

Introduction

In 2023, especially in the 2nd half of the year, EGP was getting the organization and its members ready for the 2024 European election campaign with the main priority to develop the common European campaign plan as a common umbrella through which we campaign across Europe.

We have worked closely with the member parties and partners to design a campaign that would resonate across Europe with all European citizens with the goal to elect more MEPs and increase the number of member states where Green MEPs are coming from.

We have activated consultation processes with the member parties, civil society and sustainable businesses to build together our Manifesto and Priorities and we have further strengthened ties with our elected representatives from local and regional to national level.

Throughout the year, we have prepared the ground for a successful campaign also by increasing and solidifying our audiences across social media and through TILT, but also through our new database and website as well as through intensified relations with traditional media.

Finally, we have continued with our regular activities from statutory events, member party meetings and fact-finding missions to EGP networks activities and numerous activities with our partners. On the organizational side, the EGP team has grown in number of employees and units were well staffed with complementary profiles for the campaign.

1. Statutory meetings

EGP Committee meetings

The Committee organised the EGP's 37th Congress in Vienna, Austria and the 38th Extraordinary Congress Online, each hosting an in-person Committee meeting. In between and around both congresses ten Committee meetings were organized to manage the party and its political priorities.

The 2023 Committee meetings were held on the following dates and places:

- 27-28 January 2023, Brussels, Belgium
- 10-11 March 2023, Brussels, Belgium
- 13 April 2023, online
- 21-22 April 2023, Brussels, Belgium
- 1 June 2023, Vienna, Austria
- 30 June 2023, online
- 14-16 July 2023, Committee Retreat, De Heerlijckhyt, Geetbets, Belgium
- 22-23 September 2023 Committee Meeting, Brussels, Belgium
- 27-28 October 2023 Committee Meeting, Brussels, Belgium
- 17 November 2023, Committee Meeting, online
- 1 December 2023, Brussels, Belgium
- 16 December, online

EGP Congress meetings

There were two Congresses organised during 2023: 37th Congress in Vienna and 38th Extraordinary Congress, online, streamed from Brussels.

37th Extraordinary Congress of the European Green Party, Spring 2023, Vienna

The extraordinary 37th European Green Party Congress was held in Vienna, Austria, on 2-3 June 2023, in cooperation with Die Grünen. This gathering, a year ahead of the 2024 European elections, addressed the Russian aggression in Ukraine and ongoing crises in Europe. The Greens offered solutions for social and climate justice, integration, and stronger democracy. The Congress initiated internal steps for the common European election campaign and discussed key issues like energy security.

The Congress adopted the following resolutions:

- For actions against trade with endangered species
- Saving Rivers and Natural Water Bodies from Drought and Mismanagement
- Green and science-based approach to cannabis law in Europe
- For a modern and ambitious EU economic governance and common fiscal policy
- Sustainable and Just Wellbeing Economies for People and Planet
- The Prohibition of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems
- Towards the EU elections 2024: the Green vision and the Green campaign
- Leading the Green Success in 2024: procedure for the 2024 EGP leading candidates

Adopted documents: <https://europeangreens.eu/resolutions/?type=resolution&date=all&>

38th Extra-ordinary Congress of the European Green Party, Online

The 38th Congress of the European Green Party took place online on 2 December 2023. The focus was on campaign preparation, statutory business, voting on the campaign plan, financial and membership reporting, and the 2024 budget. Contenders for the 2024 EU elections Lead Candidate role were presented, marking a significant milestone ahead of the Electoral Congress in Lyon in February 2024. Insights into the EGP Campaign plan and Manifesto were shared, laying the groundwork for a crucial election year. Members and delegates were encouraged to attend to shape the campaign for the European Elections.

The Congress adopted the following resolutions:

- The European Greens stand for a Lasting End to Violence in Israel and Palestine
- The European Greens stand in solidarity with Belarusian Greens and the Belarusian civil society

Adopted documents: <https://europeangreens.eu/congress-2023-adopted-documents/>

Green Leadership Councils

1st Green Leadership Council in Brussels, Belgium, 31 March

Following the revision of its statutes in late 2022, EGP organised its 1st Green Leadership Council (GLC) on 31 March 2023. The GLC gathered the leadership of EGP's full member parties as well as other key Green stakeholders in Brussels to exchange on the strategies, narratives, foreseen challenges and opportunities ahead of the EU elections campaign 2024.

The statutory meeting was preceded by a closed meeting among the party leaders of the EGP member parties in government.

2nd Green Leadership Council, online, 9 November

A 2nd GLC was convened online on 9 November 2023. The leaders of EGP's full member parties as well as other key Green stakeholders continued the exchange on strategy, narratives and how the electoral competition is positioning itself for the 2024 EU elections before entering the EU election campaign periods. The online meeting also served as an occasion to exchange in more depth on the common European campaign, as well as on the situation in Israel and Palestine.

2. Member Party relations and activities

Study visits and Fact-Finding Missions (FFM)

FFM to Budapest, Hungary, 2-5 February 2023

Párbeszéd Magyarországért - PM (Dialogue for Hungary) applied for EGP membership in October 2022. The fact-finding mission to assess their application was organised to Budapest, Hungary from 3-5 February 2023 with the participation of EGP co-chair Thomas Waitz, EGP Secretary General Benedetta De Marte and EGP Committee member responsible for the Visegrád Four countries alongside Thomas Waitz, Małgorzata Tracz. The EGP delegation met with representatives from civil society, with journalists and researchers as well as the Acting Head of the European Commission representation in Hungary. In addition, meetings were held with the board of *Párbeszéd*, MPs from the party, the Lord Mayor of Budapest as well as other local representatives. Finally, the delegation met with a representative from *Momentum* (ALDE) and the board of *LMP - Magyarország Zöld Pártja* (EGP), EGP Full Member Party from Hungary.

FFM to Lisbon, Portugal, 2-4 March 2023

The EGP Fact-Finding Mission to Portugal took place from 2 to 4 March 2023 in Lisbon to evaluate the request for membership of both LIVRE and PAN. The EGP delegation consisted of Mélanie Vogel (Co-Chair), Vula Tsetsi (Committee Member), Benedetta De Marte (Secretary General). Throughout the mission, EGP met with several representatives of civil society organisations, trade unions, political scientists, journalists, as well as the European Commission Permanent Representation in Portugal. The EGP delegation also met with Board Members of EGP Member Party PEV, members of LIVRE and PAN Board, elected officials, and youth representatives.

FFM to Ljubljana, Slovenia, 23-24 March, 2023

VESNA – zelena stranka (Spring - Green Party) applied for the membership of the European Green party on the 20th of January 2023. The fact-finding mission to assess their application was organised to Ljubljana, Slovenia on 23-24 March 2023 with the participation of EGP co-chairs Thomas Waitz and Mélanie Vogel (the Committee members responsible for Slovenia), as well as EGP Secretary General Benedetta De Marte (online). The EGP delegation met with

representatives from the civil society, with journalists and representatives from a major trade union. In addition, meetings with the Minister of Labor, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities as well as with the Minister of Culture were organised. The EGP delegation also met with the board and council of VESNA as well as local councillors and mayors of the party. Finally, the delegation met with the president of SMS – *Zeleni Evrope* (EGP), Full Member Party of the EGP.

FFM to Zagreb, Croatia, 19 – 21 October 2023

Možemo! – *politička platforma* (*We Can!* – *Political Platform*) applied for the membership of the European Green party on the 5th of June 2023. The fact-finding mission to assess their application was organised to Zagreb, Croatia on 19-21 October 2023 with the participation of EGP co-chairs Thomas Waitz and Mélanie Vogel (the Committee members responsible for Croatia), as well as EGP Secretary General Benedetta De Marte. The EGP delegation met with representatives from civil society, political scientists, journalists and representatives from a major trade union. In addition, the delegation had a meeting with a representative of the European Commission representation in Croatia. The EGP delegation also met with the executive board of *Možemo!*, the parliamentary group of the party, locally elected representatives, the mayor of Zagreb and the co-coordinator of the youth section. Finally, a meeting with *Zelena alternativa - Održivi razvoj Hrvatske* (EGP), the Associate Member of the EGP, was organised.

FFM to Vilnius, Lithuania, 30-31 October 2023

The Lithuanian political party *Demokratų sąjunga „Vardan Lietuvos“ - DSVL* (*Union of Democrats "For Lithuania"*), applied for membership of the European Green Party on the 23rd of June 2023. The fact-finding mission to Vilnius to assess the application for membership was organized on the 30-31 of October 2023 with the participation of Sibylle Steffan and Rasmus Nordqvist (the Committee members responsible for Lithuania), as well as EGP Secretary General Benedetta De Marte. The EGP delegation met with representatives from civil society, political scientists, journalists and representatives from a major trade union. In addition, the delegation met with the Deputy Head of the European Commission representation in Lithuania. The EGP delegation held meeting with board of *DSVL*, MPs of *DSVL*, elected mayors and local councillors of *DSVL*, as well as the president and the board members of the youth wing of *DSVL*. Meetings were also held with representatives of *LVŽS* (Lithuanian Farmers and Greens Union) and of *Lietuvos žaliųjų partija - LŽP* (Lithuanian Green Party).

Other activities with member parties

Meetings with Member Parties

The following overview does not include the meeting with member parties as part of fact-finding missions (please see above).

- Committee participation at Zelení Congress, Brno
- Meeting with Zieloni (Party Leadership), Warsaw
- Meeting Oikologoi Prasinoi (Party Leadership), Athens
- Meeting Europa Verde (Party Leadership), online
- Meeting Verdi–Grüne–Vërc (Party Leadership), online

- Meeting Yeşil Sol Parti (Party Leadership), Istanbul
- Meeting Europa Verde (Parliamentary Group), Rome
- Meeting Verdes Equo (Party Leadership), Madrid
- Committee participation Europe Écologie Les Verts Congress, Île-de-France
- Meeting Ecolo (Party Leadership), Brussels
- Meeting Miljöpartiet de gröna (Party Leadership & MPs), Brussels
- Meeting Groen (Party Leadership), Brussels
- Meeting Europe Écologie Les Verts (Party Leadership), Brussels
- Committee participation Bündnis 90/Die Grünen Europa Congress, Berlin
- Committee participation SF Congress, Kolding
- Meeting GroenLinks (Party Leadership), The Hague
- Online meeting Vihreät - De Gröna (Party Leadership), online
- Committee participation déi gréng 40th Anniversary, Echternach
- Committee participation Grüne / Les Vert.e.s. 40th Anniversary, Bern
- Visit Miljöpartiet de gröna (members), Brussels
- Meeting with Ne davimo Beograd (Party Leadership), Brussels
- Meeting with URA (Secretary General), Brussels
- Meeting Bündnis90/Die Grünen (Party Leadership), Brussels
- Committee participation SF Summer Meeting, Denmark
- Committee participation EELV Les Journées d'été, Le Havre
- Visit SF (members), Brussels
- Committee participation GPEW Autumn Conference, Brighton
- Committee participation GroenLinks Congress, Rotterdam
- EGP sessions at the Vihreät Autumn Days, Hämeenlinna
- Committee participation Ecolo Europe list-event, Namur
- Committee participation Bündnis90/Die Grünen BDK, Karlsruhe
- Meeting with Partidul Verde (Party Leadership), online
- Meeting with Zieloni (Party Leadership), Brussels
- Meeting with Zieloni (Party Leadership), Warsaw
- Meeting with Zeleno dvizhenie (Party Leadership), online
- Meeting Verdes Equo (Local Branch), Malaga
- Committee participation Europa Verde local event, Parma
- Meeting Verdes Equo (Party Leadership), Madrid
- Meeting Catalunya en Comú (Party Leadership), Madrid
- Committee participation Europa Verde and coalition partners event, Rome
- Meeting with DOM (Party Leadership and Members) during Skopje Pride, Skopje
- Meeting with Greens of Albania and Young Greens of Albania (Party Leadership and Members), Tirana
- Meeting with members of Bielaruskaja Partyja "Zialonye", Vilnius
- Visit to Montenegro with URA

- Visit to Georgia

EGP organised a study visit to Tbilisi, Georgia, on 1 –2 April 2023 in light of mass protests in the country in spring 2023 against the so called “foreign agents” bill. Benedetta De Marte met with civil society and media representatives, and other relevant actors, to deepen the understanding of the country’s political landscape and the potential impacts of the mentioned law.

Network meetings

Balkan Network

Balkan Network met twice in the first half of 2023 with representatives of DOM, Možemo, Partia e Gjellbër, URA, Zelena alternativa-ORaH, Zajedno and Zeleno-levi front. Meetings were directed towards shaping the Balkan Green Policy Lab according to the needs of the parties.

Balkan Green Policy Lab – 1st event

The idea for a policy lab was developed in the EGP Balkan Network as a joint activity co-organised in cooperation with 3 partners: Green Forum, Westminster Foundation for Democracy and SF-Green Left. From 13 to 15 October 2023 Balkan Green parties (DOM, Možemo, Partia e Gjellbër, URA, Zelena alternativa-ORaH, Zajedno, Zeleno-levi front, Hoćemo) gathered for two-days long event in Belgrade, Serbia. This was a kick-off of the project directed towards creating a roadmap for a regional energy policy. The event included experts' input on regional and European energy policies and initiatives, as well as principles underpinning policymaking. Fields of joint work in the area of the regional energy policy were defined as the basis for the rest of the project.

Mediterranean Network

During 2023, the Mediterranean network (MedNet) has regularly met online. The participation was around 10-12 members per meeting with most of the Mediterranean member parties represented. The network has focused on preparing to the EU elections, focusing on how to exchange ideas and potential forms of cooperation ahead of the electoral campaign. The network presented a resolution on fighting water crisis and saving rivers from drought and mismanagement at Vienna EGP Congress (2-3 June 2023). The MedNet organised a physical meeting at the Social Summit in Madrid (29-30 September 2023).

Gender Network and Queer Network

The EGP and the network continued the coordination of activities under the Trans-inclusive feminist campaign in 2023. Apart from receiving regular updates from the member parties and the Greens/EGA group that was used in outwards EGP communication on trans rights, in March the Local Councilors Network and Gender & Queer Network organised a webinar: A City for Everyone: How local policies create a real change for LGBTIQ communities.

In September the EGP organized, in cooperation with the Greens/EFA Group, a mission to the 2023 Europride in Valetta, Malta. Gender & Queer Network and the EGP had a large representation, with 19 people present in Malta; EGP co-chair Melanie Vogel, Committee member Mina Jack Tolu, 14 members of the Gender & Queer Network and 3 staff members. We have also hosted Petra De Sutter, Belgian deputy prime minister, Fatim Diarra, Swedish MP as well as Kim van Sparrentak and Kira Peter-Hansen, Green MEPs.

Together with the Greens/EFA Group we organized two big panel discussions with the green politicians, a round table with the representatives of civil society in Malta as well as participated in the event organized by the Parliament of Malta titled: "Advancing LGBTIQ Equality Through Leadership and Representation".

Disability Network

In June the EGP and the Disability network organized a webinar focused on the 2024 EU Elections and demands from people with disabilities for the next term. Those are the European Disability Card (presented by Marie Denninghaus from the European Disability Forum) and easier access to public life and facilities, in line with the EGP Resolution on the independent living for persons with disabilities. Conclusions from this meeting were taken into consideration while drafting the EGP electoral Manifesto as well as producing the 'easy-to-read' version of the document.

European Network of Senior Greens (ENGS)

In October the ENGS with technical support from the EGP organised a well-attended webinar on Ageism presenting research on the topic by a German researcher Valentina Ludwig, the address from Petra de Sutter, Belgian deputy prime minister and with interventions from the ENGS chairs and treasurer.

Local Councillor's Network

The Local Councillors Network (LCN) showed a steady growth, and in February welcomed the 1000th active user to the online platform.

The LCN continued the successful series of webinars, on topics ranging from energy poverty to the doughnut economy and fighting period poverty on the local level. Sessions were organized at the Global Greens congress in Incheon, South Korea in June, and the during the Finnish Autumn Days with a presentation of the 'Mobilisation on the Local Level'.

In October, the LCN organised the first Local Councillors Coordinators meeting in Brussels, where the coordinators of the national member parties came together to discuss their work, their challenges and their involvement in the European Election campaign.

Green Data Network

The Green Data Network was launched at the end of 2023. It aimed to connect staff members of Green parties, partners like the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament and FYEG, foundations and academics that work on Green issues, in order to take a data-driven approach and ensure that our decisions on strategy are data-based. In December 2023 a first close circle meeting happened in Brussels with selected member-parties in order to better understand how each party deals with the data in the run-up to the European elections.

3. Common Campaign-related activities:

Manifesto and campaign plan work

Campaign Working Group

This working group was formed in spring to create a place to discuss and provide input on the common EGP campaign and to provide reflections based on the national contexts on the EU elections. The working group was composed of experienced and diverse member party representatives that were involved in their national campaign team, ensuring they brought the

necessary knowledge of the national campaign and could also spread and share the information about the planning and execution of the EGP campaign within the party. The working group provided their input via a campaign survey in summer and met twice in 2023, in May (online) and October (Brussels).

Manifesto Working Group

To bring the European Green Family together to develop the common manifesto, a manifesto working group with representatives of all member parties was formed. The first step was a series of thematic preliminary discussions organised in February on security and defence, energy and food security, social justice, and the future of Europe. The pre-discussion groups took place online. The working group met three times (in May (online), June in Vienna, October (online) and November (online)). Its members provided input to the common manifesto both through written and oral comments. The working group contributed to the development of a manifesto that was both comprehensive and detailed but also that all parties supported and identified with.

Editorial Manifesto Working Group

In addition to the manifesto working group, a more hands-on group of member party representatives were chosen to support the drafting of the common manifesto. Its members took part in brainstorming meetings, drafted input then used for the manifesto text, and commented on drafts. The editorial working group gave more detailed feedback in shorter intervals during the drafting process.

Civil society and business consultation

In line with the campaign objectives, the EGP built ties to civil society actors to support the drafting of the common manifesto. Two widely attended consultations were organised with Brussels-based civil society groups in May and November. Participating civil society groups also had the opportunity to send written contributions over the summer months. In November, a consultation meeting was organised with representatives of green-minded businesses in Brussels. These consultation processes enriched the policy offer of the common manifesto and built lasting relationships.

4. Outreach & Other activities

Green Campaign Handbook 2.0

In 2023, the European Green Party expanded the content of the Green Campaign Handbook. New articles were added on topics such as working with influencers, lessons from Bernie Sanders' 2020 campaign, a participatory approach to crafting a manifesto for local elections, collaboration with NGOs, and digital political marketing. These additions aimed to enhance campaign strategies and empower Green parties across Europe and enable exchange of campaigning practices across Europe. The updated content provided practical insights and innovative techniques for effective political campaigning.

Website: https://campaigners.europeangreens.eu/en/internal/all_internal_content

Tilt

In 2023, *tilt!* continued some of its most successful campaigns from previous years and launched new ones. New campaigns launched in 2023 included a campaign on water access as well as one on legalizing cannabis. *tilt!* launched a total of 8 new campaigns in 2023.

In addition to online petitions, *tilt!* proposed several community-building activities to its supporters. These included sending people kits for testing the quality of water in European rivers and continuing to train people to track private jets using public data. The results of the tests and the data collection were used in *tilt!*'s campaigns via e-mail and social media.

A big project for *tilt!* - started in the second half of 2023 - was the European Citizens' Choice (ECC). The ECC was a possibility for regular citizens to influence the priorities of the EGP European elections campaign. An online crowdsourcing campaign was launched in December 2023, which continued into the next year.

Digital Communication

In 2023, the European Green Party (EGP) undertook significant strides in overhauling and enhancing its digital communications infrastructure. These efforts reflect our commitment to leveraging modern digital tools to better engage with our supporters and advocate for our values across Europe and culminated in the successful launch of a new website and CRM system, positioning the party for a robust digital presence ahead of the 2024 EU election campaign.

Website and CRM Overhaul:

The work on the new website (DatoCMS) and CRM (HubSpot), which began in 2022, was completed in 2023. Additionally, the tech stack was updated, incorporating tools such as Tito for event management. The new EGP website garnered significant acclaim, winning the "Best European Website" award at the prestigious Reed Awards, organised by "Campaigns & Elections" - an organisation based in the U.S. that focuses on political consulting. This award highlights excellence in political campaigning, campaign management, political consulting, and political design.

Among many other benefits, the new CRM system facilitated better segmentation and targeting of audiences, including press contacts, member party contacts, and newsletter subscribers, enhancing the effectiveness and personalisation of our communications. The website is also more visually appealing, contributing to better engagement with our audience. The overhaul introduced more user-friendly processes for event registration and ticketing, simplifying interactions for our members and supporters.

Social Media:

We continued heavy investment in our presence on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter), which resulted in significant account growth. These platforms remain among the most followed of all EU political parties and parliamentary groups.

Knowing that it would be helpful to engage young voters, particularly Generation Z, of the ahead 2024 elections, the EGP launched a tiktok account in 2022 and continued develop it throughout 2023.

Key issues on our social media channels were the continued war in Ukraine, the climate crisis, the Nature Restoration Law, victories against the far-right, and Green Party successes – all resonating strongly with our audiences.

Data analysis:

Through rigorous data analysis, we have been able to evaluate our digital activities more effectively. This data-driven approach has led to continuous improvements in our digital output, ensuring that our communications are both impactful and relevant.

Fundraising

In 2023 fundraising activities have been reduced due to changes in strategy that was going to accompany the EU elections campaign. In March the EGP Committee has agreed to shift from the small donor acquisition and renewal to starting building relationship with bigger donors and focusing on larger amounts from individuals. However, after the internal risk assessment and due to inability to track donors' background and motivation to donate a decision was made not to engage in extensive fundraising in the second half of the year and during the hot phase of the campaign.

All donations in 2023 came from previously acquisitioned recurring donors and small number of one-off donors that responded to our newsletter fundraising appeal in December.

5. Activities with Partners

The EGP Committee and its partners strive to find synergies, align strategies and work in a complementary way – always within the boundaries of the financial and legal regulations set by the EP and the Authority for European Political Parties.

Greens/EFA in the European Parliament

The EGP as a whole as well as the Committee more specifically continued its strong working relationship collaborating with MEPs where relevant. The EGP Committee is represented in the Green Group Bureau meetings and vice versa. In addition, we continue to have daily bilateral contacts between the staff of the EGP and the staff of the Group across different departments (advisors/press/campaigners/outreach).

Concrete cooperation included the following projects:

European Ideas Lab, Poland

The European Ideas Lab was organized from 3 to 4 of March in Poland as a cooperation between the EGP, the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, and the local party Zieloni. It took place at a time when we found ourselves in insecurity, and when peace, our living conditions and the climate were at risk. It offered a space for green-minded people keen on finding creative solutions to concrete problems.

For two days, activists, scholars, civil society representatives and policymakers came together to discuss, brainstorm and connect to transition towards a Green future. All sessions had strong participatory elements and were organised in a style of conversation with policymakers where space for input from civil society is at the core.

Green Social Summit

The Green Social Summit, held on 29-30 September in Madrid, was a crucial event ahead of the June 2024 European Parliament elections. It defined a vision for a resilient EU prioritising well-being, human rights, and a circular economy. High-profile speakers from civil society, trade unions, and Spanish politicians participated. The event gained significant media coverage, strengthened relationships among politicians, MEPs, and party members, and featured 298 participants: 150 from NGOs, activists, and trade unions, 125 Greens including 15 MEPs, 10 content creators, and 15 journalists. The summit successfully integrated social and green agendas to address economic and climate crises.

Communications Network meeting

Organised in cooperation with the Greens/EFA Group, the Communications Network meeting took place on 12 and 13 October. It focused mainly on the Common EU elections campaign and sharing ready-to-use campaigning tools. The meeting gathered more than 70 communications staff from 29 EGP member parties.

On 12 October the Greens/EFA Group presented their 2024 Information campaign and organised workshops on green audiences, green policy wins and disinformation. On 13 October the EGP presented the common campaign strategy followed by a discussion and input session.

Green European Foundation (GEF)

EGP continued its fruitful cooperation with GEF, especially exchanging and relying on their expertise research and political analysis.

EGP is represented in the GEF General Assembly and attends the board and strategy meetings. The GEF is also represented in the EGP Committee meetings, and there are regular bilateral contacts on leadership and staff level.

The members of the GEF General Assembly nominated by EGP are:

- Malgorzata Tracz (Poland)
- Rasmus Nordqvist (Denmark)
- Emma Nohrén (Sweden)
- Benjamin Bibas (France)

Melanie Vogel, Co-chair of the EGP, attended the European Green Academy in Warsaw, Poland, 17-18 November 2023, as a speaker.

Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)

Also in 2023, EGP continued to enjoy close cooperation with its youth partner, which proved consistent and very fruitful overall. The FYEG was represented in the EGP Committee meetings while EGP Committee members participated in FYEG events. The EGP and FYEG continued the programme of joint activities in areas of overlapping priorities and interests, which continues to be beneficial to both partners.

EGP/FYEG Summer Camp, Sweden, 13-22 July

As part of the FYEG summer camp the EGP organised two sessions led by EGP committee member Mina Jack Tolu, one showcasing the greens successes and challenges of the EGP campaigns, and another one providing the participants with tools to effectively counterbalance anti-LGBTIQ+ narratives.

Young Green Decentralised Training, Brussels, Belgium, 28 September - 1 October

A kick-off live event co-organised with FYEG opened the Young Greens Decentralised training programme in Brussels from September 28th to October 1st. The event featured sessions on organisational strategy, sustainable growth, recruitment practices, and teamwork skills, using non-formal education approaches. Teo Comet (EGP) conducted a session on "Tilt!: tools for online engagement," moderated by Srish Abraham (FYEG's EC), offering valuable insights on digital engagement strategies and connecting the task of the young activists and volunteers to the EGP's campaigns and strategies.

Global Greens

The Global Greens organised their Congress in Incheon, South Korea. The Congress attracted 760 participants and had 60 participants online. This was the first GG congress in six years. The EGP attended with EGP Secretary General Benedetta De Marte and Committee members Ute Michel and Mina Jack Tolu as well as five staff members. In total, there were 35 EGP member party delegates present at the congress.

The EGP organised four sessions, had two federation meetings to discuss the decision-making process (resolutions, the charter and the Korea Declaration), presented EGP in a session presenting all the federations, and moderated a plenary session on Greens in Government.

Committee of the Regions (COR)

EGP continued the collaboration with the Green Group in the European Committee of the Regions, especially in the realm of reaching out to local and regional authorities. The group has been supporting EGP in promoting the Local Councillors' Network and regularly contributed with content.

The Greens in the CoR and the EGP Local Councillors Network organized a workshop at the Brussels Urban Summit in June, hosted by the Brussels Capitol Region and partner organisations Eurocities, Metropolis, and the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth. The workshop "Contributing to a green and sustainable future: green local politicians in action" was a well-attended and lively exchange between Green local politicians and experts.

In October, the European Week of Regions and Cities took place in Brussels. The Local Councillors Network and the Greens in the CoR co-organized a session on "Energy communities: solving global challenges locally".

The Greens in the CoR were also present at the Local Councillors Coordinators Meeting in October, where they presented themselves to the participants.

European Movement International (EMI)

Since 2018, EGP has been member of EMI. The cooperation in 2023 comprised participating in EMI events (webinars and in-person events) and, more notably, the Federal Assembly and Members Council. The EGP has also supported the work of Monica Frassoni as the EMI elected board member nominated by the Greens. Further cooperation between the EGP and EMI occurred in policy development and the search for consensus within the organization.

6. Organisation

At the end of 2023, the EGP office consisted of 38 employees.

In the past years, EGP team has grown significantly in number of employees and units were well staffed with complementary profiles ready for the campaign. EGP welcomed campaign manager in the summer 2023. EGP started recruitment in the second half of 2023 for 6 additional positions needed to deliver the campaign. The remaining roles and tasks, starting with campaign coordinator, were filled from within the existing EGP team.

In order to optimize the office as a campaigning hub, EGP went through reorganization of work in project-based teams and standardized usage of digital tools cross-organization to ensure smooth flow of information, distribution of tasks and follow up of deadlines.

Several staff trainings were organized to build the entire team, integrate the newcomers and make all staff familiar with the plans for the election: first campaign office retreat took place on 8 September 2023 and second 4 – 6 October 2023. Series of shorter trainings for staff on digital tools was organized in the EGP office.