

## EGP Decision-making Trial 2025

This document presents the trial reforms for the EGP decision-making process for the 40th EGP Congress in Lisbon. At the Delegates Meeting in June 2025, the delegates endorsed a trial of a reformed decision-making process for the 40th EGP Congress in Lisbon.

### Background and objectives

Resolutions are a core part of our internal democracy that allow our parties to debate and build common European positions. However, due to the EGP's growing membership and the recent statutes reform that reduces the number of annual congresses, there is growing consensus on the need to review the decision-making process for resolutions. Many delegates have raised that resolutions should not dominate Congresses entirely. Delegates should also have time to participate in interactive debates, peer-learning and capacity-building sessions, and networking. Both Committee and member parties also agree that other outlets can be used to express joint positions (eg. statements, press releases etc.).

For that reason, the EGP Committee has proposed a process to:

1. Make the Congresses more participatory and dynamic
2. Create more spaces for debate and exchange (discussion groups, networks, etc.)
3. Focus resolution discussions on key political priorities

The Committee asked the AMC to make a recommendation to guide the decision-making reforms.

### Consultation process

In May and June, the Amendments Committee reached out to the delegations of around 40% of full EGP member parties to ask their views on the decision-making processes and discuss possible reforms to be trialled in 2025. The selection of parties was based on 1) a balanced sample in terms of size, geography, etc. 2) most active delegations in decision-making.

Using these insights, the AMC made a proposal to the EGP Committee for decision-making reforms to facilitate the resolutions process. The delegates provided feedback on these proposals at the Delegates Meeting of June 2025. The delegates then endorsed a slightly adjusted proposal by indicative vote.

### Final endorsed decision-making process proposals

Now that member parties have given their endorsement, the EGP will **trial reforms at the 2025 Lisbon Congress**. Where successful, changes will be further discussed and formally adopted in a reform of the rulebook in 2026. This discussion will be guided by a member party working group.

Member parties endorsed the following proposals:

#### 1. Reviewing our resolution formats

- Providing parties with a clear resolution template to make the resolutions' structure and format more consistent.

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- Reducing the maximum word count of tabled resolutions from 10,000 characters to 5000
- Adding the option to add an additional background document (not voted on or published) when tabling resolutions
- Creating editorial and content categories of amendments to minimize language discussions
- Offering additional AMC and staff support with proofreading draft resolutions (where requested)

### 2. Focusing resolutions on our priorities

- A ranking system for parties to choose a maximum of **four resolution** topics per Congress
  - First, parties table titles and abstracts (around early September)
  - Second, if more than 4 resolution abstracts are received, a voting procedure is organized using ranked preferences voting and a “one party, one vote” weighting to choose which resolutions to work on
  - Parties then work on the draft resolutions based on the selected topics
  - The Committee can table one additional resolution
- Introducing a minimum number of supports for tabled resolutions
  - The party that put forward the selected topic accepts the responsibility to table the full resolution
  - They must ensure the support of parties equal to 10% of full members (rounded, ie. we currently have 39 full members so tabling party plus 3 supports).
  - Each full member can support a maximum of 2 additional resolutions
  - Each full member can co-table a maximum of 2 resolutions

### 3. Tackling emergency resolutions

- Parties entrust Committee with responsibility for tackling emergency topics
  - Parties can flag emergency topics to the Committee ahead of Congresses (which other parties can support)
  - Parties and Committee discuss and agree follow-up: co-tabling an emergency resolution, statement, press release, etc.
- Deadline to table emergency resolutions moved around one week earlier

### 4. Facilitating more productive CAS sessions

- Organizing an early meeting between delegations to exchange views on tabled texts before amendments
- Keeping two online CAS, but starting them one week earlier with reviewed times
- Concentrating CAS on Friday (2-3 sessions) with one final negotiation session on Saturday
  - Making the most of breakout discussions outside of the full CAS discussions
- Using the session for first-time delegates online ahead of Congress and at Congress to explain CAS process, what to expect, code of conduct & safe space policy
- (Medium term) Considering a new platform to avoid email threads to facilitate negotiations

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### Other recommendations

- A general recommendation for resolutions proposals to be endorsed by the party board of the party proposing them.
- (Medium term) EGP to provide a platform to facilitate exchange and communication between delegates.

### Next steps

- The reforms will be trialled in 2025 before their review and possible formal introduction in 2026
  - The new deadlines have been sent to all delegates
- AMC and EGP Committee remain open for feedback throughout this process
  - The AMC will make a proposal for evaluating the trial in September 2025
- In 2026, the EGP will begin a more in-depth review of the statutes (including the electoral system) guided by a member party working group