



**Draft**

**Title:** **Leading the Green Success in 2024: procedure for the 2024 EGP leading candidates**

**Tabled by:** EGP Committee

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1 **European Greens continue to stand for transnational**  
2 **democracy!**

3 As European Greens, we have always been in favour of deepening European  
4 democracy and creating instruments for citizens' participation that could  
5 ultimately transform the European elections into a truly transnational election.

6 Despite these efforts and an overall majority in the European Parliament to  
7 introduce transnational lists for a small proportion of seats, the democratic  
8 aspirations of EU citizens have been met again by the unwillingness of member  
9 states governments to advance on this important reform. Given this blockage, it  
10 is unlikely to impossible that transnational lists can be a reality for the 2024  
11 elections.

12 Therefore, leading candidates remain the best tool at our disposal to make the  
13 voice of the citizens heard. European Greens stand strongly behind it. We call  
14 on all other political families to do so and give a voice to European citizens  
15 by running leading candidates for the Presidency of the European Commission.

16 As European Greens, we have been unwavering in our support to the leading  
17 candidates process, which has, since 2014, led, among other things through the  
18 leading candidates' debates broadcasted across the EU, to a truly transnational  
19 debate among the different political parties and has allowed the electorate to

20 better grasp EU level competencies.

21 The European Greens will continue to insist that the voters deserve a real say  
22 and a democratic and transparent process when it comes to the choice of the  
23 Commission President. and that the selection of the EC President should be based  
24 on the outcome of the European elections – not deals between Heads of State, as  
25 it was the case in 2019 despite the agreement of the Political Parties and  
26 European Parliament on the LCs principle. As European Greens we also support the  
27 principle that the candidate who can rally the biggest majority behind them  
28 should be the one who becomes the next president of the EU Commission.

29 The EGP Committee proposes that the EGP member parties elect **two Green leading**  
30 **candidates** for the 2024 EP campaign during an extraordinary extended Congress,  
31 on 2-4 February 2024, following the procedures, requirements, and timeline  
32 below. As in the previous campaigns, the elected leading candidates will be an  
33 intrinsic part of the EGP common campaign 2024.

#### 34 **The role of the member parties**

- 35 • The EGP committee will open the call for contenders in November 2023.
  
- 36 • Contenders can present themselves until the 38<sup>th</sup> EGP Congress, which will  
37 take place online on 2/3 December 2023 and must be officially nominated by  
38 one EU EGP member party (full or associate).
  
- 39 • Contenders are invited to present their political agenda in a maximum of  
40 two pages and a video presentation; Member parties must explicitly consent  
41 to the participation of the contenders they nominate. The parties can  
42 nominate a non-member as a leading candidate.
  
- 43 • In a second phase, to emphasise the transnational character of the  
44 European elections, all contenders must acquire the explicit support of at  
45 least five additional EU EGP (full or associate) member parties by 7<sup>th</sup>  
46 January 2024 to become a contender in the election of the Green leading  
47 candidates.
  
- 48 • EU EGP member parties (full or associate) may support two leading  
49 candidates and must confirm their choice/support in writing.

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- The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) may nominate a youth contender. Such a contender will also require the support of at least five EU EGP member parties (full or associate). The FYEG can also support two contenders.
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- Throughout the contenders' phase, the EGP will:
    - Be fully transparent during this process and provide information accordingly to the international secretaries of the EGP EU member parties.
    - Create a level playing field through equal promotion, representation and support to all contenders throughout the process.
    - In consultation with the member parties present a concept and activity plan for a participatory contenders' phase.
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- Throughout the contenders' phase, the member parties will:
    - Contribute as much as possible to an inclusive and participatory process by involving their larger membership during the process and e.g. organise different on- and offline formats such as contenders' debates.
    - Mobilise and invest efforts as well as resources towards the extraordinary extended Congress on 2-4 February 2024, by ensuring our political family is represented by the allocated number of Delegates.
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- The contenders will present themselves and be voted at the extraordinary extended Congress.
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### **Requirements:**

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- The Green leading candidates will be the heart and face of our campaign tasked with representing our political family throughout the campaign as of their elections and until the election day in June 2024. Hence the contenders should be prepared to:
    - travel throughout the EU;
    - to represent the Greens in leading transnational debates with the other political families;
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80                   ◦ and to campaign transnationally to support EU EGP member parties'  
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82                   • The contenders must present themselves for the European elections on one  
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84                   associate).  
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86                   • Following EGP principles for elections, at least one of the contenders  
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88                   • The two contenders elected cannot be from the same country.

89                   **Annex: timeline**

90                   **Date: 2 & 3 June 2023**

91                   **Action:** Vote on the resolution

92                   **Responsible:** Extraordinary 37<sup>th</sup> EGP Congress in Vienna, Austria

93                   **Date: June - September 2023**

94                   **Action:** Development of participatory elements of the leading candidates' process

95                   **Responsible:** Secretariat

96                   **Date: 6th November 2023**

97                   **Action:** Call for nominations

98                   **Responsible:** Secretariat

99                   **Date: 2-3 December 2023**

100                  **Action:** Deadline for nominations for contenders

101                  **Responsible:** Secretariat

102                  **Date: 7th January 2024**

103                  **Action:** Deadline for the support letters and final list of eligible contenders

104                  **Responsible:** Secretariat

105                  **Date: January 2024**

106                  **Action:** Contenders campaign with participatory internal debates

107                  **Responsible:** Secretariat

108 **Date: 2-4 February 2024**  
109 **Action: Adoption of manifesto and election of leading candidates**  
110 **Responsible: Extraordinary extended Congress**