



Notes on the Draft budget 2018

1 General budget information

The EU election campaign will predominate in next year's budget. Not only will we dissolve part of the Campaign Fund (which will be 410,000 EUR at the end of 2017), but we will also start incurring expenses for preparations for the campaign, the Changemaking Network, etc. We will start hiring campaign staff and sign a contract with a campaign agency. Consequently, the expenditure on meetings (category 4 of the budget) will decrease while expenditure for campaigns (category 5) will increase, compared to the previous year.

The projects to be funded by budget line 4.1.5 (Political Priority Projects) are detailed in the Activity Plan 2018. Among others, we propose to focus on the European Ideas Labs, facilitating the dialogue between civil society change-makers and the Greens in view of the election campaign 2018/2019.

2 Expenditure

We propose to allocate 2.968.827 EUR as reimbursable expenses.

	Proposal 2018	Budget 2017	Increase %
Category 1 Personnel Costs	959,000	956,000	0.3
Category 2 Infrastructure	271,300	230,800	17.6
Category 3 Administrative Expenditure	214,500	182,550	17.5
Category 4 Meetings	765,000	1.216,400	-37.1
Category 5 Information and Publication	759,027	121,500	524.7

Category 1: This category refers to the regular staff; all campaign staff, including the campaign manager and volunteers, come under budget line (BL) 5.6, election campaign. We propose to keep the same number of full-time equivalents (FTE) in the office as in 2017 (14 FTE).

Category 2: This BL includes the office rent and maintenance, communication costs, etc. It also includes the depreciation of investments (office furniture, computers, and other equipment). A new website and database for the Changemaking Network is foreseen under depreciation of other office equipment (BL 2.3.3), next to expenses for investment for websites developed before 2018.



Category 3: We propose to allocate 214,500 EUR to this category. This mainly includes the FYEG contribution of 100,000 EUR (BL 3.6.1), daily allowances for the Committee members (BL 3.5.2, 66,500 EUR), and the membership fee for the Global Greens (BL 3.6.2, 11,000 EUR).

Category 4: We propose to allocate 765,000 EUR to this category:

- 313,500 EUR for the two Councils (BL 4.1.2 - 4.1.3.1)
- 150,000 EUR for the Political Priority Projects (including the European Ideas Labs) (BL 4.1.5)
- 40,000 EUR each for a Green Cities conference, Committee mission travel and Transnational Activities (Internship Exchange Programme, etc.).

Further budget allocations are proposed for EGP Networks (20,000 EUR), the activities of the Changemaking Network (10,000 EUR) and Working Groups (15,000 EUR).

For the Global Greens, we propose to support the GG Secretariat as in previous years with 20,000 EUR (BL 4.2.2) and 2,000 EUR for participation in GG activities (BL 4.2.1). Thus, the total allocated to the Global Greens, including the membership fee, is 33,000 EUR.

Category 5: We propose to allocate a total of 759,027 EUR to this category: specifically, this includes 671,027 EUR for the EU election campaign (BL 5.6); and 30,000 EUR each for general publicity campaigns (BL 5.3.1) and digital campaigning (BL 5.3.3).

A dedicated campaign budget has been drafted and will be presented to the Council together with the campaign plans.

Contributions in kind

DG Finance at the European Parliament has announced that as from 2018, contributions in kind will no longer be considered as reimbursable (= eligible) expenses. This is a significant change since the income from contributions in kind was used to reach the threshold for our own resources.

Following this new rule, contributions in kind are no longer subsumed under reimbursable expenditure.

Non-reimbursable expenditure

We propose to allocate 213,000 EUR to this category: 75,000 EUR for a provision for the Congress Fund, 60,000 EUR for invoiced costs (which appear laterally reversed under income D.4.1), and doubtful claims (unpaid membership fees and other invoices dated older than 2 years).

The grand total of expenditure is 3.181,827 EUR.



4 Revenues

We propose to budget an income of 3.181,827 EUR, distributed across the income sources as follows:

- > EP Grant: 2.2 million EUR
- > Dissolving 50% of the Campaign Fund: 205,000 EUR
- > Carry-over of unspent money in 2017: 120,000 EUR (this is a forecast)
- > Membership fees: 437,805 EUR
- > Donations: 5,000 EUR
- > Individual Supporters fees (from GroenLinks): 15,000 EUR
- > Participation fee from the Councils: 60,000 EUR
- > Financial income: 1,000 EUR
- > Invoiced costs and others: 70,000 EUR
- > Contributions in kind from member parties: 60,000 EUR

We have applied for the maximum possible EP Grant 2018, which is 2.3 million EUR. When compared to 2017, this increase results from the fact that the new Authority for the Recognition of European Political Parties and Foundations has recognised 10 European political parties. In previous years, 16 parties applied for grants.

The contribution per MEP will be around 40,000 EUR. We have applied for a grant based on 42 MEPs affiliated to the EGP.

5 Provisions for the Funds

We propose to reserve 75,000 EUR for the Congress Fund.

6 Council participation fees 2018

We propose the same participation fees as in 2017:

Solidarity fee:	240,00 EUR
Regular fee:	180,00 EUR
For delegates from EGP Member Parties, category b:	120,00 EUR
For non-delegate students:	90,00 EUR
For delegates from EGP Member Parties, membership category a, Annex L	27,00 EUR