



Dear delegates,

The proposed Annex P, starting on the next page, is to be added to the EGP Rule book. It concerns proceedings for the Online Councils, that have been the setting for the past 3 EGP Councils (May 2020, December 2020, June 2021). Whereas we hope that starting from December 2021 we will go back to having physical meetings, as agreed, we propose to add this Annex to the Rule book, making it fit for the future.

An ad-hoc working group was established which brought this document to life. The proposed text is to be voted at the 34th EGP Council, excluding this introductory page, so starting from the headline <EGP ONLINE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS>

It is to be noted that these rules are based upon the general Council rules from the EGP Rule book. They only apply to the Online Councils proceedings and as such do not and cannot intend to further develop general Council rules.

Keeping the language in line with the general document, we refrained from examples and literal clarifications, but we would like to offer a key for the implementation of the Article 3.2:

Delegation	Gender rule (50+) respected	Speaking right	Observer/Voting delegates with no speaking right
Single registered delegate: 1 man or 1 woman	N/A	Single registered delegate	N/A
Two registered delegates: 2 women or 1 woman/1 man	Yes	Both delegates	/
Two registered delegates: 2 men	No	1 delegate (delegation registers name of the speaking delegate)	2 nd delegate, not registered as a speaking delegate
Three registered delegates: all women or 2 women/1 man	Yes	All delegates	/
Three registered delegates: 2 men/1 woman or all men	No	1 woman/1 man Or 1 man	1 man Or 2 men
Four registered delegates: 4/3/2 women	Yes	All delegates	/
Four registered delegates: 1 woman/3 men	No	1 woman/1 man	2 men
The key applies in the same principle to the bigger delegations			

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EGP ONLINE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Background and principles

Article 6 of the Statutes of the European Green Party stipulates that Council meetings may be held in person or by telecommunication means under conditions laid down in the Rule Book.

Article 8.4 of the Rule Book of the EGP stipulates that Council meetings and/or votes may be convened and held via telecommunication means and that the rules for such exceptional meetings and/or voting are to be developed by the Committee and appended to the Rule Book after approval by Council.

The rules set out below have been approved by the Council on 5th December 2021 and are to apply to all meetings of the Council held by telecommunication means after that date. Except as set out in these rules, the rules of procedure governing Council meetings, as provided in the Rule book, are to apply to Council meetings held by telecommunication to the extent possible, and where not possible those rules are to be applied as closely as possible by analogy.

The Chair of each session of the Council meeting has a discretion as to how to apply the Rule book to the way in which the session in question is to be conducted, whether by direct application of the appropriate rule of procedure or by analogy.

1. Calling for an online Council

- 1.1 The online Council is convened by the Committee by email.
- 1.2 The Committee shall announce the next online Council at the preceding Council. The convocation email is sent out at least 8 weeks before the Council and includes a draft agenda.
- 1.3 The online Extraordinary Council may be convened following regulations provided in Article 8.3. of the Rule book

2. Timeline / Deadlines

Regular deadlines as provided in Article 24 – 28 of the Rule Book remain applicable, with the following additions and adjustments:

- The deadline for submitting topics for resolutions is 8 weeks ahead of Council.
- The deadline for submitting draft resolutions is 6 weeks ahead of Council
- The deadline for nominating the delegates is 6 weeks ahead of Council.
- The deadlines for tabling amendments, emergency resolutions and amendments to emergency resolutions are advanced in relation to the planned CAS sessions.



3. Speaking rights in the Compromise Amendments Sessions (CAS) and Voting Session

3.1 Speaking time will be allocated to the officially nominated party representatives in the CAS and the voting session.

3.2 Following the application of the 50+ rule, as provided in the Article 23 of the Rule Book, the gender balance within the delegation has to be observed. If not respected, only the number of delegates for which the 50+ rule can be upheld, will have speaking rights. *Delegates without a speaking right will keep the right to observe and to vote.*

3.3 The spoken word is to prevail. Written content in other communication channels of the online conferencing platform (for example, chat, Q&A) will be monitored but will only be taken into account and be part of the council minutes if acknowledged by the chair. For specific textual Compromise Amendments agreed outside the session, a formal procedure is provided.

4. Online platforms

4.1 The Committee must organise online tools that allow the proceedings of the Council meeting taking place by telecommunication means to proceed as laid down in Article 6 of the EGP Statutes and in Article 8 to 11 of the EGP Rule Book. The platforms must support and enable participation, inclusiveness and the standard democratic conditions of the proceedings of the Council meetings.

4.2 The Committee must inform Council delegates within a reasonable time before the date of the Council meeting about the selected platforms and user trainings to be provided.

4.3 The access to the Online Council will go through the usual registration on the EGP Council website. Each delegate and each participant will receive instructions how to access and use the online platforms, linked to their unique user profile.

4.4 The EGP processes personal data according to GDPR¹ (*footnote*) and EGP privacy policy.

4.5. Online Amendments platform

The EGP Committee will organise an online amendments platform which assures the functionalities of the Council resolution procedure as laid down in Article 24 of the EGP Rule

¹ GDPR refers to the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC



Book and allows the Amendments Committee to proceed according to Article 25 of the EGP Rule Book.

4.6. Online Voting platform

4.6.1 The Committee must organise an online voting platform to facilitate the voting session.

4.6.2 The Committee must provide secure access to the voting platform through appropriate login and adequate authentication methods. Access is to be given to voting Council delegates with their respective allocated voting weight. Other registered participants can join as observers, with “0” / zero voting weight.

4.6.3 The platform must ensure a secret ballot procedure for elections at the Council and an open vote procedure for resolutions and amendments (visual).

5. Reimbursement

The Council reimbursement rules as stipulated in Annexes I and K do not apply at Councils that take place fully online.