

Dear colleagues,

I am writing this letter as I would like to offer my experience and knowledge to the European Greens as a member of the EGP Committee.

I am a retired Army general currently serving as the Secretary General and member of the National Board of the Green Ecological Party of the Republic of Moldova. In my military career spanning over 20 years I have served in various commanding and staff positions at both national and international levels. My last political-military position was as Minister of Defense of the Republic of Moldova (2009-2014). In this position I managed many issues including implementing the international project of cleaning the country of soviet-era pesticides. As a result of this and previous positions, I have greatly improved my skills within areas such as management and leadership, policy planning practices, project management, and have gained comprehensive knowledge regarding the work of intergovernmental bodies, as well as the ability to evaluate international political situations.

In the past few years I have also been involved in many local and national election campaigns. During the last parliamentary elections, I was the Campaign Manager as well as second on our party list. This experience further solidified my knowledge of politics, day to day party management as well as local and national campaign organization.

I strongly believe in peace, individual freedom, fundamental human rights and gender equity. As the Minister of Defense, I introduced the long overdue possibility for women to enroll in the Military Academy and hold commanding positions.

I am very motivated to get involved in the work of the EGP Committee and also look forward to participating in addressing other needs of the party. I can provide expertise on European/Global defense and security policies, which is especially relevant considering recent global trends. In addition, as a member of the Committee I would propose to reinforce cooperation and exchange of experience between the most effective green parties/movements in Europe and the smaller ones from the east and south of our continent. It is important to promote cooperation as a means toward growth and further expand the *green wave* all over Europe and beyond. Finally, the presence of a representative of a non-EU country in the Committee would be beneficial for the European Greens and in line with the *Statutes of the European Green Party*.

Thank you for taking the time and reading this letter. If you consider me a good candidate, then I look forward to receiving your support and serving our common values as a Committee member. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or speak to me during our meeting in Tampere.

Sincerely,

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