

ONLINE MEETING RULES, valid only for the Online 34th EGP Council, 30th November to 4th Dec 2021

The 34th EGP Online Council endorses the EGP Committee decision of 19th November 2021 to reduce the program and hold the Council via online platforms and acknowledges the necessary changes as listed in this document. The change of the Council format from physical to online was necessary due to the need for an immediate adaptation following the COVID related conditions and measures.

Overall, provisions and proceedings for Council as stated in the EGP Statutes and EGP Rule Book remain valid for the Online Council. However, due to the conversion, some adaptations have been necessary. This list is not exhaustive.

The EGP Statutes and Rule Book mention the following regarding a council “via telecommunication means”:

Statutes, Article 6. Structure and bodies of the European Green Party:

6.3.1. The Council is the highest decision-making body of the European Green Party. It is convened by the Committee and must meet at least once a year in person. Council meetings may be held in person or by telecommunication means under conditions laid down in the Rule Book.

Rule Book, Article 8 Council meeting proceedings:

8.1 The Council meets at least once a year in person and normally meets twice a year.

8.4 Exceptionally, Council meetings and/or votes may be convened and held via telecommunication means. 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.

WHAT CHANGED due to the adapted timeline and the switching to the Online Council mode:

Schedule related

- The 34th EGP Brussels-Online Council programme is reduced and focused on the statutory and decision-making topics and spread over 5 days between 30th November and 4th December 2021.

Programme outline (Time slots mentioned are in Central European Time (CET):

- Tuesday 30th November, 18:00 – 20:00: Financial meeting/CAS on finances: (for delegates and treasurers)
- Wednesday 1st December, 18:00 – 20:30 : Compromise Amendments Sessions (CAS) 1 & 2: (for delegates and member party representatives)
- Thursday 2nd December
 - 12h Deadline for tabling the Emergency resolutions. !! including the 5 supporting signatures of full member parties (5 in total).
 - 18:00 – 20:30, CAS 3 & 4 (for delegates and member party representatives)
- Friday 3rd December
 - 13:00 Deadline for tabling the amendments to the Emergency resolutions
 - 16:00 – 18:30, CAS 5 & 6 (for delegates and member party representatives)
- Saturday 4th December
 - 9:00 – 09:15 Opening session
 - 09:15 - 10:00 CAS 7 - to go through final compromise texts before the voting session (for delegates and member party representatives)
 - 10:00 – 10:30 Financial reporting and presentation Activity Plan 2022
 - 10:30 – 10:45 Break
 - 10:45 – 13:30 Voting session

Online Meeting Rules, for adoption

There will be no content sessions.

CAS sessions and voting session will be scheduled separately to allow the managing of secure access to the platforms for its relevant public: voting delegates, further member party observers.

Used online platforms – your data:

- Amendments platform: Motion – Antragsgrün // server located in Germany
 - CAS Sessions will be hosted via Zoom platform
 - Voting platform: Beernink solutions // server located in the Netherlands
- The electronic voting system used at the face to face Councils until November 2019 was adapted for online use (more details below).

The access to the Online Council will go through the usual registration on the EGP Council website. For more details about this procedure and the relevant providers, go to '[Online Council and your data](#)'. For more information please also read our [privacy policy](#).

Access and Secure Voting

We will be using a secure voting platform provided by Beernink Productions, which serviced EGP for the electronic voting at the EGP Councils since November 2012:

- The participants will receive a separate mail with their username and password to be used on the voting part of the platform.
- Both platforms are secured with SSL security
- Per account, you can only log in on 1 device at the same time
- When you log in, a unique token is generated which associates your current session to the user you are logged in with. The token is used to verify that the user is allowed to vote, and if this is the case, to store the vote.

A few days ahead of the Council, and following the official vote distribution, the EGP Office will transfer to Bert Beernink, the name, email address and weight of the vote per voting delegate.

Mathematically, there is no change in the voting procedure except from the use of your own devices (e.g. laptop) to cast the vote instead of a voting device provided at the face to face Council meeting. The additional change the online setting requires is the provision of the name and email of the voting delegates.

Delegates - speaking rights in CAS and Voting Session

Allocation of speaking time will be reserved for the official party representatives in the CAS and voting sessions. Following the application of the 50+ rule, the gender balance within the delegation has to be observed. If not respected, only one of the delegates will have speaking rights. Other green party members can participate as audience but will not have speaking rights.

Deadlines

All deadlines for tabling the draft documents are listed in the document "[Overview of deadlines towards the 34th EGP Council](#)"

Reimbursements

No registration fee will be implemented for the Online Council.