positive votes, negative votes and abstentions.

Voting session

11:30 – 13:00

Co-chairs:

- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, MEP (France)
- Mar Garcia, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

Election of the EGP Committee members for the term November 2019 - May 2022

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield explains the rules for elections: if a candidate wins more than 50% of the votes cast, s/he is elected in the first round. Should no candidate gain more than 50% of the first-round vote, a second round will be held between the two highest-scoring candidates.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for Evelyne Huytebroeck, a candidate for a female co-chair.

Evelyne Huytebroeck is elected as the co-chair with 115 votes in favour, no votes against and 3 abstentions.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for Thomas Waitz, a candidate for a male co-chair.

Thomas Waitz is elected as the co-chair with 116 votes in favour, no votes against and 2 abstentions.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for Mar Garcia, a candidate for a Secretary General.

Mar Garcia is elected as the secretary general with 115 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for Ute Michel, a candidate for a Treasurer.

Ute Michel is as the treasurer unanimously elected with 118 votes in favour.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for the first of the other Committee members.

In the first round, Oras Tynkkynen gains 78 votes (66,1%), Vula Tsetsi gains 18 votes (15,3%), Bodil Valero gains 7 votes (5,9%), Vitalie Marinuta gains 5 votes (4,2%), Jean Lambert gains 4 votes (3,4%), Michal Berg 4 votes (3,4%), Mélanie Vogel and Indrit Abdiaj gain 1 vote each (0,8%).

Oras Tynkkynen is thus elected as the 5th EGP Committee member.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for the second of the other Committee members.

Vula Tsetsi gains 87 votes (73,7%), Jean Lambert gains 10 votes (8,5%), Mélanie Vogel gains 8 votes (6,8%), Bodil Valero gains 6 votes (5,1%), Vitalie Marinuta gains 5 votes (4,2%), Michal Berg and Indrit Abdiaj gain 1 vote each (0,8%).

Vula Tsetsi is thus elected as the 6th EGP Committee member.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for the third of the other Committee members.

Mélanie Vogel gains 52 votes (44,1%), Jean Lambert gains 36 votes (30,5%), Bodil Valero gains 13 votes (11%), Vitalie Marinuta gains 10 votes (8,5%), Michal Berg gains 5 votes (4,2%) and Indrit Abdiaj gains 2 votes (1,7%).

Since no candidate has reached an absolute majority, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote between Melanie Vogel and Jean Lambert. Mélanie Vogel gains 66 votes (55,9%) and Jean Lambert gains 52 votes (44,1%).

Mélanie Vogel is thus elected as the 7th EGP Committee member.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for the fourth of the other Committee members.

Michal Berg gains 45 votes (38,1%), Jean Lambert gains 41 votes (34,7%), Vitalie Marinuta gains 16 votes (13,6%), Bodil Valero gains 13 votes (11%) and Indrit Abdiaj gains 3 votes (2,5%).

Since no candidate has reached an absolute majority, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote between Jean Lambert and Michal Berg. Michal Berg gains 74 votes (62,7%) and Jean Lambert gains 44 votes (37,3%).

Michal Berg is thus elected as the 8th EGP Committee member.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for the fifth of the other Committee members.

Jean Lambert gains 89 votes (76,7%), Vitalie Marinuta gains 16 votes (13,8%), Bodil Valero gains 11 votes (9,5%) and Indrit Abdiaj gains 0 votes.

Jean Lambert is thus elected as the 9th EGP Committee member.

The delegates congratulate the newly elected Committee. Thomas Waitz and Evelyne Huytebroeck as newly elected co-chairs thank the Council for their support.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield explains that some of the candidacies for elections to other bodies arrived just after the deadline. The Committee proposes to allow those candidacies for election. The Council adopts the proposal of the Committee to allow these candidacies for election.

Election Finance Advisory Board (FAB), November 2019 – November 2022

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield explains that as not enough female candidacies have presented themselves, a second elections will be organised at the next Council to fill the missing position.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for the 1st member of the Financial Advisory Board. Nadia van Huisstede gains 66 votes (56,9%), Christian Kmiotek gains 46 votes (39,7%) and Yves Fossi gains 4 votes (3,4%).

Nadia van Huisstede is thus elected as the 1st member of the FAB.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the delegates to vote for the 2nd member of the Finance Advisory Board. Christian Kmiotek gains 89 votes (76,1%) and Yves Fossi gains 27 votes (23,1%), 1 abstention.

Christian Kmiotek is thus elected as the 2nd member of the FAB.

Election Conciliation Panel, November 2019 – November 2022

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield reminds the Council that according to the Rule Book, the Conciliation Panel consists of minimum 5, maximum 9 persons. 4 candidacies have presented themselves: Sergi Alegre, Emily May Büning, Frieda Jans and Alex Deval. New elections will be organised next Council to fill in the missing position(s). The Committee proposes to vote for these candidacies en bloc.

Sergi Alegre, Emily May Büning, Frieda Jans and Alex Deval are elected en bloc with 111 votes in favour (95,7%), 3 votes against (2,6%) and 2 abstentions (1,7%).

The four candidates are thus elected as member of the Conciliation Panel.

Election EGP representative in the GEF General Assembly

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that one of the members stepped down and the Council needs to elect a new member for the period of 1 year.

She invites the delegates to vote for Emma Nohrén.

Emma Nohrén is elected as the EGP representative in the GEF general assembly with 111 votes in favour, no votes against and 4 abstentions.

Election EGP representatives in the Global Greens Coordination

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield reminds the Council that the first two candidates to be elected should fill the main seats and the next two be elected as alternates. She also informs the Council that Pegah Edalatian has withdrawn her candidacy, as there were enough candidates.

She invites the Council to vote for the 1st EGP representative in the Global Greens Coordination.

In the first round Eva Goës gains 56 votes (47,5%), Eleanor Morrissey gains 23 votes (19,5%), Josef Šmida gains 12 votes (10,2%), Igor Jurišič gains 12 votes (10,2%), Charlotte Soulyry gains 6 votes (5,1%), Sergii Kurykin gains 5 votes (4,2%), Annika Ojala gains 2 votes (1,7%) and 2 abstentions (1,7%).

Since no candidate has reached the absolute majority, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote between Eva Goës and Eleanor Morrissey. Eva Goës gains 77 votes (66,4%) and Eleanor Morrissey gains 37 votes (31,9%) and 2 abstentions.

Eva Goës is elected as the 1st EGP representative to the Global Greens coordination.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote for the 2nd EGP representative in the Global Greens Coordination.

Josef Šmida gains 51 votes (43,6%), Eleanor Morrisey gains 30 votes (25,6%), Sergii Kurykin gains 14 votes (12%), Charlotte Souлары gains 11 votes (9,4%), Igor Jurišič gains 10 votes (8,5%), Annika Ojala gains 1 vote (0,9%), no abstentions.

Since no candidate has reached the absolute majority, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote between Josef Šmida and Eleanor Morrisey. Josef Šmida gains 71 votes (61,7%) and Eleanor Morrisey gains 41 votes (35,7%) and 3 abstentions.

Josef Šmida is elected as the 2nd EGP representative to the Global Greens coordination.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote for the 1st alternate EGP representative in the Global Greens Coordination.

Eleanor Morrisey gains 59 votes (50,4%), Charlotte Souлары gains 33 votes (28,2%), Sergii Kurykin gains 17 votes (14,5%), Igor Jurišič gains 6 votes (5,1%), Annika Ojala gains 2 votes (1,7%), no abstentions.

Eleanor Morrisey is elected as the 1st alternate EGP representative to the Global Greens coordination.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote for the 2nd alternate EGP representative in the Global Greens Coordination.

Charlotte Souлары gains 63 votes (54,8%), Sergii Kurykin gains 28 votes (24,3%), Igor Jurišič gains 15 votes (13%), Annika Ojala gains 9 votes (7,8%), no abstentions.

Charlotte Souлары is elected as the 2nd alternate EGP representative to the Global Greens coordination.

Voting session

11:30 – 13:00

Co-chairs:

- Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, MEP (France)
- Mar Garcia, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

Membership application: Verdi-Grüne-Vërc, South Tyrol for full membership

Verdi-Grüne-Vërc, South Tyrol, presents the party to the Council. Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield reminds the Council that a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the allocated votes is required and invites the Council to vote on the application of Verdi-Grüne-Vërc, South Tyrol for full membership at the EGP.

Verdi-Grüne-Vërc, South Tyrol is accepted as full member of the EGP with 115 votes in favour, no votes against and 1 abstention.

Membership issues: withdrawal membership LZP, Latvia

Martin Staks addresses the Council on behalf of LZP, Latvia. Reinhard Bütikofer summarises the arguments presented in writing to the Council.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield reminds the Council that a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the allocated votes is required and invites the Council to vote on the withdrawal of membership of LZP, Latvia.

The membership of LZP Latvia is withdrawn with 94 votes in favour, 7 votes against and 14 abstentions.

Membership issues: membership withdrawal by Zelena Partija, Bulgaria

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that Zelena Partija, Bulgaria, has withdrawn its membership from the European Green Party. Their communication of September 2019 was shared with the Council.

Draft Minutes Berlin Council

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that there were no amendments received to the draft minutes for Berlin Council and invites to vote by show of cards.

Draft Minutes for Berlin Council are adopted unanimously.

Accounts 2018

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites to adopt the Accounts 2018.

Accounts 2018 Council are adopted with 111 votes in favour, no votes against and no abstentions.

Changes to the Rule Book: Membership Fees and Reimbursement rules

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that there were no amendments received to the draft changes to the Rule Book on membership fees and reimbursement rules and invites to vote.

The proposed changes to the Rule Book on membership fees and reimbursement rules are adopted with 105 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 7 abstentions.

Changes to Statutes: Proposal revision allocation of votes

Charles Booth, Scottish Greens, raises concerns over the proposed principle for the allocation of extra votes for parliamentary representation due to different electoral systems in the countries. Thomas Waitz proposes to vote on whether the Council prefers to proceed with the vote on the draft proposal or to postpone it until the next Council.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote as proposed. The Council votes to postpone the discussion and decision on the revision of allocation of votes until the next Council.

EGP membership list, Annex B of the EGP Statutes

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the EGP Membership list, Annex B to the EGP Statutes.

The EGP membership list, Annex B of the EGP Statutes is adopted with 109 votes in favour, no votes against and 3 abstentions.

Membership fees 2020 and budget 2020

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the membership fees 2020 based on the revised and adopted criteria for calculating the membership fees adopted earlier today.

The membership fees 2020 based on the earlier adopted changes to the Rule Book are adopted with 112 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 5 abstentions.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft budget 2020 based on the new membership fees.

The budget 2020 is adopted with 116 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

Activity Plan 2020

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the Activity plan 2020 and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc. As part of the agreement of the compromise AM found with Groen, the EGP will organise an exchange of views with the member parties on the 2019 campaign.

Compromise amendments to the draft Activity plan 2020 are adopted unanimously en bloc.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft Activity plan 2020 as amended.

The Activity plan 2020 as amended is adopted unanimously.

2019 Campaign evaluation

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that the amendment submitted to the 2019 campaign evaluation has been withdrawn and invites the Council to vote on the draft 2019 Campaign evaluation as tabled.

The 2019 Campaign evaluation is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “Green Campaign: from Climate Emergency to Climate Neutrality”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments but one, amendment 4 from ICV. The original amendment has been amended and is now as follows: replace “Sevilla” with “Barcelona”.

The amendment 4 as amended is adopted with 10 abstentions.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the rest of the compromise amendments en bloc. The compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted unanimously en bloc.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Green campaign: from climate emergency to climate neutrality” as amended is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “The Value of Culture in Europe”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that the draft resolution “The Value of Culture in Europe” has been withdrawn and a working process among the member parties is to be established to produce a revised draft for the next Council.

Resolution “Marine Protected Areas in European Waters”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted unanimously.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Marine Protected Areas in European Waters” as amended is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “Support campaigning for all the governments to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons through a Europe-wide alignment campaign”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted unanimously.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Support campaigning for all the governments to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons through a Europe-wide alignment campaign” as amended is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “TEN-T: climate emergency revision”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted unanimously.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “TEN-T: climate emergency revision” as amended is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “5th Global Greens Congress in South Korea in Summer 2021: an opportunity for an international green wave”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted unanimously.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “5th Global Greens Congress in South Korea in Summer 2021: an opportunity for an international Green wave” as amended is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “Stop the EU-Mercosur trade deal and make all trade agreements work for sustainable development”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted unanimously.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Stop the EU-Mercosur trade deal and make all trade agreements work for sustainable development” as amended is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “Support refugees arriving in Greece”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for most of the amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 3 abstentions.

Amendment 37A is rejected with 10 votes in favour and 5 abstentions

CAS Amendment 52 (replacing “withdraw” by “revisit”) is rejected with 9 votes in favour and 7 abstentions.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Support refugees arriving in Greece” as amended is adopted with 3 votes against and 2 abstentions.

Resolution “EGP supports opening accession negotiations with North Macedonia and Albania”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 4 abstentions.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “EGP supports opening accession negotiations with North Macedonia and Albania” as amended is adopted with 1 abstention.

Resolution “Brexit highlights that the struggle for European unity is more important than ever”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

Compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 1 abstention.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Brexit highlights that the struggle for European unity is more important than ever” as amended is adopted unanimously.

Resolution “The EGP supports the “Hirak” in Algeria”

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield informs the Council that there were no amendments drafted to this draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the draft as tabled.

The resolution “The EGP supports the ‘Hirak’ in Algeria” is adopted unanimously.

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield thanks the delegates for the very productive work and closes the voting session.

Closing remarks



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Mar Garcia gives the closing words. She thanks everyone for participating and especially the people who helped preparing the Council, the EGP team and the Finnish Greens for hosting the EGP. Mar announces that the next EGP Council in spring 2020 will take place in North Macedonia (Skopje, 12-14 June 2020)