



Date: 11 May 2013  
To: Madrid Council delegates

Concerning: **Some issues regarding the primary**

In order to deal with some issues that have arisen in discussions over an adequate organisation of the primary (should the Council vote in favour of the primary) but have not been addressed sufficiently in the draft Annex A to the Activities plan 2013 and the existing amendments, the Committee pledges to implement the following seven points and asks the Council to support them:

1. National parties need to have chosen their list or top candidate(s) before the closing date of candidacy for the primaries. In order to facilitate the final decision by the Autumn Council about the start of the primary, primary candidacies have to be announced by the candidates and nominated by the relevant parties before the end of October 19.

In case the procedure mentioned above is not feasible, national parties need to explicitly consent to the participation of candidates from “their “ party in order for them to enter into the primary.

The full list of primary candidates must be communicated to the member parties by the EGP, before parties decide which candidate they are willing to support. Member parties will be asked to offer their support for candidacies between October 20 and November 7 at the latest.

In principle the primary candidates should be heads of list of the national parties, unless a party gives its explicit consent to decide otherwise for its candidates.

2. All details regarding the procedure for organising the primary will be dealt with in the campaign working group. The campaign working group will have at least one more meeting before the Summer break.
3. The final detailed proposal by the Committee for the organisation of the primary shall be presented to the member parties by October 1.
4. Relevant changes in the budget foreseen for the primary will be brought to the attention of the campaign working group and the Council.



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5. The budget foreseen for transnational events during the electoral campaign in 2014 shall be bolstered from donations, collected in the context of the primary up to 200% of the original budget line of 60.000.
6. Depending on the consent of the primary participants, their e-mail addresses will be shared with the EGP member parties according to the principle of residence in order to allow these parties to inform and integrate these sympathisers.
7. The primary candidates and the leading candidate(s) elected in the primary shall always be in consultation with the involved Green parties, when campaigning in a Member State.