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1 **Draft Minutes**

2 **Saturday 4 Dec 2021**

3 Plenary

4 **Welcome speeches**

5 9:00 - 9:15

6 Speakers:

7 • **Evelyne Huytebroeck**, EGP Co-chair (Belgium)

8 • **Thomas Waitz**, EGP Co-chair (Austria)

9 EGP Co-chair **Thomas Waitz** opens the session by remarking the disappointment the
10 EGP Committee felt at taking the decision to hold an online Council rather than
11 a physical one. He underlines the general worsening health situation and takes
12 the occasion to give a shout out to Green Ministers, mayors and vice mayors who
13 are at the front line of managing the health emergency.

14 He remarks that the original decision to hold the Council in Budapest was linked
15 to the rule of law situation in Hungary, where EU fundamental values are at
16 stake. He calls on Greens to fight to restore and protect these values.

17 He concludes by wishing good luck to the entire democratic opposition in Hungary
18 (including EGP member party LMP and partner Párbeszéd) who is joining forces
19 for the upcoming elections to defend democracy.

20 EGP Co-chair **Evelyne Huytebroeck** takes the floor. She recalls that Greens are in
21 government in several countries, the most recent being the Scottish and German
22 ones. In particular, she remarks that Germany will be an important opportunity
23 for Greens the world over. She admits there are challenges for Greens in
24 government especially when not in majority, but underlines the important role
25 they can play, for instance when Green Ministers cooperate in the EU Council
26 meetings, cooperation which the EGP is facilitating, jointly with Greens/EFA in
27 the EP.

28 She remarks the importance of EGP's cooperation with Green member parties at
29 all levels. She claims Greens wish to become the first-choice party for
30 citizens.

31 She mentions the recent COP26 and the presence of the Green family in Glasgow.
32 She discusses how the climate crisis is strictly linked to the ongoing pandemic,
33 to the refugee crisis, and that a fight against climate change is also a fight
34 for social and economic justice, as well as international cooperation.

35 She concludes by stating the European Greens' clear commitment to continue
36 this fight both in institutions and on the streets, alongside citizens, together
37 with Green member parties and partners. She thanks the participants and EGP
38 staff.

39 Plenary

40 **Compromise Amendments Session 7 (CAS)**

41 9:15 – 10:00

42 Moderators:

43 • **Mar Garcia**, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

44 • **Mélanie Vogel**, EGP Committee member (France)

45 **Mar Garcia** welcomes participants and explains that during the CAS 7, delegates
46 will be given the chance to speak in favour or against specific amendments to be
47 voted, as it is not technically possible to do so during the voting session.

48 She announces that the Andorran Green Party withdrew their membership and that
49 the suspension of voting rights for Partidul Verde (Romania) has been
50 terminated, as their legal situation has been restored. This means that the
51 actual number of allocated votes amounts to **124**.

52 She concludes, mentioning that regular relations with the member parties were
53 upheld even if mainly online, and that the 2021 European Ideas Lab (EIL) was
54 successfully held physically in Milan, as well as the Balkan meeting in
55 Montenegro.

56 **Mélanie Vogel** announces that a compromise has been found for amendment 3 on the
57 emergency resolution on the humanitarian crisis at the Polish-Belarusian border
58 (R12). Leaving two votes on the compromise texts for Amendments 10 and 14 in
59 Resolution 03 on Western Balkans. She reiterates that delegates will take the
60 floor to speak in favour or against amendments during CAS 7.

61 **Compromise text for Amendment 10 tabled by Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (Germany)**

62 **Terry Reintke** (Germany) speaks in favour of the compromise text, to acknowledge
63 steps made by Albania and North Macedonia, and to push the EU to actively engage
64 with the whole Western Balkans region for reasons of stability and the EU's
65 credibility.

66 **Zaritsa Dinkova** (Bulgaria) speaks against, as the word "directly" is
67 considered unacceptable on the basis of the European Council procedures. She
68 also remarks that North Macedonia does not ensure fundamental rights of citizens
69 of Bulgarian self-identity.

70 **Ana Ugrinska** (North Macedonia) is given the floor to remark the wish not to
71 discuss human rights issues in the current setting.

72 **Compromise text for Amendment 14 by GroenLinks (Netherlands)**

73 **Elias Papatheodorou** (Greece) speaks in favour, to send a signal that Greens
74 should support the positive steps forward.

75 **Zaritsa Dinkova** (Bulgaria) speaks against and flags that the word
76 “bilaterally” is problematic for the Bulgarian Greens.

77 **Dobromira Grigorova** (Bulgaria) is given the floor to remark that the Bulgarian
78 Greens will opt out of the resolution if the two compromise amendments are
79 adopted in the voting session.

80 **R12 - Emergency resolution on the humanitarian crisis at the Polish-Belarusian**
81 **border**

82 **Mélanie Vogel** shares the compromise text on the screen for Amendment 3 tabled
83 by GroenLinks (Netherlands), as formulated jointly by GroenLinks and the
84 Austrian Greens.

85 Plenary

86 **Financial reporting and Activity Plan 2022**

87 10:00 - 10:30

88 Speakers:

89 • **Mar Garcia**, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

90 • **Ute Michel**, EGP Treasurer (Germany)

91 **Ute Michel** presents the draft budget 2022. She starts by saying that the
92 budgetary year 2021 was again dominated by the impact of the Covid pandemic. We
93 continued implementing online activities and improved the online experience for
94 participants. The number of staff was increased by recruiting a dedicated
95 digital team as planned and budgeted, and organised two physical events (EIL in
96 Milan; Balkan Network meeting). The Committee continued having online Committee
97 meetings throughout the year. As can be seen in the draft Activity Plan 2022, we

98 are taking forward the best of both worlds with both digital activities and
99 physical events next year. The draft budget 2022 was built accordingly.

100 She continues that this is the second budget after 2021 with a considerable
101 carry-over from the previous year, and like 2021, we are presenting our total
102 budget 2022 in two parts: the core budget for the EP grant application 2021 and
103 the carry-over budget, consisting of additional expenditure based on the unspent
104 amount we carry over from 2020/21, with additional own resources to fund this.

105 The budget is balanced with a total of 7.472.934 EUR income and expenditure. The
106 income consists of the EP grant of 4,47 Mio EUR, a carry-over from 2021 of 2,1
107 Mio EUR (estimation from mid-October) and a withdrawal from funds of 233.000 EUR
108 (of which 225.000 EUR from the Congress Fund and 8.000 EUR from the Operational
109 Reserve). There will be a provision to the Campaign Fund of 100.000 EUR.

110 All other funds remain unchanged. The new total in funds will be 773.997 EUR
111 (2021: 906.997 EUR)

112 Income from membership fees will be 485.000 EUR (2021: 481.000 EUR), with the
113 fees being similar for most parties as in 2021. Ute points to the separate
114 document on the membership fees with details for each member party. Minor
115 adjustments due to changes in the economic coefficient for some countries and
116 some bigger changes due to good or bad election results were accounted for. She
117 holds that the current membership fee structure is working well overall.

118 Ute finally informs that there is currently some uncertainty over the
119 contributions from our non-EU member parties.

120 There have not been any amendments submitted to the financial documents to be
121 voted on, and the FAB issued a positive statement on the draft budget.

122 Hence, the Committee proposes to the 34th EGP Council to adopt the draft budget
123 2022, including:

- 124 - withdrawing 225.000 EUR from the Congress Fund and 8.000 EUR from the
- 125 Operational Reserve,
- 126 - putting 100.000 EUR into the Campaign Fund,
- 127 - adopting the draft membership fees 2022 as proposed.

128 **Mar Garcia** gives the floor to EGP Committee member **Oras Tynkkynen** (Finland) about
129 the resolutions discussed in the CAS sessions 2, 4 and 6 he chaired. He asks the
130 delegates to read the proposed consolidated resolution texts, as there may be
131 textual and grammar changes.

132 **Mar Garcia** presents the **Activity Plan 2022**, which has received no amendments.

133 She states that the EGP has the will to resume physical events but also foster
134 online activities. The EGP will invest in further Policy Lab initiatives and in
135 the Local Councilors project, including the online platform and a conference in
136 Valencia.

137 She mentions that the Greens in Government project will continue, jointly with
138 Greens/EFA in EP, and that there will be a Party Leaders' Meeting taking place
139 online after the winter break.

140 She informs that the Climate and the Green Recovery campaigns will continue, and
141 that there will be a trans-feminist campaign as well (jointly with the
142 Federation of Young European Greens). Other projects that will continue include
143 the research project on the European Green electorate, the fundraising project,
144 Tilt!, European Ideas Lab (jointly with Greens/EFA in EP), networks, the Green
145 Talking Heads podcasts, the Green Screens project. She adds that the EGP is in
146 process of revamping its website.

147 She concludes that the EGP will start to get ready for the 2024 EU elections,
148 and that it will continue its cooperation with partners (Federation of Young
149 European Greens, Green European Foundation, Greens/EFA), as well as its
150 engagement with the European Movement International.

151 The delegates are asked to go to the online voting platform.

152 Plenary

153 **Voting Session**

154 10:45 – 13:30

155 Moderators:

156 • **Mar Garcia**, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

157 • **Mélanie Vogel**, EGP Committee member (France)

158 **Mar Garcia** informs the participants about the chat option and technical support
159 available. Then she calls for a test vote, resulting in 107 votes cast. She
160 explains the technical voting functionalities of the new platform.

161 She announces that the allocated votes are **124** after the acknowledgment of the
162 withdrawal of the membership of the Andorran Greens, and the restoring of the
163 vote of the Romanian Greens, as announced in CAS 7.

164 She calls for a quorum test vote: 106 votes cast. She states the majorities to
165 be applied: a simple majority amounts to 63 votes; 3/4 of the allocated votes
166 amount to 93 votes (75%); 2/3 of the allocated votes amount to 83 votes (66.6%).
167 The quorum is reached.

168 34th Online Council meeting rules

169 **Mar Garcia** opens the vote on Amendment 1 tabled by the EGP Committee and
170 accepted in the CAS. Result: 109 votes cast, 109 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0
171 against. **The amendment is accepted unanimously.**

172 Mar Garcia opens the vote on the 34th Online Council meeting rules as amended.
173 Result: 109 votes cast, 109 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The 34th Online
174 Council meeting rules as amended are adopted unanimously.**

175 Updated Membership List (Annex B of the EGP Statutes)

176 **Mar Garcia** remarks that the main changes in the membership list concern the name
177 change of Federazione dei Verdi (Italy) into Europa Verde – Verdi; the
178 addition of Catalunya en Comú (Spain) as candidate member party; membership
179 withdrawal of the Andorran Green Party and changes in the list of Special
180 Members. She adds that the required majority is 3/4 of the cast votes.

181 Mar Garcia opens the vote on the updated Membership List (Annex B) as presented.
182 Results: 111 votes cast, 111 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The updated
183 Membership List (Annex B) is adopted as presented unanimously.**

184 Draft Minutes of the 33rd Online EGP Council, 25-29 May 2021

185 **Mar Garcia** opens the vote on Amendment 1 tabled by Miljöpartiet de gröna
186 (Sweden) and accepted in the CAS. Results: 112 votes cast, 110 in favour, 2
187 abstentions, 0 against. **The amendment is accepted.**

188 **Mar Garcia** opens the vote on the draft minutes of the 33rd online EGP Council as
189 amended. Results: 110 votes cast, 109 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against. **The**
190 **draft minutes of the 33rd online EGP Council as amended are adopted.**

191 Update of the EGP Rule Book on physical Council proceedings

192 **Mar Garcia** opens the vote on the EGP Committee update of the EGP Rule Book on
193 physical Council proceedings as presented. Results: 115 votes cast, 113 in
194 favour, 2 abstentions, 0 against. **The update to the EGP Rule Book on physical**
195 **Council proceedings as presented is adopted.**

196 Online Meeting Rules (Annex P)

197 **Mar Garcia** opens the vote on Online meeting rules (Annex P) for the EGP Rule
198 Book as presented. Results: 115 votes cast, 114 in favour, 1 abstention, 0
199 against. **The Online meeting rules (Annex P) as presented are adopted.**

200 Finances package – Budget and Membership Fees 2022

201 **Mar Garcia** opens the vote on Budget and Membership Fees 2022 as presented.
202 Results: 116 votes cast, 115 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against. **The Budget and**
203 **Membership Fees 2022 as presented are adopted.**

204 Activity Plan 2022

205 **Mar Garcia** opens the vote on the Activity Plan 2022 as presented. Results: 115
206 votes cast, 115 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The Activity Plan 2022 as**
207 **presented is adopted unanimously.**

208 **Mar Garcia** hands the moderation to Mélanie Vogel to chair the voting of the
209 resolutions.

210 R01 Resolution “Anti-corruption, transparency and participation need to be at
211 the heart of distributing EU funds”

212 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
213 119 votes cast, 119 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
214 **amendments to the resolution “Anti-corruption, transparency and participation**
215 **need to be at the heart of distributing EU funds” are accepted unanimously.**

216 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
217 Results: 119 votes cast, 119 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The resolution**
218 **“Anti-corruption, transparency and participation need to be at the heart of**
219 **distributing EU funds” as amended is adopted unanimously.**

220 R02 Resolution “A common position on Afghanistan”

221 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
222 116 votes cast, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise amendments to the**
223 **resolution “A common position on Afghanistan” are accepted unanimously.**

224 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
225 Results: 117 votes cast, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The resolution “A common**
226 **position on Afghanistan” as amended is adopted unanimously.**

227 R03 Resolution “Upholding the prospect of EU integration of the Western
228 Balkans”

229 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on compromise amendments and already
230 accepted in CAS. Results: 119 votes cast, 119 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0
231 against. **The compromise amendments to the resolution “Upholding the prospect**
232 **of EU integration of the Western Balkans” already accepted in CAS are accepted**
233 **unanimously.**

234 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the compromise text for Amendment 10 tabled by
235 Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (DE). Results: 117 votes cast, 109 in favour, 7
236 abstentions, 1 against. **The compromise text for Amendment 10 to the resolution**
237 **“Upholding the prospect of EU integration of the Western Balkans” is**
238 **accepted.**

239 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the compromise text for Amendment 14 tabled by
240 GroenLinks (NL). Results: 118 votes cast, 103 in favour, 11 abstentions, 4
241 against. **The compromise text for Amendment 14 to the resolution “Upholding the**
242 **prospect of EU integration of the Western Balkans” is accepted.**

243 **Mélanie Vogel** mentions that, as both amendments have been accepted, the
244 decision of the Bulgarian Greens to opt out is noted in the resolution and in
245 these official Council minutes.

246 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
247 Results: 115 votes cast, 113 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 against. **The resolution**
248 **“Upholding the prospect of EU integration of the Western Balkans” as amended**
249 **is adopted.**

250 R04 Resolution “Future relations with Russia must be based on values, the rule
251 of law and fundamental rights”

252 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
253 116 votes cast, 115 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against. **The compromise**
254 **amendments to the resolution “Future relations with Russia must be based on**
255 **values, the rule of law and fundamental rights” are accepted.**

256 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
257 Results: 110 votes cast, 110 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. The resolution
258 **“Future relations with Russia must be based on values, the rule of law and**
259 **fundamental rights” as amended is adopted unanimously.**

260 R05 Resolution “European solidarity for Lebanon”

261 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
262 108 votes cast, 108 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
263 **amendments to the resolution “European solidarity for Lebanon” are accepted**
264 **unanimously.**

265 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
266 Results: 110 votes cast, 110 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. The resolution
267 **“European solidarity for Lebanon” as amended is adopted unanimously.**

268 R06 Resolution “Fortress Europe? No thanks!”

269 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
270 118 votes cast, 113 in favour, 5 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
271 **amendments to the resolution “Fortress Europe? No thanks!” are accepted.**

272 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
273 Results: 118 votes cast, 113 in favour, 5 abstentions, 0 against. The resolution
274 **“Fortress Europe? No thanks!” as amended is adopted.**

275 R07 Resolution “European leadership for global climate action”

276 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
277 118 votes cast, 118 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
278 **amendments to the resolution “European leadership for global climate action”**
279 **are accepted unanimously.**

280 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
281 Results: 118 votes cast, 118 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. The resolution
282 **“European leadership for global climate action” as amended is adopted**
283 **unanimously.**

284 R08 Resolution “Building resilient Green municipalities of the future”

285 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
286 115 votes cast, 115 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
287 **amendments to the resolution “Building resilient Green municipalities of the**
288 **future” are accepted unanimously.**

289 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
290 Results: 107 votes cast, 107 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. The resolution
291 **“Building resilient Green municipalities of the future” as amended is**
292 **adopted unanimously.**

293 R09 Resolution “Towards better implementation of European environmental
294 legislation”

295 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:

296 117 votes cast, 113 in favour, 4 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
297 **amendments to the resolution “Towards better implementation of European**
298 **environmental legislation” are accepted.**

299 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
300 Results: 114 votes cast, 113 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against. The resolution
301 **“Towards better implementation of European environmental legislation” as**
302 **amended is adopted.**

303 R10 Resolution “ENERGY POVERTY: A just energy transition of European regions
304 means energy poverty eradication”

305 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
306 115 votes cast, 115 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
307 **amendments to the resolution “ENERGY POVERTY: A just energy transition of**
308 **European regions means energy poverty eradication” are accepted unanimously.**

309 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
310 Results: 115 votes cast, 115 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. The resolution
311 **“ENERGY POVERTY: A just energy transition of European regions means energy**
312 **poverty eradication” as amended is adopted unanimously.**

313 R11 Resolution “For an industrial role for electric cars serving the climate,
314 employment, the environment and social justice”

315 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
316 116 votes cast, 116 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
317 **amendments to the resolution “For an industrial role for electric cars serving**
318 **the climate, employment, the environment and social justice” are accepted**
319 **unanimously.**

320 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
321 Results: 117 votes cast, 117 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. The resolution
322 **“For an industrial role for electric cars serving the climate, employment, the**
323 **environment and social justice” as amended is adopted unanimously.**

324 R12 Emergency resolution “End the humanitarian crisis on the Polish-Belarusian
325 border”

326 **Mélanie Vogel** calls for a bloc vote on amendments compromised in CAS. Results:
327 116 votes cast, 116 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against. **The compromise**
328 **amendments to the emergency resolution “End the humanitarian crisis on the**
329 **Polish-Belarusian border” are accepted unanimously.**

330 **Mélanie Vogel** opens the vote on the final text of the resolution as amended.
331 Results: 117 votes cast, 116 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against. The resolution
332 **“End the humanitarian crisis on the Polish-Belarusian border” as amended is**
333 **adopted.**

334 **Mélanie Vogel** concludes by thanking all delegates for the very cooperative work
335 and gives the floor back to **Mar Garcia**.

336 **It is remarked a posteriori that two votes of the Green Party of England and**
337 **Wales (UK), out of the allocated 8, could not be counted throughout most of the**
338 **voting session due to technical issues.**

339 **Closing speech**

340 Speaker

- 341 • **Mar Garcia**, EGP Secretary General (Spain)

342 **Mar Garcia** encourages delegates to join the online get-together organised by
343 Ville Elonheimo (Finland), and she announces that the next EGP Congress is
344 taking place on 2-4 December 2022, with the location yet to be confirmed.

345 She thanks the participants for joining the online Council and the EGP staff for
346 the great work of organising it. She reiterates the commitment of the European
347 Greens to support the political endeavour of EGP member party LMP and partner
348 Parbeszéd in Hungary, whom she also thanks for their efforts in preparing the
349 physical Council.

350 Mar Garcia states that two major events took place in the Green world in the
351 last few months: COP26 and the German Greens’ government agreement, for which
352 she congratulates the party and that the coalition in Germany will be very
353 significant for Greens everywhere.

354 She claims that Greens are showing political realism and maturing. She continues
355 that today there is a double challenge ahead, that of the post-COVID recovery
356 and of the energy transition, which must be just, as climate policies have
357 economic repercussions. She argues that, unless the social dimension of the
358 transition is taken into account, climate policies may become a battleground for
359 nationalist and populist forces and fossil fuel lobbies, and governments may
360 attempt to resort to nuclear energy.

361 She remarks that the choice of Budapest as Council host city was taken in order
362 to support the opposition alliance, which has a real chance to defeat the
363 current government. She recalls that, next to Viktor Orbán, there are other
364 illiberal leaders across the EU, and that Greens are committed to fighting for
365 freedom and for the rule of law.

366 Mar Garcia concludes by informing the participants that the next EGP Council is
367 planned to take place in Riga (Latvia), on 3-5 June 2022, depending on the COVID
368 situation.