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1 **Friday, 12 June 2020**

2 **Opening of the Council**

3 14:00 - 14:25

4 **Speakers:**

5 • Evelyne Huytebroeck (co-chair EGP)

6 • Thomas Waitz MEP (co-chair EGP)

7 The Council opens with a pre-recorded video featuring EGP co-chair Evelyne
8 Huytebroeck.

9 **Evelyne Huytebroeck** begins by expressing the Committee's disappointment of not
10 being able to hold the EGP Spring Council physically in Skopje as originally
11 foreseen, and by underlining the exceptional circumstances which the world is
12 living because of the global pandemic.

13 She continues by decrying the initial, individualistic approach taken by the EU
14 and the EU Member States towards the COVID-19 crisis; she thanks the workers who
15 have kept society functioning, as well as underlines that Greens all over Europe

16 have not stopped their activities.

17 She stresses that the strength of the Greens lies in their unity and in their
18 capability of sharing common messages. She presents the aim of this online
19 Council, which is to develop a plan to recover from the crisis and to propose a
20 model to change the current economic and social system.

21 She proceeds with giving an overview of the priorities of this plan, divided
22 into three macro-categories.

23 The first category refers to the European Union as a project. She states that
24 the EU is founded on the principle of solidarity, although the crisis has shown
25 evident divisions among member states. She claims Greens welcome the EU
26 Commission's "Next Generation EU" package, but call for higher ambitions, with
27 climate, social justice and solidarity towards the most affected countries as
28 pillars.

29 The second category entails the Green Deal. Evelyne Huytebroeck argues that the
30 Green Deal must be at the centre of the recovery plan, if climate change – with
31 its socio-economic consequences - is to be tackled. She continues by addressing
32 the need for the Green Deal and climate protection to be the core of a radical
33 system change that encompasses the entire current economic system: from energy
34 transition, to green jobs, from mobility to biodiversity and agriculture, etc.

35 The third category deals with social justice, rights and democracy. Evelyne
36 Huytebroeck once again pays tribute to the workers who have been at the
37 forefront of the health crisis. She stresses that many of these workers are
38 women, underpaid, and that the crisis has hit and will hit disproportionately
39 both the elderly and the young. She argues for a Europe that guarantees the
40 rights for a decent quality of life for all workers. She concludes by stating
41 that Greens will be vigilant against any attempts against democracy and the rule
42 of law that use the health crisis as an excuse.

43 Evelyne Huytebroeck is joined by EGP co-chair Thomas Waitz in the final segment
44 of the video.

45 **Thomas Waitz** reminds the viewers that this is the EGP's first virtual Council, a
46 challenge that the EGP faced with enthusiasm and professionalism. Evelyne
47 Huytebroeck continues by stating that, even if virtually, the Council will

48 maintain its democratic obligations to adopt resolutions and elect statutory
49 bodies.

50 She concludes with an address to the Macedonian Greens who were supposed to be
51 the hosts of the EGP's 31st Council, thanking them for the enthusiasm they had
52 manifested.

53 Panel 1

54 **Visions for a Resilient Future**

55 16:30 – 18:00

56 Moderator:

- 57 • **Thomas Waitz**, Co-chair, European Green Party

58 Keynote speech:

- 59 • **Dr Vandana Shiva**, scholar, environmental activist, food sovereignty
60 advocate, and author

61 Speakers:

- 62 • **Bill McKibben**- author, educator, environmentalist, and co-founder of
63 *350.org*

- 64 • **Amy Goodman**, journalist and author, host and Executive Producer of
65 *Democracy Now!*

- 66 • **Ilaria Capua**, Director of the One Health Center of Excellence at the
67 University of Florida

- 68 • **Reinhard Bütikofer MEP**, Greens/EFA Group; Chair of the Delegation for
69 relations with the People's Republic of China of the European Parliament

70 **Thomas Waitz** welcomes the audience, introduces himself, explains the context of

71 the panel and introduces the speakers in order of their contributions.

72 **Dr Vandana Shiva** notes that she has always been a friend of the Greens as their
73 policies are holistic. She focuses her keynote speech on the relations between
74 the global food system, climate change and the current pandemic. She remarks
75 that globalisation brought back the injustices of colonial times to the world,
76 only faster, thanks to fossil fuels and human greed. She goes on to explain that
77 the global food system that was shaped by the Uruguay Round of negotiations of
78 the GATT was already inadequate before the COVID-19 crisis in addressing world
79 hunger, but the current pandemic has even contributed to world hunger, as well
80 as deforestation for agricultural purposes has contributed to the easier spread
81 of zoonotic diseases among humans, as it destroys the natural habitat of
82 animals. She highlights that the current health crisis and the ecological crisis
83 are related, and are the consequences of humans disrespecting planetary
84 boundaries when using resources, which in turn are the causes of wealth
85 inequalities. She then dissects the interconnectedness of the global food system
86 and climate change by underlining the CO₂ emissions caused by industrial
87 agriculture and the global processing and transport of its produce. She
88 concludes that the resilience humans need to invest in for the future to avoid
89 such crisis situations like the ones faced at the moment is planetary resilience
90 - nature's ability to recover and reproduce.

91 **Bill McKibben** in his contribution tells the audience three points that the
92 COVID-19 situation reminded him of. One - no matter what narrative politicians
93 might favour, reality cannot be neglected, be it the reality of the pandemic or
94 that of the climate crisis. Two - any crisis requires swift action, and the
95 current pandemic, as well as the last thirty years of stalled action on climate
96 change is a great example of that given the severe effects. Three - social
97 solidarity matters, and humanity just got a harsh reminder of just how much it
98 matters. He concludes by saying that he hopes the current situation can be a
99 wake up call for the need to address the climate crisis.

100 **Amy Goodman** underlines the role of media and access to media as a prerequisite
101 of democracy in her contribution. She tells the story of the killing of George
102 Floyd at the hands of police officers as an example, which was recorded by a 17
103 year-old girl. She highlights this as the new type of media reporting and
104 emphasises the importance of supporting media independent of lobby groups, such
105 as Democracy Now, and giving voice to the ordinary people involved in social
106 struggles.

107 **Ilaria Capua** starts her intervention by explaining the root of the COVID-19
108 pandemic in Wuhan's wet market and how its appearance is related to the hunting
109 of exotic animals and how its spread is related to a globally interconnected
110 human society. She continues by presenting her team's research on the
111 possibility of COVID-19 spreading through pets and food animals and emphasises
112 the need to rethink the global food system. She concludes by presenting her
113 group's upcoming research project in Northern Italy on how the pandemic affected
114 the local biodiversity.

115 **Reinhard Bütikofer** focuses his contribution on how COVID-19 affected
116 international relations. He starts out by discussing the competition between the
117 USA and China for global hegemony and mentioning that this is the first time in
118 modern history that China has played such a major role in a global crisis as
119 well as the first time that the US does not try to take a leading role in
120 solving it. He highlights how multilateralism is sidelined during the pandemic
121 as countries race to solve their domestic situations, and how it is important
122 for Europe to extend a helping hand towards countries in other parts of the
123 world that are hardest hit by the pandemic, climate change or authoritarianism,
124 and to find new alliances with these countries in a leaderless international
125 community. He underlines that a hopeful sign of the EU's ability to show such
126 leadership is the common solution for recovery being proposed.

127 Following the contributions **Thomas Waitz** leads the conversation into the
128 questions and answers segment. This segment tackles whether the panellists think
129 that the responses given to COVID-19 prepared humanity for the needed radical,
130 drastic changes to halt climate change; the role that Vladimir Putin's Russia
131 plays in capitalising on the crisis in its sphere of influence to pursue a
132 revisionist agenda; the role of online disinformation under the pandemic, and
133 how to combat it effectively; the influence the coronavirus crisis had on global
134 trade and e-commerce; how to restructure the global food supply chain to a more
135 localised production; how to make international trade deals climate and human
136 rights proof; and finally, the links between meat production, meat consumption
137 and the climate crisis, as well as the precarious situations of slaughterhouse
138 workers that was amplified under the pandemic.

139 **Thomas Waitz** finishes by thanking the speakers for their participation and
140 contributions, announcing the upcoming session and closing the panel.

141 Panel 2

142 **Restart Europe - Green Compass for Socio-Economic**
143 **Transformation**

144 18:30 – 20:00

145 **Moderator:**

- 146 • **Vula Tsetsi**, Committee member, European Green Party

147 **Speakers:**

- 148 • **Dr Franziska Brantner**, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (Germany), MdB (Member of the
149 German Parliament, Spokesperson for European policy in the Green Group in
150 the German parliament

- 151 • **Leonore Gewessler**, Die Grünen (Austria), Minister of Climate Action,
152 Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

- 153 • **Małgorzata Tracz**, Partia Zieloni (Poland), Co-chair of the Polish Greens
154 and member of the Polish Parliament

- 155 • **Virginijus Sinkevičius**, EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and
156 Fisheries

- 157 • **Philippe Lamberts**, Co-president of the Greens/EFA Group in the European
158 Parliament

159 **Vula Tsetsi** welcomes those attending and makes an introduction of the topic and
160 the panellists.

161 **Franziska Brantner** starts by explaining the change of mood in the German
162 political context regarding austerity and investment as a result of the change
163 in the economic thinking of key economists and of the change of the situation in
164 the United States and in China, leaving Europe as the only market for Germany to
165 expand its economy. **Philippe Lamberts** adds that there was the same type of
166 change in the European context, with European institutions like the European
167 Commission and the European Parliament pushing for a strong recovery answer at
168 the continental level, despite difficulties in agreeing on it at the level of

169 the national governments. **Leonore Gewessler** reacts by outlining the position of
170 the Austrian Greens in the context of their coalition in the Austrian
171 government, where Greens defend a stronger European response with more
172 solidarity while their coalition partner disagrees with that position. **Virginijus**
173 **Sinkevičius** stresses the importance of the recovery being made through a new
174 economic model. The European Commission plans are made in that line, and
175 Greens need to play an important role in that debate. **Małgorzata Tracz** stresses
176 the importance of the rule of law conditionality for the recovery funds, even
177 though that position is not very popular in Poland. She defends the
178 channelling of EU funds directly to local governments in the cases where national
179 governments have rule of law issues. **Philippe Lamberts** picks up the issue of
180 conditionality by confirming that the funds should be conditional to rule of law
181 and to environmental standards, with very clear rules that don't allow the
182 Commission and the member-states to work around them. **Leonore Gewessler** stresses
183 how climate action is now more important than ever, and which measures the
184 Austrian government is taking on that aspect. **Franziska Brantner** introduces the
185 topic of the German EU presidency, sharing the focus of the German Greens on
186 climate protection and on rule of law. **Virginijus Sinkevičius** details the way
187 the Commission plans to assess conditionality in the application of the recovery
188 and resilience plan.

189 **Vula Tsetsi** introduces a video from the Fridays for Future movement. **Małgorzata**
190 **Tracz** shares the situation of the mine industry in Poland, which has been closed
191 down temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Virginijus Sinkevičius** stresses
192 that the Commission is trying to make sure no one stays behind in the transition
193 and that funds have been put in place to support regions with heavy reliance on
194 fossil fuels, like Poland's mining regions. **Philippe Lamberts** criticizes the
195 Commission aims regarding trade, with free trade deals with Vietnam and Mercosur
196 being established.

197 **Franziska Brantner** shares the experience of the German Greens and how they have
198 managed to reach a support of 20%. **Leonore Gewessler** shares her experience in
199 the Environment Council and how she built alliances to deliver on the Green
200 Deal, and she welcomes the pressure from civil society in order to advance on
201 climate action.

202 **Vula Tsetsi** gives the floor to each of the panellists for a final short message
203 and finally ends the panel.

204 **Saturday, 13 June 2020**

205 Plenary

206 **Membership reporting**

207 9:00 – 9:30

208 **Speaker:**

209 • **Mar Garcia**, Secretary General EGP

210 Mar Garcia reports on the new developments that happened in the EGP since the
211 last Council in Tampere in November 2019. Her main reflections refer to how the
212 Covid-19 crisis affected the organization and forced adjustments in the activity
213 plan and climate campaign of the Committee of the EGP.

214 A new Committee was elected at Tampere Council. The Committee members used the
215 time to get familiar with their tasks and distribute responsibilities end of
216 2019, beginning of the 2020. Two retreats were organized for that purpose in
217 December and January.

218 The EGP started working on its 2020 climate campaign, but the Corona outbreak
219 led to many changes:

220 - Committee and EGP office started teleworking in March 2020 (still ongoing at
221 the time of this Council)

222 - The EGP's Activity Plan 2020 had to be modified, such as:

223 (1) organizing an Online Council

224 (2) adjustments to the climate campaign

225 (3) bilateral cooperation with member parties, especially related to foreseen
226 projects and meetings (EILs, Local councillor conferences, etc) had to be
227 postponed.

228 The first part of the year included efforts to coordinate the Greens' reaction
229 to the Covid-19 crisis:

230 • dynamic communication and cooperation with member parties

231 • structured cooperation with the Greens/EFA Group

232 • coordination with the Green parties in governments.

233 A challenging moment was to coordinate a Green position to the Covid crisis,
234 being more complex considering the role of national member states and Green
235 parties being part of national governments. The result of these efforts were
236 timely European Green position on the Crisis and Recovery plan.

237 The EGP Committee took the final decision in April to hold this Council online.
238 Despite countless challenges (for example the voting session, the EGP managed to
239 organise the Online Council in a way that it serves its statutory and political
240 purposes. She invites the Council delegates to give their feedback in order to
241 draw final conclusions.

242 Despite the constraints, the EGP has managed to make progress on its regional
243 strategy:

244 • development of a stronger cooperation among the member parties in Southern
245 Europe

246 • identifying the country-specific actions

247 • revival of Mediterranean network.

248 Preparations for COP26 started, even though it became clear that the date of the
249 COP26 would be postponed. Meetings with civil society were held to prepare this
250 COP, and further preparations will happen throughout the year.

251 Two long term Tiltcampaignswere agreed: Food & Health and Human Rights
252 (including gender and LGBTQI rights). A number of short-term campaigns were
253 organized, adjusting to the current political debates.

254 EGP Networks are active, and the member parties are welcome to join: ENGS, Local
255 Councillors, Gender and Queer network. They function as self-organised spaces
256 that EGP supports in their work.

257 European Ideas Labs (EIL) are foreseen for the second half of the year,
258 organized jointly with the Greens/EFA Group. One EIL will take place in Brussels
259 in November, and one regional EIL in Hungary mid-October if the Covid situation
260 allows. The EGP Committee intends to upgrade the EILs with the addition of an
261 online dimension.

262 The Local Councillors/Green cities conference is foreseen to take place in
263 Valencia, Spain in September, and preparation together with Equo (Spain) have
264 started.

265 The EGP climate emergency campaign was reshaped to address people's concerns in
266 relation to Covid crisis, considering the necessity to readjust and rethink the
267 campaign. The EGP has hired a campaigner for this campaign.

268 In regard to the changes in the membership list, Mar Garcia points out that:

269 - ICV (Catalunya) changed name to Esquerra Verda. The party will remain member
270 party of EGP, following the procedure of earlier cases.

271 - Groza (Russia): chair Alexei Kozlov officially informed the EGP that the party
272 stopped existing. Therefore, their membership will be acknowledged as
273 terminated, and they will be deleted from the membership list.

274 Questions from the floor regarding ICV / Esquerra Verda and Equo (Spain) from
275 the floor were answered. **Lluís Camprubí** (ICV) emphasizes that the political
276 framework of the party, its cooperations as well as its political identity
277 remain the same.

278 Plenary

279 **Presentation of finances and FAB statement**

280 9:30 – 10:00

281 **Speaker:**

282 • **Ute Michel**, Treasurer EGP

283 • **Nadia van Huisstede**, member of the Financial Advisory Board, GroenLinks

284 Ute Michel starts by outlining the audit process of the budget year 2019, done
285 online by EY in April 2020. The audit was twofold, on the basis of the local
286 generally accepted reporting standard in Belgium and on the basis of the
287 International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). 2019 was dominated – both
288 regarding activities and finances – by the European Parliament election
289 campaign.

290 She continues by saying that the European Parliament grant increased again, from
291 2,3 million EUR in 2018 to 3,4 million EUR in 2019. In order to fund the
292 election campaign activities, part of the EGP Campaign Fund was dissolved.

293 Since a new EGP Committee was elected at the Autumn 2019 Council in
294 Tampere/Finland, Lena Lindström finished her mandate as treasurer and Ute Michel
295 was elected. Ute Michel expresses her gratitude for Lena Lindström's 10 years'
296 commitment to the EGP's finances.

297 She continues by explaining in detail expenditure and revenue of the EGP in
298 2019. Total expenditure was 4 million EUR (budgeted: 4,2 million), total revenue
299 was 4 million EUR. The result was 0 EUR, after an extraction of 153.000 EUR from
300 the Campaign Fund and a provision of 75.000 EUR to the Congress Fund. EGP funds
301 now total 605.000 EUR.

302 She finishes by saying that the audit report was of unqualified nature and that
303 no amendments had been amended by member parties.

304 **Nadia van Huisstede** gives a statement on behalf of the Financial Advisory Board
305 (FAB). She briefly reports on the FAB's engagement in their first half-year
306 since their election at the Autumn 2019 Council in Tampere and states that the
307 FAB have no objections to the accounts 2019 and the audit report as presented by
308 the Committee. She mentions some future topics the FAB would like to work on in
309 cooperation and supported by the Committee and the EGP office.

310 Plenary

311 **Q&A with the candidates for the Financial Advisory Board**
312 **(FAB), the Conciliation Panel and with representatives from**
313 **the Montenegro Green party Civic Movement URA**

314 10:00 – 11:00

315 **Moderator:**

316 • **Mar Garcia**, Secretary General EGP

317 • **Mélanie Vogel**, Committee member

318 Mélanie Vogel opens the floor for the presentation of the candidate membership
319 of Civic Movement UR of Montenegro. The applicant party presents a 5-minute
320 video presenting the party's history, political context, and main political
321 debates in the country, followed by a speech by its party leader Dritan
322 Abazovic. Questions from the floor refer to the party's position on LGBT rights
323 and abortion and on migration, followed by answers by Dritan Abazovic.

324 Mar Garcia opens the floor for the presentation of the candidate for the
325 Financial Advisory Board. She reminds the delegates that two people were elected
326 to the FAB at the Autumn Council 2019 in Tampere and that one female position is
327 open now. Then **Emma Carter** from the Green Party of England and Wales presents
328 herself in a video presentation. No questions are asked from the floor.

329 Mar Garcia announces the presentations of candidacies for the Conciliation
330 Panel. She details that this body consists of an uneven number of members. Since
331 four people have been elected at the Tampere Council, this Council is invited to
332 elect one or three members. There are 3 female candidates. Mar Garcia announces
333 that the candidacy of Luca Boccoli (Federazione dei Verdi) was withdrawn.

334 The candidates present themselves in the following order:

335 • **Silvia Pettinicchio** (Federazione dei Verdi Italy)

336 • **Milka Stepien** (Polish Greens)

337 • Erica Zucec (Green Ecologic party of Moldova) – video presentation

338 No questions are asked from the floor

339 **Online voting session**

340 12:00 – 14:30

341 **Moderators:**

342 · Mar Garcia, Secretary General EGP

343 · Melanie Vogel, Committee member

344 Mar Garcia introduces the online voting system to the delegates. The delegates
345 are reminded that the voting session is recorded.

346 Mar Garcia informs the delegates that 126 votes have been initially allocated.
347 The allocated vote from one member party has been withdrawn because of no
348 response to any of our attempts of getting in touch and the unpaid membership
349 fee 2020. Hence, the total number of allocated votes is 125. A 3/4 majority of
350 the allocated votes is 94 votes; a 2/3 majority of the allocated votes is 84
351 votes.

352 In a trial vote, 118 out of 125 allocated votes are cast. The 50%+1 attendance
353 quorum is thus reached.

354 **Online Council meeting and voting rules, valid for the Online 31st EGP Council,**
355 **10-13 June**

356 Mar Garcia informs the Council that no amendments were submitted and reminds the
357 delegates that these rules will be used to produce elaborate online Council
358 rules to become part of the EGP Rule Book. Mar Garcia invites the Council to
359 vote on the draft rules as tabled.

360 The Online Council meeting and voting rules, valid for the Online 31stEGP
361 Council, 10-13 June, are adopted with 118 votes in favour, no votes against and
362 3 abstentions.

363 **Elections of the 3rd member of the Finance advisory board**

364 Mar Garcia explains that the mandate of the current FAB has started in Tampere
365 last November and will last until November 2022. Emma Carter, Green Party of
366 England and Wales, presented her candidature for this position.

367 Mar Garcia explains the rules for elections: if a candidate wins more than 50%
368 of the votes cast, s/he is elected in the first round. Should no candidate gain
369 more than 50% of the first-round vote, a second round will be held between the
370 two highest-scoring candidates. Mar Garcia invites the Council to vote.

371 Emma Carter is elected with 121 votes in favour, no votes against and no
372 abstentions. Mar Garcia congratulates her to the election and Emma Carter thanks
373 for the trust put in her.

374 **Elections to Conciliation Panel**

375 Mar Garcia explains that the mandate of the current Conciliation Panel (CP) has
376 started in Tampere last November and will last until November 2022. Four members
377 were elected last November. She continues by explaining that according to the
378 EGP Rule Book, the CP has to be a body with an uneven number of members in order
379 to be able to take decisions. She repeats that one candidate has withdrawn his
380 candidature and there are 3 candidates left.

381 Mar Garcia proposes to have a CP of 7 members, the rules allowing for membership
382 of 5 to 9 members, and she proposes to vote on the 3 candidates en bloc.
383 Following the objection from a party, each candidate is will be voted
384 separately.

385 Mar Garcia invites the delegates to vote for the 5th member of the CP.

386 In the first round, Milka Stepien gains 73 votes (59,8%), Silvia Pettinicchio
387 gains 37 votes (30,3%), Erica Zurec gains 8 votes (6,6%), there are 4
388 abstentions.

389 Milka Stepien is elected as the 5th member of the Conciliation Panel in the first
390 round.

391 Mar Garcia invites the delegates to vote for the 6th member of the CP.

392 In the first round, Silvia Pettinicchio gains 90 votes (72,6%), Erica Zurec
393 gains 23 votes (18,5%), there are 11 abstentions.

394 Silvia Pettinicchio is elected as the 6th member of the Conciliation Panel in
395 this round.

396 Mar Garcia invites the delegates to vote for the 7th member of the CP.

397 In the first round, Erica Zurec gains 109 votes (87,9%), there are 15
398 abstentions.

399 Erica Zurec is elected as the 7th member of the Conciliation Panel in this round.

400 Mar Garcia congratulates the three to their election and Milka Stepien, Silvia
401 Pettinicchio and Erica Zurec thank for the trust put in them.

402 **Membership application: URA (United Reform Action) for Candidate membership**

403 Melanie Vogel reminds the Council that a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the allocated votes (94)
404 is required and invites the Council to vote on the application of URA,
405 Montenegro, for Candidate membership at the EGP.

406 The Green party URA from Montenegro is accepted as a candidate member of the EGP
407 with 117 votes in favour, no votes against and 7 abstentions.

408 **Minutes of the EGP Autumn 2019 Council in Tampere**

409 Mar Garcia informs the Council that there were no amendments received to the
410 draft minutes for Tampere Council and invites to go to the vote.

411 The minutes for Tampere Council are adopted with 119 votes in favour, no votes
412 against and 5 abstentions.

413 **Accounts and activity report 2019**

414 Mar Garcia reminds the delegates that the Committee received one correction to
415 the Activity report 2019 and invites the Council to vote both on the accounts
416 and Activity report 2019.

417 Accounts and activity report 2019 are adopted with 118 votes in favour, no votes
418 against and 1 abstention.

419 **EGP membership list, Annex B of the EGP Statutes**

420 Mar Garcia informs the Council that Groza, Russia, has withdrawn its membership
421 from the European Green Party. She invites the Council to vote on the EGP
422 Membership list, Annex B to the EGP Statutes.

423 The updated EGP membership list, Annex B of the EGP Statutes is adopted with 123
424 votes in favour, no votes against and no abstentions.

425 **Proposal regarding the next EGP Congress**

426 Mar Garcia informs the Council that no amendments have been submitted and
427 invites the Council to go to the vote.

428 The proposal regarding the next EGP Congress in Autumn 2020 is adopted with 120
429 votes in favour, no votes against and no abstentions.

430 **Resolution “Green recovery towards climate neutrality”**

431 Melanie Vogel informs the Council that compromises were found for most
432 amendments. One oral amendment to amendment 11 and 14 will be voted
433 individually.

434 Thomas Waitz, EGP co-chair, presents an oral amendment to AM 11 to align it with
435 the compromise amendment 5 to replace lines 35-39 with the following text:
436 “First, for the EU to reach the ambitious goal of climate neutrality as early as
437 2040, all Member States must take ambitious actions. However, we recognise that
438 not all European countries are starting their transition from the same point.”

439 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the rest of the compromise
440 amendments en bloc.

441 The compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted en bloc with 111
442 votes in favour, 10 votes against and no abstentions.

443 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the oral amendment 11 as explained
444 before. the oral amendment 11 is adopted with 111 votes in favour, 2 votes
445 against and 7 abstentions.

446 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the oral amendment 14 in the
447 following order:

448 1st vote to delete the paragraph. If that fails, the delegates are asked for a
449 preferential vote between the 2 options as discussed at the CAS session, and
450 then the Council would vote on whether to replace the original text of the
451 resolution with the preferred text.

452 The Council rejects the proposal to delete the whole paragraph, with 47 votes in
453 favour, 62 votes against and 12 abstentions.

454 Per preferential vote, the Council prefers option 1 over option 2 with 82 votes
455 in favour of option 1, 35 votes in favour of option 2 and 6 abstentions.

456 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on replacing the original text with
457 preferred option 1. The option 1 is accepted with 105 votes in favour, 12 votes
458 against and 4 abstentions.

459 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on a resolution as amended

460 The resolution "Green recovery towards climate neutrality" as amended is adopted
461 with 120 votes in favour, no votes against and 3 abstentions.

462 **Resolution "Coronavirus Recovery: Let's build a better tomorrow!"**

463 Melanie Vogel informs the Council that compromises were found for most
464 amendments presented to the draft resolution. Three amendments linked to the
465 previous resolution just adopted by the Council are aligned and proposed to be
466 voted en bloc with all other compromises found. Melanie Vogel invites the
467 Council to vote on the compromise amendments en bloc.

468 The compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 117 votes in
469 favour, no votes against and 6 abstentions.

470 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the original AM 7. The amendment is
471 rejected with 81 votes against, 25 votes in favour and 17 abstentions.

472 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on replacing "more affordable" with
473 "free" in CA 5.

474 The amendment is adopted with 77 votes in favour, 27 votes against and 13
475 abstentions.

476 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on adding “at least 5 trillion euros
477 over next 12 years and” in CA 8. This addition is adopted with 89 votes in
478 favour, 17 votes against and 16 abstentions.

479 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on original amendment 38. AM 38 is
480 rejected with 58 votes against, 37 votes in favour and 26 abstentions.

481 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on adding “and putting an end to the
482 unanimity rule in tax matters” in the end of CA 12. The amendment is adopted
483 with 90 votes in favour, 18 votes against and 13 abstentions.

484 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to cast a preferential vote between the
485 FYEG/CAS AM and the GroenLinks proposals (the original AM 55). 75 votes are in
486 favour of the FYEG/CAS proposal, 31 votes are in favour of the GroenLinks AM and
487 there are 13 abstentions.

488 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on replacing the original text with
489 FYEG/CAS proposal. The FYEG/CAS AM is adopted with 61 votes in favour, 42 votes
490 against and 18 abstentions.

491 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

492 The resolution “Coronavirus Recovery: Let's build a better tomorrow!” as amended
493 is adopted with 109 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 10 abstentions.

494 **Resolution “Black lives matter!”**

495 Melanie Vogel informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments
496 presented to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the
497 compromise amendments en bloc. The order of the bullet points in the end of the
498 resolution will be adjusted according to the agreement at the CAS session.

499 All compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 120 votes in
500 favour, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.

501 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

502 The resolution “Black lives matter!” as amended is adopted with 121 votes in
503 favour, no votes against and 1 abstention.

504 **Resolution “Power to the Gig-Workers: Guarantee the socioeconomic protections of**
505 **gig-workers”**

506 Melanie Vogel informs the Council that compromises were found for all amendments
507 submitted to the draft resolution and invites the Council to vote on the
508 compromise amendments en bloc.

509 All compromise amendments to the draft resolution are adopted with 121 votes in
510 favour, no votes against and 2 abstentions.

511 Melanie Vogel invites the Council to vote on the draft resolution as amended.

512 The resolution “Power to the Gig-Workers: Guarantee the socioeconomic
513 protections of gig-workers” as amended is adopted with 121 votes in favour, no
514 votes against and 1 abstention.

515 Melanie Vogel thanks the delegates for the great work and closes the voting
516 session.

517 **Closing remarks**

518 Mar Garcigives the closing words. She thanks everyone for participating and
519 especially the EGP team who organized the first ever online Council. She gives
520 an outlook on the challenges ahead, fuelled by the Covid crisis and rising
521 populism all over the world. She ends by announcing that the next EGP Council
522 will take place in Warsaw, Poland (4-6 December 2020), if the pandemic situation
523 allows so.

524 Brussels, 15 June 2020

525 Mar Garcia, Secretary General EGP