

Dear Green friends,

Europe is today confronted with the biggest challenge for humanity, tackling climate change and protecting resources and life on Earth while at the same time being threatened at its heart by national governments openly attacking the very fundamental values and principles that makes the European project a democratic and peace project.

As greens, we know that both issues are fundamentally connected. Undeniably, only a truly democratic European Union that protects fundamental rights and freedoms, fights injustices and ensures citizens empowerment will be able to deliver for the protection of this planet.

Climate strikes all over the continent have demonstrated that young people but also all generations demand action. The people in the streets refuse to make a choice between a political status quo that will lead to irreversible environmental disasters and social injustices and a growing authoritarianism that is threatening rights, freedoms and peace.

The “Green wave” showed in the last European elections that we can represent a credible political alternative for those who want to see real positive change and that we have now come to a turning point in our political collective history. However, we also know that this reality is not equally shared all over Europe and that the political and social representation of what Europe means and what being green means differs a lot among countries.

In EELV, we are recovering from a tumultuous period where most observers believed, few years ago, that the green party in France would progressively lose political relevance and eventually see its agenda being dealt with by traditional political forces. Few years later, we appeared as the only political force having benefited from a positive dynamic and being able to grow in the near future.

This success is obviously linked to multiple factors, but it is also strongly connected to our ability to remain consistent, showing voters that the green agenda can not been diluted in any other program that would not, beside having an environmental chapter, simultaneously fight for democracy, feminism, social justice, openness and tolerance.

This recent green success, which we hope to expand in the local elections next year, can only last for real if it is European, that is to say, if it concurrently feeds a political dynamic across Europe and be connected to our European agenda.

That is why the EGP has a crucial role to play in the coming years to create the conditions for our consolidation and for our enlargement in the long run, both in its external work across the continent and in its internal structure. I would be happy to participate to this in the EGP committee.

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**Activities within the French greens:**

I am active in the French greens for more than 10 years where I'm mostly working on European and feminist issues

**Professional occupation:**

I am currently a political adviser to the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament and I work on constitutional matters

**Education:**

I studies politics and European affairs at Sciences Po and the College of Europe.

**Personal information:**

I'm 34, I come from Marseille, I love the Mediterranean, climbing and sailing and I meet the French stereotype of being a foodie.

Within the French greens, I have spent a lot of time developing our positions on European issues. I was, among other things, the EELV representative to the EGP working group on the Future of Europe, I directed the campaign in Ile de France during the 2014 European elections and I participated to the elaboration of our two last manifestos for the European elections. In my daily job in the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament, where I work as a political adviser on Constitutional matters, I defend a Europe that controls abusive lobbying, prevents conflict of interest and goes towards a real parliamentarian and participative political system.

As a board member of the feminism committee and of the LGBTI\* committee in EELV, I'm also constantly developing and defending our positions and our agenda on gender and LGBTI\* issues but also on building a truly feminist party in all its parts. Among different topics, I'm for example currently working on developing a horizontal position on menstrual health in the party that would tackle social, chemical, tax and social representative issues.

This experience could, I hope, be fruitfully used in the EGP committee team where I would love to get the opportunity to put my effort into;

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me,

Best,

Melanie