

1 EFGP 3rd Congress, Berlin – Draft Resolution

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3 4 **Resolution on gender balance and gender mainstreaming in the EFGP**

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6 Though gender balance is one of the founding principles of the European Federation of Green Parties,
7 the representation of women in the Council meetings and in some of the regional networks of the EFGP
8 has been disappointingly low for the past 8 years and is still decreasing. The current measures in the
9 practices and the statutes of the EFGP to ensure gender balance are obviously insufficient to change
10 this fact.

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12 Also, 'gender mainstreaming' (attention for the differences in position of men and women) is still not a
13 structural feature in the drafting of position papers in the EFGP, although gender equality and non-
14 discrimination are key principles of the green movement. Position papers often only highlight the
15 situation of the dominant half of the population.

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17 The congress of the European Federation of Green Parties therefore decides to:

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19 - evaluate the statutes to see whether possible amendments to them could promote gender balance
20 in the Council of the EFGP;
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22 - reinstate the practice of accreditation of every party delegation to the Council. The statutory rule of
23 the EFGP is that if a party has a delegation of two or more delegates, at least half of the delegation
24 has to consist of women. The practice of accreditation means that every party announces who their
25 delegates are at the start of the meeting. If a party is in violation of the statutory rule by delegating
26 two or more men, their delegation is reduced to one person (without prejudice to the number of
27 votes of the party). If the party continues to send only men to the council meetings after one year,
28 one of their votes will be suspended until equal gender distribution is reached;
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30 - ask the regional network co-ordinators to discuss and implement measures to promote gender
31 balance in their network meetings;
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33 - carry out a 'gender assessment' of all position papers of the EFGP before they are voted upon in
34 either the Council or the Congress of the EFGP, in order to mainstream gender in the work of the
35 Federation. This means that one or more people with the necessary expertise will look over the
36 position paper and possibly propose amendments to it to include the gender perspective. It is then
37 of course up to the Council delegates whether they want to include these possible amendments or
38 not.

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