

The EGP Committee proposes the Online Council, 10-13 June to decide on the approximate date of the next EGP Congress based on several factors outlined in the point “Date”.

As background, please find here summarised articles of the EGP Statutes (article 6.4) and Rule Book (articles 12 and 13) regarding the Congress:

- The **EGP Congress** is an enlarged meeting of the Council, which convenes by a decision of the Council and which **meets at least once every 5 years**.
- The **purpose** of a Congress is more than just a decision-making meeting:
 - to unite in a joint assembly a larger part of the Green family in the deliberations and decision-making process
 - to allow a greater representation of Members at Congress meetings
 - to show and highlight the development and strengths of the European Green Party and the Green family at large.
- **Composition.** The Congress consists of 400 delegates allocated proportionally, based on:
 - the principle of a **minimum of 4 delegates** per full Member Party
 - the allocation of delegates is based on the number of votes which the Member parties gained, and the highest percentage they reached in the last national or last European elections
 - GGEP and FYEG have the right to appoint six delegates each to Congress and have the right to six votes each.
- With regards to voting, the **quorum and voting rules** are applied in the same way as in the Council, the Congress being an enlarged Council.
- **Congress proceedings.** The Council preceding the Congress will:
 - Vote on the rules regarding the conduct and proceedings of the Congress in so-called Congress regulations.
 - Vote on the proposed allocation of delegates
 - Take note of the Congress Presidium proposed by the Committee. *The Congress Presidium presides over the Congress. It is composed of several experienced party members appointed by Committee. They are responsible for the correct proceedings and regulations during the Congress and will allocate the speaking time in cooperation with the Chair and the Co-Chair.*

Date and Venue The Council decides on the location and date of the Congress.

The last EGP Congress was held in Liverpool in spring 2017 so it follows that the next Congress would be held in spring 2022.

Practice is that the Committee proposes the date 1,5 years before the Congress to allow the member parties to budget the participation of their delegates.

However, we should keep in mind the next Global Greens Congress, announced for summer 2021 in South Korea, which is now considered being postponed, due to the consequences of the corona virus outbreak is either to autumn 2021 or autumn 2022. The Committee's concern is not to overburden the member parties' people and budget and would prefer having sufficient distance between both congresses. It is also clear that if both congresses were to be held in Autumn 2022, the EGP will not be able to participate with the same capacity. At the same time, there isn't much leeway in view of the next European election campaign for 2024, postponing the EGP Congress to 2023 should be avoided (budget and capacity wise).

Therefore, the Committee proposes that the Online Council decides to postpone the EGP Congress with half a year to Autumn 2022, hoping the Global Greens decide to hold their Congress in summer or Autumn 2021.

By the time the Online EGP Council takes place, the Global Greens are expected to have decided. The EGP Committee may table an amendment to its proposal to clarify, if needed.

In case member parties are interested in hosting the EGP Congress, it would be appreciated very much to communicate this to the Committee for consideration. A proper call for hosting party will follow in due course