

Minutes

As Adopted by the 32nd EGP Council, 2-6 December 2020

Friday, 12 June 2020

Opening of the Council

14:00 - 14:25

Speakers:

- Evelyne Huytebroeck (co-chair EGP)
- Thomas Waitz MEP (co-chair EGP)

The Council opens with a pre-recorded video featuring EGP co-chair Evelyne Huytebroeck.

Evelyne Huytebroeck begins by expressing the Committee's disappointment of not being able to hold the EGP Spring Council physically in Skopje as originally foreseen, and by underlining the exceptional circumstances which the world is living because of the global pandemic.

She continues by decrying the initial, individualistic approach taken by the EU and the EU Member States towards the COVID-19 crisis; she thanks the workers who have kept society functioning, as well as underlines that Greens all over Europe have not stopped their activities.

She stresses that the strength of the Greens lies in their unity and in their capability of sharing common messages. She presents the aim of this online Council, which is to develop a plan to recover from the crisis and to propose a model to change the current economic and social system.

She proceeds with giving an overview of the priorities of this plan, divided into three macro-categories.

The first category refers to the European Union as a project. She states that the EU is founded on the principle of solidarity, although the crisis has shown evident divisions among member states. She claims Greens welcome the EU Commission's "Next Generation EU" package, but call for higher ambitions, with climate, social justice and solidarity towards the most affected countries as pillars.

The second category entails the Green Deal. Evelyne Huytebroeck argues that the Green Deal must be at the centre of the recovery plan, if climate change – with its socio-economic consequences - is to be tackled. She continues by addressing the need for the Green Deal and climate protection to be the core of a radical system change that encompasses the entire current economic system: from energy transition, to green jobs, from mobility to biodiversity and agriculture, etc.

The third category deals with social justice, rights and democracy. Evelyne Huytebroeck once again pays tribute to the workers who have been at the forefront of the health crisis. She stresses that many of these workers are women, underpaid, and that the crisis has hit and will hit disproportionately both the elderly and the young. She argues for a Europe that guarantees the rights for a decent quality of life for all workers. She concludes by stating that Greens will be vigilant against any attempts against democracy and the rule of law that use the health crisis as an excuse.

Evelyne Huytebroeck is joined by EGP co-chair Thomas Waitz in the final segment of the video.

Thomas Waitz reminds the viewers that this is the EGP's first virtual Council, a challenge that the EGP faced with enthusiasm and professionalism. Evelyne Huytebroeck continues by stating that, even if virtually, the Council will maintain its democratic obligations to adopt resolutions and elect statutory bodies.

She concludes with an address to the Macedonian Greens who were supposed to be the hosts of the EGP's 31st Council, thanking them for the enthusiasm they had manifested.

Panel 1

Visions for a Resilient Future

16:30 – 18:00

Moderator:

- **Thomas Waitz**, Co-chair, European Green Party

Keynote speech:

- **Dr Vandana Shiva**, scholar, environmental activist, food sovereignty advocate, and author

Speakers:

- **Bill McKibben** - author, educator, environmentalist, and co-founder of *350.org*
- **Amy Goodman**, journalist and author, host and Executive Producer of *Democracy Now!*
- **Ilaria Capua**, Director of the One Health Center of Excellence at the University of Florida
- **Reinhard Bütikofer MEP**, Greens/EFA Group; Chair of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China of the European Parliament

Thomas Waitz welcomes the audience, introduces himself, explains the context of the panel and introduces the speakers in order of their contributions.

Dr Vandana Shiva notes that she has always been a friend of the Greens as their policies are holistic. She focuses her keynote speech on the relations between the global food system, climate change and the current pandemic. She remarks that globalisation brought back the

injustices of colonial times to the world, only faster, thanks to fossil fuels and human greed. She goes on to explain that the global food system that was shaped by the Uruguay Round of negotiations of the GATT was already inadequate before the COVID-19 crisis in addressing world hunger, but the current pandemic has even contributed to world hunger, as well as deforestation for agricultural purposes has contributed to the easier spread of zoonotic diseases among humans, as it destroys the natural habitat of animals. She highlights that the current health crisis and the ecological crisis are related, and are the consequences of humans disrespecting planetary boundaries when using resources, which in turn are the causes of wealth inequalities. She then dissects the interconnectedness of the global food system and climate change by underlining the CO₂ emissions caused by industrial agriculture and the global processing and transport of its produce. She concludes that the resilience humans need to invest in for the future to avoid such crisis situations like the ones faced at the moment is planetary resilience - nature's ability to recover and reproduce.

Bill McKibben in his contribution tells the audience three points that the COVID-19 situation reminded him of. One - no matter what narrative politicians might favour, reality cannot be neglected, be it the reality of the pandemic or that of the climate crisis. Two - any crisis requires swift action, and the current pandemic, as well as the last thirty years of stalled action on climate change is a great example of that given the severe effects. Three - social solidarity matters, and humanity just got a harsh reminder of just how much it matters. He concludes by saying that he hopes the current situation can be a wake up call for the need to address the climate crisis.

Amy Goodman underlines the role of media and access to media as a prerequisite of democracy in her contribution. She tells the story of the killing of George Floyd at the hands of police officers as an example, which was recorded by a 17 year-old girl. She highlights this as the new type of media reporting and emphasises the importance of supporting media independent of lobby groups, such as Democracy Now, and giving voice to the ordinary people involved in social struggles.

Ilaria Capua starts her intervention by explaining the root of the COVID-19 pandemic in Wuhan's wet market and how its appearance is related to the hunting of exotic animals and how its spread is related to a globally interconnected human society. She continues by presenting her team's research on the possibility of COVID-19 spreading through pets and food animals and emphasises the need to rethink the global food system. She concludes by presenting her group's upcoming research project in Northern Italy on how the pandemic affected the local biodiversity.

Reinhard Bütikofer focuses his contribution on how COVID-19 affected international relations. He starts out by discussing the competition between the USA and China for global hegemony and mentioning that this is the first time in modern history that China has played such a major role in a global crisis as well as the first time that the US does not try to take a leading role in solving it. He highlights how multilateralism is sidelined during the pandemic as countries race to solve their domestic situations, and how it is important for Europe to extend a helping hand towards countries in other parts of the world that are hardest hit by the pandemic, climate change or authoritarianism, and to find new alliances with these countries in a leaderless international community. He underlines that a hopeful sign of the EU's ability to show such leadership is the common solution for recovery being proposed.

Following the contributions **Thomas Waitz** leads the conversation into the questions and answers segment. This segment tackles whether the panellists think that the responses given to COVID-19 prepared humanity for the needed radical, drastic changes to halt climate change; the role that Vladimir Putin's Russia plays in capitalising on the crisis in its sphere of influence

to pursue a revisionist agenda; the role of online disinformation under the pandemic, and how to combat it effectively; the influence the coronavirus crisis had on global trade and e-commerce; how to restructure the global food supply chain to a more localised production; how to make international trade deals climate and human rights proof; and finally, the links between meat production, meat consumption and the climate crisis, as well as the precarious situations of slaughterhouse workers that was amplified under the pandemic.

Thomas Waitz finishes by thanking the speakers for their participation and contributions, announcing the upcoming session and closing the panel.

Panel 2

Restart Europe - Green Compass for Socio-Economic Transformation

18:30 – 20:00

Moderator:

- **Vula Tsetsi**, Committee member, European Green Party

Speakers:

- **Dr Franziska Brantner**, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (Germany), MdB (Member of the German Parliament, Spokesperson for European policy in the Green Group in the German parliament)
- **Leonore Gewessler**, Die Grünen (Austria), Minister of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
- **Małgorzata Tracz**, Partia Zieloni (Poland), Co-chair of the Polish Greens and member of the Polish Parliament
- **Virginijus Sinkevičius**, EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
- **Philippe Lamberts**, Co-president of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament

Vula Tsetsi welcomes those attending and makes an introduction of the topic and the panellists.

Franziska Brantner starts by explaining the change of mood in the German political context regarding austerity and investment as a result of the change in the economic thinking of key economists and of the change of the situation in the United States and in China, leaving Europe as the only market for Germany to expand its economy. **Philippe Lamberts** adds that there was the same type of change in the European context, with European institutions like the European Commission and the European Parliament pushing for a strong recovery answer at the continental level, despite difficulties in agreeing on it at the level of the national governments. **Leonore Gewessler** reacts by outlining the position of the Austrian Greens in the context of their coalition in the Austrian government, where Greens defend a stronger European response with more solidarity while their coalition partner disagrees with that position. **Virginijus Sinkevičius** stresses the importance of the recovery being made through a new economic model. The European Commission plans are made in that line, and Greens need to play an important role in that debate. **Małgorzata Tracz** stresses the importance of the rule of law

conditionality for the recovery funds, even though that position is not very popular in Poland. She defends the channelling of EU funds directly to local governments in the cases where national governments have rule of law issues. **Philippe Lamberts** picks up the issue of conditionality by confirming that the funds should be conditional to rule of law and to environmental standards, with very clear rules that don't allow the Commission and the member-states to work around them. **Leonore Gewessler** stresses how climate action is now more important than ever, and which measures the Austrian government is taking on that aspect. **Franziska Brantner** introduces the topic of the German EU presidency, sharing the focus of the German Greens on climate protection and on rule of law. **Virginijus Sinkevičius** details the way the Commission plans to assess conditionality in the application of the recovery and resilience plan.

Vula Tsetsi introduces a video from the Fridays for Future movement. **Małgorzata Tracz** shares the situation of the mine industry in Poland, which has been closed down temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Virginijus Sinkevičius** stresses that the Commission is trying to make sure no one stays behind in the transition and that funds have been put in place to support regions with heavy reliance on fossil fuels, like Poland's mining regions. **Philippe Lamberts** criticizes the Commission aims regarding trade, with free trade deals with Vietnam and Mercosur being established.

Franziska Brantner shares the experience of the German Greens and how they have managed to reach a support of 20%. **Leonore Gewessler** shares her experience in the Environment Council and how she built alliances to deliver on the Green Deal, and she welcomes the pressure from civil society in order to advance on climate action.

Vula Tsetsi gives the floor to each of the panellists for a final short message and finally ends the panel.

Saturday, 13 June 2020

Plenary

Membership reporting

9:00 – 9:30

Speaker:

- **Mar Garcia**, Secretary General EGP

Mar Garcia reports on the new developments that happened in the EGP since the last Council in Tampere in November 2019. Her main reflections refer to how the Covid-19 crisis affected the organization and forced adjustments in the activity plan and climate campaign of the Committee of the EGP.

A new Committee was elected at Tampere Council. The Committee members used the time to get familiar with their tasks and distribute responsibilities end of 2019, beginning of the 2020. Two retreats were organized for that purpose in December and January.

The EGP started working on its 2020 climate campaign, but the Corona outbreak led to many changes:

- Committee and EGP office started teleworking in March 2020 (still ongoing at the time of this Council)
- The EGP's Activity Plan 2020 had to be modified, such as:
 - (1) organizing an Online Council
 - (2) adjustments to the climate campaign
 - (3) bilateral cooperation with member parties, especially related to foreseen projects and meetings (EILs, Local councillor conferences, etc) had to be postponed.

The first part of the year included efforts to coordinate the Greens' reaction to the Covid-19 crisis:

- dynamic communication and cooperation with member parties
- structured cooperation with the Greens/EFA Group
- coordination with the Green parties in governments.

A challenging moment was to coordinate a Green position to the Covid crisis, being more complex considering the role of national member states and Green parties being part of national governments. The result of these efforts were timely European Green position on the Crisis and Recovery plan.

The EGP Committee took the final decision in April to hold this Council online. Despite countless challenges (for example the voting session, the EGP managed to organise the Online Council in a way that it serves its statutory and political purposes. She invites the Council delegates to give their feedback in order to draw final conclusions.

Despite the constraints, the EGP has managed to make progress on its regional strategy:

- development of a stronger cooperation among the member parties in Southern Europe
- identifying the country-specific actions
- revival of Mediterranean network.

Preparations for COP26 started, even though it became clear that the date of the COP26 would be postponed. Meetings with civil society were held to prepare this COP, and further preparations will happen throughout the year.

Two long term Tilt campaigns were agreed: Food & Health and Human Rights (including gender and LGBTQI rights). A number of short-term campaigns were organized, adjusting to the current political debates.

EGP Networks are active, and the member parties are welcome to join: ENGS, Local Councillors, Gender and Queer network. They function as self-organised spaces that EGP supports in their work.

European Ideas Labs (EIL) are foreseen for the second half of the year, organized jointly with the Greens/EFA Group. One EIL will take place in Brussels in November, and one regional EIL in Hungary mid-October if the Covid situation allows. The EGP Committee intends to upgrade the EILs with the addition of an online dimension.

The Local Councillors/Green cities conference is foreseen to take place in Valencia, Spain in September, and preparation together with Equo (Spain) have started.

The EGP climate emergency campaign was reshaped to address people's concerns in relation to Covid crisis, considering the necessity to readjust and rethink the campaign. The EGP has hired a campaigner for this campaign.

In regard to the changes in the membership list, Mar Garcia points out that:

- ICV (Catalunya) changed name to Esquerra Verda. The party will remain member party of EGP, following the procedure of earlier cases.
- Groza (Russia): chair Alexei Kozlov officially informed the EGP that the party stopped existing. Therefore, their membership will be acknowledged as terminated, and they will be deleted from the membership list.

Questions from the floor regarding ICV / Esquerra Verda and Equo (Spain) from the floor were answered. **Lluís Camprubí** (ICV) emphasizes that the political framework of the party, its cooperations as well as its political identity remain the same.

Plenary

Presentation of finances and FAB statement

9:30 – 10:00

Speaker:

- **Ute Michel**, Treasurer EGP
- **Nadia van Huisstede**, member of the Financial Advisory Board, GroenLinks

Ute Michel starts by outlining the audit process of the budget year 2019, done online by EY in April 2020. The audit was twofold, on the basis of the local generally accepted reporting standard in Belgium and on the basis of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). 2019 was dominated – both regarding activities and finances – by the European Parliament election campaign.

She continues by saying that the European Parliament grant increased again, from 2,3 million EUR in 2018 to 3,4 million EUR in 2019. In order to fund the election campaign activities, part of the EGP Campaign Fund was dissolved.

Since a new EGP Committee was elected at the Autumn 2019 Council in Tampere/Finland, Lena Lindström finished her mandate as treasurer and Ute Michel was elected. Ute Michel expresses her gratitude for Lena Lindström's 10 years' commitment to the EGP's finances.

She continues by explaining in detail expenditure and revenue of the EGP in 2019. Total expenditure was 4 million EUR (budgeted: 4,2 million), total revenue was 4 million EUR. The result was 0 EUR, after an extraction of 153.000 EUR from the Campaign Fund and a provision of 75.000 EUR to the Congress Fund. EGP funds now total 605.000 EUR.

She finishes by saying that the audit report was of unqualified nature and that no amendments had been amended by member parties.

Nadia van Huisstede gives a statement on behalf of the Financial Advisory Board (FAB). She briefly reports on the FAB's engagement in their first half-year since their election at the Autumn 2019 Council in Tampere and states that the FAB have no objections to the accounts 2019 and the audit report as presented by the Committee. She mentions some future topics the FAB would like to work on in cooperation and supported by the Committee and the EGP office.

Plenary

Q&A with the candidates for the Financial Advisory Board (FAB), the Conciliation Panel and with representatives from the Montenegro Green party Civic Movement URA

10:00 – 11:00

Moderator:

- **Mar Garcia**, Secretary General EGP
- **Mélanie Vogel**, Committee member

Mélanie Vogel opens the floor for the presentation of the candidate membership of Civic Movement UR of Montenegro. The applicant party presents a 5-minute video presenting the party's history, political context, and main political debates in the country, followed by a speech by its party leader Dritan Abazovic. Questions from the floor refer to the party's position on LGBT rights and abortion and on migration, followed by answers by Dritan Abazovic.

Mar Garcia opens the floor for the presentation of the candidate for the Financial Advisory Board. She reminds the delegates that two people were elected to the FAB at the Autumn Council 2019 in Tampere and that one female position is open now. Then **Emma Carter** from the Green Party of England and Wales presents herself in a video presentation. No questions are asked from the floor.

Mar Garcia announces the presentations of candidacies for the Conciliation Panel. She details that this body consists of an uneven number of members. Since four people have been elected at the Tampere Council, this Council is invited to elect one or three members. There are 3 female candidates. Mar Garcia announces that the candidacy of Luca Boccoli (Federazione dei Verdi) was withdrawn.

The candidates present themselves in the following order:

- Silvia Pettinicchio (Federazione dei Verdi Italy)
- Milka Stepien (Polish Greens)
- Erica Zucec (Green Ecologic party of Moldova) – video presentation

No questions are asked from the floor.

Online voting session

12:00 – 14:30

Moderators:

- Mar Garcia, Secretary General EGP
- Melanie Vogel, Committee member

Mar Garcia introduces the online voting system to the delegates. The delegates are reminded that the voting session is recorded.

Mar Garcia informs the delegates that 126 votes have been initially allocated. The allocated vote from one member party has been withdrawn because of no response to any of our attempts of getting in touch and the unpaid membership fee 2020. Hence, the total number of allocated votes is 125. A 3/4 majority of the allocated votes is 94 votes; a 2/3 majority of the allocated votes is 84 votes.

In a trial vote, 118 out of 125 allocated votes are cast. The 50%+1 attendance quorum is thus reached.

Online Council meeting and voting rules, valid for the Online 31st EGP Council, 10-13 June

Mar Garcia informs the Council that no amendments were submitted and reminds the delegates that these rules will be used to produce elaborate online Council rules to become part of the EGP Rule Book. Mar Garcia invites the Council to vote on the draft rules as tabled.

The Online Council meeting and voting rules, valid for the Online 31st EGP Council, 10-13 June, are adopted with 118 votes in favour, no votes against and 3 abstentions.

Elections of the 3rd member of the Finance advisory board

Mar Garcia explains that the mandate of the current FAB has started in Tampere last November and will last until November 2022. Emma Carter, Green Party of England and Wales, presented her candidature for this position.

Mar Garcia 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. Mar Garcia invites the Council to vote.

Emma Carter is elected with 121 votes in favour, no votes against and no abstentions. Mar Garcia congratulates her to the election and Emma Carter thanks for the trust put in her.

Elections to Conciliation Panel

Mar Garcia explains that the mandate of the current Conciliation Panel (CP) has started in Tampere last November and will last until November 2022. Four members were elected last November. She continues by explaining that according to the EGP Rule Book, the CP has to be a body with an uneven number of members in order to be able to take decisions. She repeats that one candidate has withdrawn his candidature and there are 3 candidates left.

Mar Garcia proposes to have a CP of 7 members, the rules allowing for membership of 5 to 9 members, and she proposes to vote on the 3 candidates en bloc. Following the objection from a party, each candidate is will be voted separately.

Mar Garcia invites the delegates to vote for the 5th member of the CP.

In the first round, Milka Stepien gains 73 votes (59,8%), Silvia Pettinicchio gains 37 votes (30,3%), Erica Zurec gains 8 votes (6,6%), there are 4 abstentions.

Milka Stepien is elected as the 5th member of the Conciliation Panel in the first round.

Mar Garcia invites the delegates to vote for the 6th member of the CP.

In the first round, Silvia Pettinicchio gains 90 votes (72,6%), Erica Zurec gains 23 votes (18,5%), there are 11 abstentions.

Silvia Pettinicchio is elected as the 6th member of the Conciliation Panel in this round.

Mar Garcia invites the delegates to vote for the 7th member of the CP.

In the first round, Erica Zurec gains 109 votes (87,9%), there are 15 abstentions.

Erica Zurec is elected as the 7th member of the Conciliation Panel in this round.

Mar Garcia congratulates the three to their election and Milka Stepien, Silvia Pettinicchio and Erica Zurec thank for the trust put in them.

Membership application: URA (United Reform Action) for Candidate membership

Melanie Vogel reminds the Council that a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the allocated votes (94) is required and invites the Council to vote on the application of URA, Montenegro, for Candidate membership at the EGP.

The Green party URA from Montenegro is accepted as a candidate member of the EGP with 117 votes in favour, no votes against and 7 abstentions.

Minutes of the EGP Autumn 2019 Council in Tampere

Mar Garcia informs the Council that there were no amendments received to the draft minutes for Tampere Council and invites to go to the vote.

The minutes for Tampere Council are adopted with 119 votes in favour, no votes against and 5 abstentions.

Accounts and activity report 2019

Mar Garcia reminds the delegates that the Committee received one correction to the Activity report 2019 and invites the Council to vote both on the accounts and Activity report 2019.

Accounts and activity report 2019 are adopted with 118 votes in favour, no votes against and 1 abstention.

EGP membership list, Annex B of the EGP Statutes

Mar Garcia informs the Council that Groza, Russia, has withdrawn its membership from the European Green Party. She invites the Council to vote on the EGP Membership list, Annex B to the EGP Statutes.

The updated EGP membership list, Annex B of the EGP Statutes is adopted with 123 votes in favour, no votes against and no abstentions.

Proposal regarding the next EGP Congress

Mar Garcia informs the Council that no amendments have been submitted and invites the Council to go to the vote.

The proposal regarding the next EGP Congress in Autumn 2020 is adopted with 120 votes in favour, no votes against and no abstentions.

Resolution “Green recovery towards climate neutrality”

Melanie Vogel informs the Council that compromises were found for most amendments. One oral amendment to amendment 11 and 14 will be voted individually.

Thomas Waitz, EGP co-chair, presents an oral amendment to AM 11 to align it with the compromise amendment 5 to replace lines 35-39 with the following text: “First, for the EU to reach the ambitious goal of climate neutrality as early as 2040, all Member States must take ambitious actions. However, we recognise that not all European countries are starting their transition from the same point.”

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the rest of the compromise amendments en bloc.

The compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted en bloc with 111 votes in favour, 10 votes against and no abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the oral amendment 11 as explained before. the oral amendment 11 is adopted with 111 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 7 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the oral amendment 14 in the following order: 1st vote to delete the paragraph. If that fails, the delegates are asked for a preferential vote between the 2 options as discussed at the CAS session, and then the Council would vote on whether to replace the original text of the resolution with the preferred text.

The Council rejects the proposal to delete the whole paragraph, with 47 votes in favour, 62 votes against and 12 abstentions.

Per preferential vote, the Council prefers option 1 over option 2 with 82 votes in favour of option 1, 35 votes in favour of option 2 and 6 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on replacing the original text with preferred option 1. The option 1 is accepted with 105 votes in favour, 12 votes against and 4 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on a resolution as amended

The resolution “Green recovery towards climate neutrality” as amended is adopted with 120 votes in favour, no votes against and 3 abstentions.

Resolution “Coronavirus Recovery: Let's build a better tomorrow!”

Melanie Vogel informs the Council that compromises were found for most amendments presented to the draft resolution. Three amendments linked to the previous resolution just adopted by the Council are aligned and proposed to be voted en bloc with all other compromises found. Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

The compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 117 votes in favour, no votes against and 6 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the original AM 7. The amendment is rejected with 81 votes against, 25 votes in favour and 17 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on replacing “more affordable” with “free” in CA 5. The amendment is adopted with 77 votes in favour, 27 votes against and 13 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on adding “at least 5 trillion euros over next 12 years and” in CA 8. This addition is adopted with 89 votes in favour, 17 votes against and 16 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on original amendment 38. AM 38 is rejected with 58 votes against, 37 votes in favour and 26 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on adding “and putting an end to the unanimity rule in tax matters” in the end of CA 12. The amendment is adopted with 90 votes in favour, 18 votes against and 13 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to cast a preferential vote between the FYEG/CAS AM and the GroenLinks proposals (the original AM 55). 75 votes are in favour of the FYEG/CAS proposal, 31 votes are in favour of the GroenLinks AM and there are 13 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on replacing the original text with FYEG/CAS proposal. The FYEG/CAS AM is adopted with 61 votes in favour, 42 votes against and 18 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Coronavirus Recovery: Let's build a better tomorrow!” as amended is adopted with 109 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 10 abstentions.

Resolution “Black lives matter!”

Melanie Vogel 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. The order of the bullet points in the end of the resolution will be adjusted according to the agreement at the CAS session.

All compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 120 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Black lives matter!” as amended is adopted with 121 votes in favour, no votes against and 1 abstention.

Resolution “Power to the Gig-Workers: Guarantee the socioeconomic protections of gig-workers”

Melanie Vogel informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments submitted to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

All compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 121 votes in favour, no votes against and 2 abstentions.

Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

The resolution “Power to the Gig-Workers: Guarantee the socioeconomic protections of gig-workers” as amended is adopted with 121 votes in favour, no votes against and 1 abstention.

Melanie Vogel thanks the delegates for the great work and closes the voting session.

Closing remarks

Mar Garcia gives the closing words. She thanks everyone for participating and especially the EGP team who organized the first ever online Council. She gives an outlook on the challenges ahead, fuelled by the Covid crisis and rising populism all over the world. She ends by announcing that the next EGP Council will take place in Warsaw, Poland (4-6 December 2020), if the pandemic situation allows so.

Brussels, 15 June 2020

Mar Garcia, Secretary General EGP