

**Arnold Cassola**  
**Secretary General of the EFGP**

**CV**

My name is Arnold Cassola. I am 45 years old, single and I am a senior lecturer at the University of Malta. I have been active within the European Greens since 1990. I have an excellent knowledge of spoken and written English, Italian and Maltese, a good knowledge of spoken and written French, a good working knowledge of spoken and written Spanish. I can also hold a conversation in Arabic, while I also have a rather limited working knowledge (speaking - reading) of German.

I teach Maltese and Comparative Literature at the University of Malta. I have contributed over seventy papers to academic publications in Europe and the U.S.A. and I have authored and edited twelve books on comparative literature, history and History of language, with particular reference to Malta, Italy and England. I am also a founder-member of **Alternattiva Demokratika (AD)**, the Green Party of Malta. Since 1989 I have been the spokesperson for AD on International Affairs and the European Union. In 1996, I was elected Deputy Chairperson of AD.

From 1990 till 1992 I was the delegate of AD on the **Co-ordination of European Green Parties**. In 1993, in Helsinki, I was one of the founding members (representing AD) of the **European Federation of Green Parties (EFGP)**. I was the delegate of AD on the Council of the EFGP between 1993 and 1997. Between 1995-1996, I was also a member of the **Statutes Committee** of the EFGP.

In 1994 I was elected **Local Councillor** for the Maltese town of Swieqi for the period 1994-1996.

I have taken part, and take part, in various seminars, debates and fora on the EU in Malta, and have also attended a good number of conferences abroad relating to Green issues, the IGC process and the Euro-Med dialogue. My interventions at these sessions have been published in a booklet entitled: *An Alternative approach to Malta's international Politics (1996)*.

I was chosen by the Commission and Parliament of the European Union as Malta's representative for the **European Union Visitors' Programme - 1996**.

In 1997, I was elected member of the Executive Committee of the **European Federation of Green Parties**, where (together with Heidi Meinzolt-Depner) I am in charge of the "Mediterranean Network".

In 1997, I was appointed rapporteur on the *Cyprus Green Party* by the EFGP; representative of the EFGP on the *Green Environmental Observatory* in Albania, co-editor of **Update (Brussels)** for the years 1998-99, rapporteur on the Greek Greens in 1998-1999 and EFGP representative in the talks between the different factions of the Spanish Greens between September 1997 and June 1999.

In April 1999, following over 9 years of consistent EU policy by the Maltese Greens, **Alternattiva Demokratika** finally got official recognition from the Maltese government for its work since it was nominated on the core group of the Steering and Action Committee which is overseeing the negotiations of Malta to join the EU. This Committee is headed by the Maltese Minister of Foreign Affairs.