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Proposal - Revised 2015 Budget

Three major financial changes have materialised since the budget 2015 was adopted during the 2014 Autumn Council Meeting in Istanbul. For this reason, the Committee is proposing a revised budget for 2015.

First of all, the final grant from the European Parliament was 8.093 € higher than what we had in the adopted budget. Secondly, the accounts for 2014 have now been finalised, and allow for a carry-over of 99.336 € that was unspent in 2014. Finally, the Committee has further developed its plans related to the Activity Plan 2015, and would like to distribute the foreseen budget contingency of 98.000 €. On the revenue side, we suggest budgeting the decided membership fees of 310.000 €, an increase of 13,000 €.

The Committee proposes a reallocation of the budget, as follows:

Note 1: Category 1 (Personnel costs)

The number of staff should be put back in line with the EGP office organigramme that was adopted during the 2013 Council Meeting in Madrid. Keeping the planned activities for 2015, we conclude that the current number of staff should be maintained, and we cannot save on this as planned within the adopted budget 2015. The budget increase is of 43.000 €.

Note 2: Category 3 (Administrative expenditure)

The membership fee for the Global Greens should have a small 100 € increase, needed due the change of membership status among EGP members.

Note 3 and 4: Category 4 (Meeting and representation costs)

3: The Committee travel budget should be increased, both because we have many membership applications but also because other missions to member parties are planned. The proposal is to increase this budget line from 25.000 € to 40.000 €.

4: A new budget line is to be created for the Green Cities conference to be held in Helsinki in September 2015. A more detailed plan for that conference is now in place, and we propose to budget 70.000 € for it.

Note 5: Category 5 (Information and publications)

The plans for our Climate Campaign ahead of the COP21 summit in Paris are now more concrete, and we propose to allocate an extra 80.000 €, bringing the total budget line for publicity campaigns to 100.000 €.

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Note 6: Non-eligible costs

While examining the 2014 accounts, it was seen that much more common activities were invoiced to third parties than in previous years. We therefore suggest increasing non-eligible costs (to be invoiced to third parties) by 15.000 €, bringing the total to 60.000 €. That same amount is budgeted on the revenue side as income from invoiced costs (60.000 €).

Note 7: Revenues, Grant from the EP

The final grant from the European Parliament was 8.093 € higher than what we had in the adopted budget.

Note 8: Carry-over

The Committee proposed to use 99.335,70 EUR from the surplus 2014 to be spent within the running budget 2015.

Note 9: Membership fees

Since the adopted membership fees amount to 310.000 EUR, we think the budget line can be increased a bit. The Committee does sometimes adjust fees on request of member parties, but we have to be careful with this 2015.

The budgeted balance is then a surplus of 1.429 €.

The Committee proposes that the Council approves the revised budget for 2015.