



**Draft**

**Title:** **Right to abortion is a human right. It is under attack, let's fight for it!**

**Tabled by:** EGP Committee, FYEG

**Draft text**

1 While reactionary forces are rising globally, including in the European Union,  
2 sexual and reproductive health and rights are under heavy attack.

3 Among these rights, the right and access to safe and legal abortion, achieved  
4 through constant feminist struggles and still unsatisfactory in most EU  
5 countries, is under constant pressure and the target of attacks from anti-  
6 choices and anti-rights movements. These attacks are part of long-term and  
7 systemic strategies, aimed at progressively deteriorating this right, including  
8 through passing regressive abortion laws, organizing global attacks on  
9 constitutional rights and rule of law, and reducing the financing of healthcare  
10 systems providing access to this right.

11 As a result, the scope of abortion rights and its effectiveness at the global  
12 level is declining at an alarming rate.

13 **These attacks put lives in danger.** Restrictive abortion laws do not reduce the  
14 number of abortions, but increase the number of unsafe abortions. As a matter of  
15 fact, 45% of abortions in the world are not carried out safely, which leads to  
16 one woman dying every nine minutes after an illegal abortion procedure. There  
17 are other risks too, when abortion does not form part of reproductive  
18 healthcare, women in need of life-saving procedures face dying of septic shock.  
19 This has real-world consequences and has been observed recently in Poland. While  
20 Malta's lack of holistic reproductive healthcare came into in view in summer  
21 2022 when a woman, Andrea Prudente, had to be airlifted to Spain to access a

22 life-saving abortion.

23 **These attacks worsen social injustice.** When abortion is illegal and  
24 criminalized, vulnerable groups face higher barriers to manage unwanted  
25 pregnancies and access abortion. As a consequence, poorer people, vulnerable,  
26 and marginalized groups face greater danger when confronted with an unwanted  
27 pregnancy.

28 **These attacks are also part of a wider political strategy to dismantle**  
29 **democratic societies** based on individual rights and freedoms, especially women's  
30 and minority rights and freedoms.

31 As European greens, **we place fighting for the right to safe and legal abortion**  
32 **at the core of our political project**, because our political project is based on  
33 bodily autonomy, human rights and fundamental freedoms, social justice, and  
34 democracy.

35 As European Greens, we consider that the right for all people who could get  
36 pregnant, being cis-women, trans men and non-binary people, to decide if, how  
37 and when they carry a pregnancy **is a fundamental right that needs to be**  
38 **guaranteed, protected and fought for.**

39 We believe that legal abortions, like other healthcare, needs to be safe and  
40 accessible and that this should be the case before, during and after the  
41 procedure. In addition to the fundamental right to have a legal abortion, we  
42 therefore consider that **making abortion easily accessible, in good psychological**  
43 **and sanitary conditions is key.**

44 The protection and effective guarantee of this right is not only a matter of  
45 fundamental rights and freedom, it is also a basic element of democratic  
46 societies based on equal citizens' rights. Indeed, **the free access to proper and**  
47 **safe healthcare also in reproductive matters**, is considered to be one of the  
48 cornerstones of an egalitarian society.

49 We also acknowledge that **there is a direct link between limiting the right to**  
50 **safe abortions and proper reproductive healthcare and the rise of**  
51 **authoritarianism in Europe**

52 Countless people all across Europe and the world have been forced to turn to the

53 streets to demand that their voices be heard, and their rights to be secured.

54 To continue strengthening democracy in the world today, it is therefore crucial  
55 to assert not just the legalization of abortions but the provision of safe, free  
56 and accessible abortions in good psychological and sanitary conditions as a part  
57 of securing bodily autonomy, especially when it comes to reproductive matters,  
58 for everyone.

59 **In order to implement and strengthen this, the European Greens demand the**  
60 **recognition of the fundamental right of cis women, trans men, and non-binary**  
61 **people that could get pregnant to:**

- 62 • Control their own bodies and lives, and thereby decide when and if they  
63 wish to become and stay pregnant.
- 64 • Have access to a safe abortion in good psychological and sanitary  
65 conditions, regardless of age, sex, gender, race, ethnicity, class, caste,  
66 religious affiliation and beliefs, marital or socio-economic status,  
67 disability, HIV or STI status, national and social origin, legal or  
68 migration status, language, sexual orientation or gender identity

69 **Specifically, to practically achieve these goals, the European Greens:**

- 70 • Defend the legalization of abortion in every country and fight to ban  
71 rules and practices that require people who want to terminate their  
72 pregnancy to go through unnecessary and stressful procedures where they  
73 have to justify their will to access abortion.
- 74 • Stand for access to safe and legal abortion to be included in the EU  
75 Charter of Fundamental Rights, which should become directly applicable, as  
76 soon as possible, and for the European Institutions to provide EU-wide  
77 standards and best practices regarding abortion.
- 78 • Welcome the initiatives to give these rights a constitutional protection  
79 at national level and by doing so, to prevent lawmakers to attack them  
80 easily.
- 81 • Promote the development of administration and medical systems that are

82 patient-oriented, supportive and that abstain from shaming and violating  
83 the physical and mental wellbeing of patients seeking an abortion.

84 • Consider that information about abortion rights and more generally about  
85 sexual and reproductive rights should be publicly available, including via  
86 educational programs, and that actions aimed at jeopardizing the right to  
87 people to access these rights should be banned.

88 • Ask for the full inclusion of abortion costs, including pre- and post-  
89 care, in the public healthcare system at no additional cost to  
90 individuals. Furthermore, it should be possible for EU citizens to have  
91 access to receive abortion free of charge in any Member State of the  
92 European Union.

93 • Support more public funding towards further research for medical abortion  
94 care and better practices, and in general for women's reproductive and  
95 sexual health.

96 • Encourage the increase of public funding to educate medical personnel on  
97 state-of-the-art procedures and practices and to provide medical personnel  
98 with gender and LGBTQIA+ sensitivity and cultural competence training in  
99 order to prioritize patient wellbeing.

100 • Support more public funding to civil society organization that provide  
101 medical counseling and access to abortion to people in countries where  
102 they cannot access it.

103 • Call for political asylum to be granted to people that face legal  
104 repercussions for abortion rights activism and for having sought abortion.

105 • Call on the European Union to regulate the digital ownership of  
106 reproductive health data in order to prevent health apps to share them  
107 with government agencies.

108 • Call for more transparency about research and strategic decisions of  
109 pharmaceutical companies regarding pharmaceutical abortion, especially for  
110 those companies that are based or whose parent company are based in  
111 countries where abortion is illegal or inaccessible or where the  
112 legislative system on the topic is ambiguous

113 **Furthermore, we demand to not support any anti-abortion movement or causes**  
114 **linked to anti-abortion, implying:**

- 115 • Recognizing that anti-abortion and anti-choices movements are not  
116 respecting EU values and therefore should not have access to the  
117 institutions of the European Union
- 118 • To not invest public money in anti-abortion movements or causes linked to  
119 anti-abortion.
- 120 • Requesting political parties and organizations to disclose financial  
121 contributions received by anti-abortion movements or causes linked to  
122 anti-abortion.

123 **As the European Green Party, we commit:**

- 124 - To condemn any practice aimed at making abortion procedures inaccessible,  
125 unsafe or hostile.
- 126 - To not support candidates with ties to anti-abortion movements or causes  
127 linked to anti-abortion.
- 128 - To not accept money from anti-abortion movements or causes linked to anti-  
129 abortion.