

## Bulgaria, Zelenite

Zelenite was accepted in Malmö in 2009 as an Observer Party and applied for full membership in consequence of the review process. The working group and the Committee propose Candidate membership for Zelenite.

- Zelenite deserves our full support and continues to be a very promising partner for the European Green Party. The party is relatively young and is more than half way from an NGO towards a fully fledged political party. Their thorough dislike for 'old politics' and the often corrupt ways of politicians in Bulgaria is strongly reflected in the organisational principles and party structures of Zelenite. Although it is growing fast, Zelenite could develop more its internal party structures and establish more party branches throughout the country. The party is attractive towards the Green electorate and is seen as a progressive force but it should try to create a broader positive image within the wider electorate. The party cooperates well with NGOs and with active groups in society and has good contacts on the European level.
- The party has recently been successful in local elections and has now representatives in three municipality councils. A promising start that hopefully is to be continued in the upcoming national elections. At least 4 green parties are active in Bulgaria, which makes it more difficult for Zelenite to establish a Green brand and thus it is all the more important that we continue our support for this promising partner.
- ~~• Zelena Partija is the full Member Party of the European Green Party in Bulgaria. Zelena Partija has requested the Committee not to propose candidate membership for Zelenite. The Committee found the reasoning for this not conclusive and has decided for the above mentioned reasons to propose Candidate membership. The Committee will continue a dialogue with both partners in order to encourage both partners to find ways to establish a unified Green voice in Bulgaria.~~
- *Zelena Partija is the full Member of the European Green Party in Bulgaria. Zelena Partija does not consider that their efforts to engage in a dialogue have been met by Zelenite. Zelena Partija does not approve the recommendation of the Committee and has tabled an amendment to either postpone the decision or expel Zelenite. Zelena Partija wants to show its good will by withdrawal of that amendment until the next Council meeting. Zelena Partija reserves its right to retable this amendment in case no progress in the state of affairs is made.*

## **Compromise amendment to the proposal on re-categorisation**

### **Tabled by the Committee supported by Zelena Partija and Zelenite**

To replace the amendment tabled by Zelena Partija

In view of unresolved conflicts and competition between our two partners in Bulgaria, Zelena Partija and Zelenite, which is damaging to the interests of everybody involved and to the good name of the European Green movement, Council instructs the incoming EGP Committee to work with both parties towards verifying the reality of Green affairs in Bulgaria and to propose to the Council a resolution based on an evaluation of the parties ability to meet the membership criteria and therefore to find a resolution to the current untenable state of affairs within a maximum period of 6 months. Both parties have provided the EGP with significant amounts of information to support their arguments. The Working Group has not yet been able to make a definitive in-depth evaluation of all the material, but is motivated to continue its task. This will require compromises on all sides and Council appeals to the leadership of both Zelena Partija and Zelenite to put their mutual recriminations and criticisms to one side whilst this process takes place.