

1 **Proposal to the EGP Council in Liverpool:**

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3 **Change of the Statutes to comply with the new Belgian law on the status of European**
4 **Political Parties (PPEU)**

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7 Motivation

8 The EGP Council has revised its Statutes at the Spring and Autumn 2016 Council Meetings
9 to comply with the new EU Regulation on the Recognition and Funding of European
10 Political Parties (No. 1141/2014). The last pending issue in order to comply with said new
11 Regulation is the conversion of the legal form of the Belgian legal entity from an
12 “International Non-Profit Association” (Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif, AISBL
13 / Internationale Vereniging zonder Winstoogmerk, IVZW) into a “European Political
14 Party” (Parti Politique Européen, PPEU / Europese Politieke Partij, EUPP) in accordance
15 with article 58/2 of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 (which entered into force on 1
16 January 2017 as an implementation measure of the abovementioned Regulation). The
17 respective articles in our current Statutes have to be changed accordingly in order to be
18 able to convert the legal form and finally apply for the status of a European Political
19 Party, recognized by the Authority of the Recognition of European Political Parties.

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21 Proposal

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23 The Council decides to convert the legal form of the European Green Party from an
24 “International Non-Profit Association” (Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif, AISBL
25 / Internationale Vereniging zonder Winstoogmerk, IVZW) into a “European Political
26 Party” (Parti Politique Européen, PPEU / Europese Politieke Partij, EUPP) subject to the
27 provisions of Title III and IIIter of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit
28 associations, foundations and European political parties and foundations.

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30 In respect of the conversion, the Council adopts the following changes to the EGP
31 Statutes, last amended at its Autumn Council 2016 in Glasgow, as follows:

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35 **In the Header of the Statutes:**

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Current Text	New Text (<i>changes in italic underline</i>)
<p>STATUTES of the EUROPEAN GREEN PARTY association internationale sans but lucratif (AISBL)</p>	<p>STATUTES of the EUROPEAN GREEN PARTY <i>European Political Party (PPEU)</i></p>
<p>A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION "European Green Party" "The European Greens"</p>	<p>- remove text -</p>

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39 **In the Preamble:**

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<p>These Statutes replace and supersede the previous Statutes of the European Green Party published in the Moniteur Belge on 25/09/2008.</p>	<p>These Statutes replace and supersede the previous Statutes of the European Green Party published in the Moniteur Belge on <i>19/09/2013.</i></p>
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43 **In Article 2:**

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<p>ARTICLE 2 Name and Seat</p>	<p>ARTICLE 2 Name, <u>Logo</u> and Seat</p>
<p>2.1 Through the present statutes the Full Members set up an international non profit association (AISBL), regulated by the dispositions of Title III of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit associations (ASBL),</p>	<p>2.1 Through the present statutes the Full Members set up <i>a European Political Party (Parti Politique Européen, PPEU), governed by the dispositions of Title III and IIIter of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 on non-</i></p>

international non-profit associations (AISBL) and foundations.	<i>profit associations, foundations and European political parties and foundations.</i>
2.2 The Full Members form the international non-profit organisation "European Green Party", also called "the European Greens". The name may be abbreviated as necessary to "EGP".	2.2 The Full Members form the <u>European Political Party</u> international non-profit organisation "European Green Party", also called "the European Greens". The name may be abbreviated as necessary to "EGP".

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47 **In Article 3:**

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The European Green Party	The European Green Party
3.1 is a European political party within the terms of EC Regulation 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding,	3.1 is a European political party within the terms of <u>EU</u> Regulation <u>1141/2014</u> on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding,

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51 **In Article 13:**

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13.1 In the event that European legislation provides for a different legal status for political parties and the Council of the European Green Party decides to adopt such a status, the financial and other assets of the European Green Party aisbl shall be transferred to the new legal entity upon the cessation of the activities of the aisbl.	13.1 In the event that European legislation provides for a different legal status for political parties and the Council of the European Green Party decides to adopt such a status, the financial and other assets of the European Green Party aisbl shall be transferred to the new legal entity upon the cessation of the activities of the aisbl.
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55 **In Article 14:**

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<p>14.3 In compliance with Article III of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 governing non-profit organisations, international non-profit organisations and foundations, all changes to the present Statutes must be submitted to the Ministry of Justice and published in the Appendixes of the Moniteur Belge.</p>	<p>14.3 <i>All changes to the present Statutes must be formalised in accordance with the provisions of Title III of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit associations, foundations and European political parties and foundations.</i></p>
<p>14.4 Any omissions to the present Statutes are covered by the law of 27 June 1921 governing non-profit organisations, international non-profit organisations and foundations.</p>	<p>14.4 Any omissions to the present Statutes are covered by the law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit <i>associations</i>, international non-profit organisations and foundations <i>and European political parties and foundations.</i></p>

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59 As a result, the Council adopts the complete new text of the EGP Statutes, as attached to
60 these minutes as Annex 1.

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62 In accordance with articles 50, §3 and 58/2 of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921, the
63 decision to modify the articles of association and the decision to convert the legal form
64 into a European Political Party needs to be incorporated in a notary deed.

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66 In this respect, the Council decided to grant a special proxy to Mrs. Elise De
67 Baerdemaecker, Mrs. Leen Van Goethem or Mrs. Laura Schuurmans of Law Square
68 Attorneys, acting alone, in order to appear before a Belgian notary in order to notarise
69 the new text of the statutes of the Association and the conversion of the legal form as
70 decided upon by the Council here above.”

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