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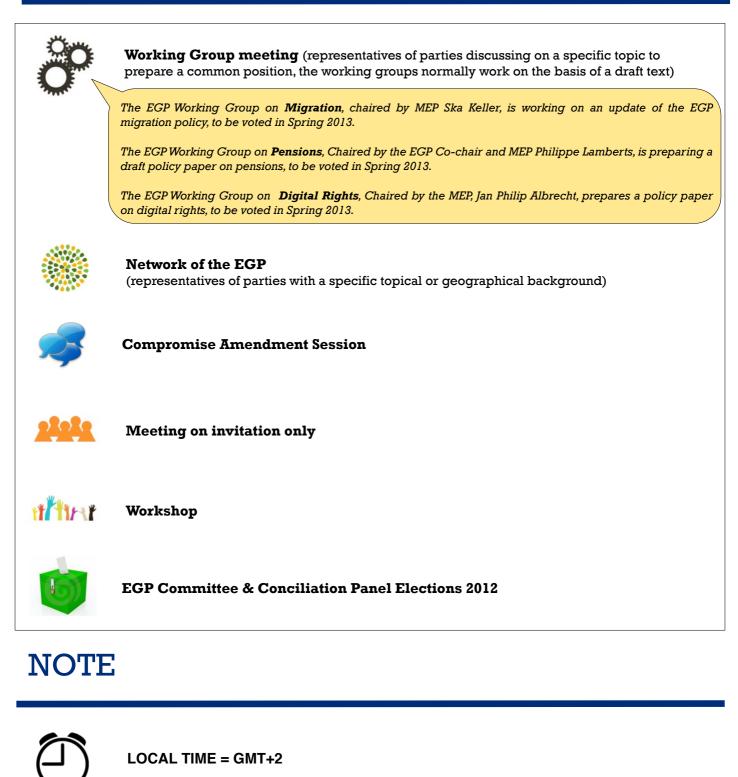






	Friday 9 November	Saturday 10 November	Sunday 11 November	
08:00	Registrations open	ALL DAY Reimbursements	08:00 Athens Marathon	
09:00	Q&A Greece and the Crisis	09:00 PLENARY Discussion on Resolutions	<ul> <li>09:00 Membership Review Discussion</li> <li>09:30 Budget &amp; Activity Plan 2013</li> </ul>	
10:00		10:00 EGP ELECTIONS Presentation of Candidates for the new Committee	10:00	
	PLENARY	11:00 Break		
	Green Ways out of the Crisis	11:30 PLENARY Migration	VOTING SESSION	
13:00	Lunch break	13:00 Lunch break	13:00 Goodbye Lunch	
14:00	Parallel Sessions	14:00 EGP ELECTIONS Voting on the new Committee	14:30	
		15:00	City visits	
15:30	Opening of the Council	Parallel Sessions		
16:00				
	ROUNDTABLE Future of the EU	16:30 Parallel Sessions		
17:30	Break			
18:00		18:00 Break		
	Parallel Sessions	18:30 PLENARY Digital Rights		
20:00	Dinner @ Divani	20:00 Dinner & Party	2	





Deadline for tabling Draft Emergency Resolutions: 8 Nov. 12:00 local time Deadline for tabling Amendments to Draft emergency resolutions: 10 Nov. 13:00 local time



#### Is this your first EGP Council? Welcome!

Than you might want to know more on what's going on, which workshops to follow and how the decisions making process is organized during the Council.

We have asked experienced Council delegates to provide you with advise and useful tips. They can explain almost everything that can occur during the Council and what not to miss!

You can find them at the e-café, please write your name and phone number on the whiteboard, so that they can contact you.

#### Meet and Greet

You want to meet another delegate, participate, to talk with a candidate for the Committee and the Conciliation Panel? You want to discuss on a specific issue or meet a colleague from another party? Use the white board at the e-cafe to find, meet and greet that person.

#### PRECEDING THE COUNCIL

#### Wednesday, 7 November

08:00 -20:00

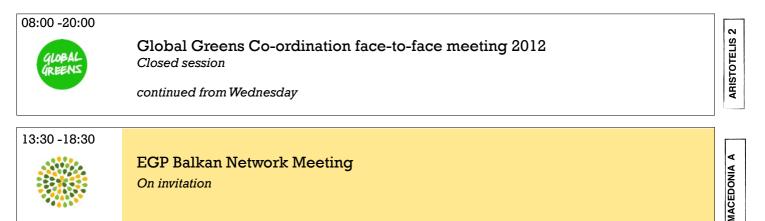
Global Greens Co-ordination face to face meeting 2012 Closed session



The GGC's 2012 face to face meeting will focus on the implementation of decisions made at the Global Greens' Congress in Dakar, particularly the resolution on strengthening the Global Greens. Decisions will be taken on the location of the GG Secretariat, the appointment of a Global Greens Convener(s), and the finalization of working arrangements within the new structure. The meeting will also consider how to formalize GG statutes, approve a budget for 2013 and discuss membership fees and fundraising for a full-time secretariat. Other items include possible future campaigns and adopting the final report from Dakar.

## ARISTOTELIS 2

#### **Thursday, 8 November**



**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE** 

#### Friday, 9 November 2012

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08:00	REGISTRATIONS & E-CAFE OPEN	
09:00 - 10:00	Q&A Session: Greece and the Crisis - Recovery through Transformation	-
🥮 Οικολόχοι Πράσινοι	This questions and answers session with the Greek Greens will explore inside views on the practical changes the Greek people experience in these turbulent times. There will be a special focus on the need to specifically target youth unemployment and to combat the wrong-headed austerity policies through investment in renewables and energy so as to provide employment and to improve energy efficiency. [EN,EL]	
	With Yiannis Paraskevopoulos, Michalis Tremopoulos, Yianna Kontouli (members of the Greek Green Party)	
10:00 - 13:00	Plenary Session: Green Ways out of the Crisis	]
	A joint discussion between the Greens in the European Parliament and the EGP on Green ways out of the crisis in Greece and Europe.	
****	Moderated by Rebecca Harms MEP (Co-President of the Green Group in the European Parliament)	
The Greens   EFA in the European Parliament	Speakers: Dany Cohn-Bendit MEP (Co-President of the Green Group in the European Parliament), Nikos Chrysogelos MEP, Monica Frassoni (Co-Chair of the European Green Party), Jean-Marc Nollet (Vice-President and Walloon Minister for Sustainable Development and Public Service in charge of Energy, Housing and Research, Ecolo, Belgium)	2

#### 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break & Press Conference (PRESS ONLY)

[EN, DE, FR, EL]

14:00 - 15:30	Parallel Sessions	
Ŭ,	• WG Migration	KOZANI
-	• WG Digital Rights	VERGINIA
	WG Common Foreign and Security Policy	SUITE 835
	WG GND Social Dimensions & Pensions	EDESSA
	• EGP Mediterranean Network meeting	SUITE 829
	Compromise Amendment Session on Resolutions	SUITE 819
	1st Compromise Amendment Session on Future of the EU	OLYMPIA
GEF GREEN EUROPEAN FOUNDATION	• GEF Workshop: Is the crisis creating a race to the bottom? (in co-operation with the Green Institute Greece)	MACEDONIA B

#### Friday, 9 November 2012

15:30 -16:00	Opening of the Council With Rebecca Harms MEP (Co-President of the Green Group in the European Parliament), Philippe Lamberts MEP (Co-Chair of the EGP) and Zoi Vrontisi (Co-Spokesperson of the Greek Greens) Followed by a brief presentation of the 16 candidates for the Committee elections	
16:00 -17:30	Roundtable: Future of the EU - Greening the Union         Monica Frassoni and Philippe Lamberts (Co-Chairs of the European Green Party) will lead this open discussion         See the Programme Highlights for more details         [EN,EL]	
17:30 -18:00	Break	]

18:00 -19:30	Parallel Sessions	
🥝 fyeg	• Bringing the Youth back in - Youth Emancipation as an integrative part for solving the European Crisis (Federation of Young European Greens)	VERGINIA
	• EGP Gender Network meeting	MACEDONIA B
Õ	• WG LGBTQ	SUITE 829
22222	• Party Leaders Meeting (on invitation only)	MACEDONIA
Green institute greece	• Workshop on the European Citizens' Initiative - Direct Democracy (by the Green Institute Greece)	OLYMPIA
11 MARCH	• Global Greens - MPs Network	EDESSA
20:00 - 22:00	Dinner buffet at the Divani Hotel	



#### Saturday, 10 November 2012

09:00 -10:00	Plenary Session for Discussion on Resolutions This session will involve all delegates to discuss the submitted resolutions and emergency resolutions	MACEDONIA
09:00 -10:00	Action / Media Event (bike tour to be confirmed)	
10:00 -11:00	Plenary Session: Presentation of Candidates for the EGP Committee         The 16 candidates for the EGP committee, who are standing for the election this afternoon, will present their ideas and motivation for running for their position         [EN,EL]	MACEDONIA
11:00 -11:30	Break	
11:30 -13:00	Plenary Session: Migration in Greece and Europe:         Compassionate Solutions and Combatting Racism         Speakers: George Tsarbopoulos, Director of UNHCR Greece, Lauretta Macauley (President, United African Women Organisation), Judith Sargentini MEP, Maria Kalli-Piniou (Greek Ecologist Greens)         See the Programme Highlights for more details [EN,EL]	MACEDONIA
13:00 -14:00	Deadline for tabling amendments to draft emergency resolutions: 10th Nov. 13:00 local time (= GMT+2)	
14:00 -15:00	Plenary Session: Election of the new EGP Committee The elections for the EGP Committee that will lead the European Green party through to the 2014 election campaign. The male and female Co-Chairs, as well as the party's Secretary General and Treasurer will be elected, followed by the 5 general committee members [EN,EL]	MACEDONIA
15:00 -16:30	Parallel Sessions         • Compromise Amendment Session on Emergency Resolutions         KOZANI	
GLOBAL GREENS	North-South Cooperation Workshop     (Connecting Green movements around the Globe)	

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15:00 -16:30	Parallel Sessions (continued)	
	• European Network of Green Seniors (ENGS) meeting	VERGINIA
	EGP Individual Supporters Network	EDESSA
W We	Workshop for Media Officers: the Green New Deal explained	MYCENAE
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GREEN EUROPEAN	• GEF Workshop - 3rd edition of the Journal: Beyond Growth/De-growth	OLYMPIA A
FOUNDATION	• Treasurers Meeting	OLYMPIA B
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16:30 -18:00	Parallel Sessions	
		KOZANI
	Green Local Councillors Network meeting	KOZANI
	EGP Global Greens Network meeting	PELLA
<b>\$</b>	• 2nd Compromise Amendment Session on Future of the EU (to be confirmed)	ARISTOTELIS 2
GEF	• GEF Workshop: The politics of local transition movements?	MACEDONIA B
GREEN EUROPEAN FOUNDATION		
	Workshop for Media Officers: Pre-campaign discussion	KOZANI
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	• Workshop on Industrial Policy	MYCENAE
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18:00 -18:30	Break	

 18:30 -20:00
 Plenary Session on Digital Rights

 Defining Digital Ecology in the Wake of ACTA

 Introductory keynote speech by Eva Lichtenberger MEP,

 Speakers: Jérémy Zimmermann (Co-founder, La Quadrature Du Net, France) - to be confirmed,

 Christiana Mauro (Legal Advocate, AK Vorrat, Germany),

 Walter van Holst (Vice-President, European Digital Rights Initiative, Netherlands)

 Moderated by Jan Philip Albrecht MEP, Chair of the EGP Working Group on Digital Rights

 See the Programme Highlights for more details.

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 20:00
 Dinner & party with live music



#### Sunday, 11 November 2012

08:00 -09:00	Athens Marathon - EGP volunteers joining (media event)	
09:00 -09:30	Closed Session on Membership Review (for delegates only)	A/B
09:30 -10:00	<ul> <li>Presentation of Budget &amp; Activity Plan 2013</li> <li>with Annexes including:</li> <li>Roadmap for the 2014 European election campaign</li> <li>Local Councillors 5-years' Action Plan</li> </ul>	MACEDONIA A/B
10:00 -10:15	Report of the Global Greens Coordination face to face meeting	
10:15 -13:00	<ul> <li>Voting Session</li> <li>Membership Review Proposal for re-categorisation of the former observer parties</li> <li>Budget and Activity Plan 2013</li> <li>Rules for Conciliation Panel</li> <li>Election of Conciliation Panel</li> <li>Endorsement of EGP Rule Book</li> <li>Draft resolutions</li> </ul>	MACEDONIA A/B
12:00	PRESS CONFERENCE	
13:00	Closing of the 17th EGP Council meeting	
13:00 -14:00	Goodbye Lunch	
14:30 -16:30	City visits (optional, details to be confirmed)	

#### **PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Friday, 9 November 2012

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E-Café – We will provide the coffee THROUGHOUT THE COUNCIL Fover Macedonia

As last time in Copenhagen, we plan to open our E-café again this time in Athens.

If you want to have a good cup of coffee, some Greek yoghurt, get away from the big discussions, check your emails, or have a small informal meeting, come to our e-café!

We will make sure there is an internet connection so, if you need to you can work there. Some of the EGP staff will be there as well, so if you have any question related to media, website, newsletter or if you're looking for a chat, don't hesitate to come to us.

We will have TV-screens there, so if you want to show your (campaign) movies, photos, or presentations you're very welcome to. Let us know if you have any special requirements for that.

Hope to see you there, we're open all day!

#### Workers' rights: Is the crisis creating a race to the bottom? **FRIDAY 14:00**

The sovereign debt and financial crisis has brought about worrying trends in labour law reform both in old and new EU Member States. A wave of deregulatory measures of labour law was seen in response to the economic crisis, with the aim of rendering labour markets more flexible. In the name of flexibility, workers' rights have been significantly affected: in many countries collective bargaining was decentralised to company level; periods of notice in case of redundancy were diminished; new reasons were allowed for individual dismissals; new types of contracts with less protection for specific groups (e.g. young workers) were created; rules on compensation of overtime were changed to the detriment of the worker etc. These reforms did not create the extra employment opportunities that were hoped; on the contrary they only lead to precariousness and in work poverty. The "working poor" have become a European reality. Analysing this European reality - are there certain trends to be found in certain groups of countries? What is the real influence of the crisis on the changes underway? What is the Green response to these trends? How can these regressive policies be reversed? With such reforms being imposed also from the Troika (e.g. the 6 days work week in Greece), where is the leverage for change and how can basic workers' rights be protected in Europe?

Input: Marije Cornelissen (Greens/EFA MEP) and Petros Rylmon (Labour Institute - Greek Workers' General Confederation) Moderator: Pierre Jonckheer (Co-president GEF)

#### Roundtable on a Green Future of the EU **FRIDAY 16:00**

The future of the EU is about the people! Since the beginning of the crisis in 2008, Greens have provided constructive proposals for Green ways out of the crisis. The European Green Party has adopted several



documents highlighting the lack of democracy in the decision making process at European level, and the lack of democratic control on the financial measures proposed by the European instances. The Greens pointed out repeatedly that the mantra of 'austerity only' will inevitably lead to a changed perspective for the European Union as such. Under the leadership of EGP co-chairs Monica Frassoni and Philippe Lamberts, a working group has drafted proposals providing answers to the latest developments of the Eurocrisis, as well as indicating a clear perspective for the required changes to make the European Union shock-proof and credible for its citizens. Following the Friday morning session, that will focus on Green ways out of the crisis from the economical and Greek perspective, the afternoon debate will focus on the wider prospect of Green solutions for a European Union based on financial solidity as well as social solidarity.





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Bringing the Youth back in - Youth Emancipation as an integrative part for solving the European Crisis FRIDAY 18:00

In Athens the Federation of Young European Greens are focusing their workshop on Youth Emancipation as an integral element in solving the European Crisis, to accompany their resolution on the same topic that will be discussed. The round table discussion will be joined by Michael Afolayan, a Greek migrants' rights activist, Ska Keller, MEP, Delfina Rossi, EP liaison on youth emancipation and FYEG spokesperson Terry Reintke.

**LGBT Working Group** FRIDAY 18:00

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The aim of this WG is to coordinate LGBT activities and information among Green Parties and Parliamentary Groups at the national and EU level as well as to reach out into the LGBT communities in which some of us are present anyway - in order to make the Green presence more visible and recognizable.

On the agenda this time:

- \* update on recent developments in the different countries
- \* activities of the Intergroup in the European Parliament

\* situation in Greece

\* upcoming activities



EGP Gender Network FRIDAY 18:00

It's an extremely busy time on the gender equality front in Europe, with board room quotas for women at the top of the EU political agenda recently. The Gender Working group will be convening at Athens to discuss with guest Ewa Larsson of Green Women Sweden her report on the 'Green Feminist Economy', to consider the EGP's gender network plan for 2013 and to hear from member parties and the Greens in the EP about the latest state of play in their areas.

#### **ECI - Direct Democracy session organized by the Green Institute Greece** FRIDAY 18:00



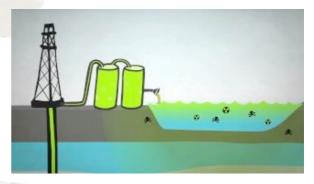
The workshop aims to examine how the European Citizens' Initiative, a new instrument for citizen participation, can serve the purpose of bringing about more direct democracy and engage Europe's citizens in assuming a more active role in their own affairs. After entering into force in April 2012, the ECI seems to have overcome problems with the online system for collecting signatures and 12 initiatives have been registered so far. Green MEP Gerald Haefner, Daniela Hozhinova, deputy of Democracy International and Wawa Wang, policy advisor 8 hours campaign, will present the process and discuss the particular challenges organizers face in using the ECI instrument, how other informal 1 million signature campaigns actually faired after they reached their target and debate about the extent to which EU institutions are responding to the will of their own citizens.



#### Saturday, 10 November 2012

#### **Campaign meeting on Shale Gas** SATURDAY 15:00

Many of the EGP's member parties are at the forefront of combatting the rise of 'unconventional fossil fuels', particularly the drive for shale gas extracted through the environmentally damaging process of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"). This workshop will focus on campaigning tactics for parties facing shale exploration in their countries and will be of special interest to those responsible for the campaigns in their party.



#### **PLENARY: Migration in Greece and Europe - Compassionate Solutions and Combatting Racism** SATURDAY 11:30

The inefficiency of Greece's asylum and legal migration system cannot be blamed on the ongoing economic and social crisis, however the worsening economic conditions of the country certainly added to the problem. Despite international law regulating the issue of migrants, a total lack of safeguard characterises the full range of asylum and deportation methods in Greece. The discussion on migration and asylum seekers' rights is crucial for Europe, where the attitude of many member states, and the way the crisis has been managed, does not live up to the declarations made by these same countries about democracy and human rights.

Speakers: George Tsarbopoulos, Director of UNHCR Greece, Lauretta Macauley (President, United African Women Organisation), Judith Sargentini MEP, Maria Kalli-Piniou (Greek Ecologist Greens)

#### **Beyond growth/degrowth**

SATURDAY 15:00

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Green European Journal was on the subject of 'beyond growth/degrowth', with a series of articles from thinkers inside and outside of the green movement who discussed the issue of economic growth: is economic growth a possibility any more, and is it desirable? Is this a debate that is worthwhile for the Green movement, and if so, what should its contribution be? We aim to continue this debate at the Council, with two authors from the edition joining us to give their somewhat contrasting views on the prospects for sustainable growth in Europe.



Speakers: Aurélie Maréchal, author of 'No growth? In search of another path for Europe' Jaakko Stenhall, author of 'Getting markets to work for green politics' Moderator: Benoît Lechat, Editor-in-chief of the Green European Journal

Green Councilors' Network SATURDAY 16:30

Chaired by EGP Committee member and Vienna Councilor Monika Vana, the Councilors' Network aims to make the Green ideal of 'think global, act local' a reality, and to allow Green local government representatives to share best practices and experiences for their mutual benefit. At this meeting we will discuss the 5 year EGP action plan for local councilors, get the report from the Greens in Big Cities conference and hear best practices from Pierre Hémon, Deputy Mayor of Lyon.





#### Who, why, when, where - the importance of nomination committees SATURDAY 16:30

The pros and cons of nomination committés - a way to strengthen internal democracy, find better candidates, ensure that not only the loudest voices are heard, and get working groups with better diversity. *A training by the Swedish Greens.* 



#### The politics of local transition movements SATURDAY 16:30

At a time of economic crisis in Europe, what opportunities exist for the Greens to work with the move towards local economies, expressed by the "Transition movement" or the "Do it yourself movement" and other social actors that develop local economic alternatives to cope with the crisis and with austerity ? And as this crisis impacts on European countries in different ways, what are the crucial differences that exist betweem these movements towards localisation and towards their relationship with politics?"

Speakers: Orestes Kolokouris, University of Athens, Greece Sarah Nicholls, Transition Network, UK Dick Pels, Bureau de Helling, Netherlands

Moderating: Kristóf Szombati, Green European Journal (tbc)



#### Workshop on Industrial Policy SATURDAY 16:30

Mining is back on the agenda in Europe due to volatile prices and limited access to scarce resources, threatening the NATURA 2000 guidelines. Greens have long experience of dealing with the environmental and social consequences of mining. This workshop brings together representatives of the Swedish, Bulgarian, Greek and Finnish Greens to share common and disparate perspectives and to consider which regulations and policies should European Greens pursue. Reinhard Bütikofer, MEP is in the chair.

#### PLENARY: Digital Ecology SATURDAY 18:30



How should the Greens address the issue of Digital rights, and what perspectives should we embrace following the defeat of ACTA a few months ago? Digital rights are a relevant component of individual rights and privacy in the 21st century, and the Greens have been the champions of the ACTA defeat, fundamentally coordinating actions at the European Parliament. During the plenary session at the Athens Council, we will address the ongoing structure of individual rights, reflecting on the scope of digital information and the potential offered. The debate will involve representatives of civil society. It will be the first time that the topic is discussed in plenary at inter-European party level, and we will build upon the work already conducted by Greens at national and at European level.

Besides the plenary discussion, a dedicated working group session is organized to discuss the development of the policy paper, prepared by the Digital Rights working group, with representatives of the parties, that will be voted at the Spring Council.

Introductory keynote speech by Eva Lichtenberger MEP, Speakers: Jérémy Zimmermann (Co-founder, La Quadrature Du Net, France) Christiana Mauro (Legal Advocate, AK Vorrat, Germany) Walter van Holst (Vice-President, European Digital Rights Initiative, Netherlands) Moderated by Jan Philip Albrecht MEP, Chair of the EGP Working Group on Digital Rights European Green Party 31, Rue Wiertz | B-1050 Brussels | Belgium Ph +32 2 626 07 20 | Fax +32 2 626 07 29 | info@europeangreens.org www.europeangreens.eu

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