

EGC questionnaire to the political groups in the European parliament – EU election 2024

Name of political group: Greens/EFA

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? You may add a brief comment to each answer.

Statement		Yes	No	Comment
1	Make a regulatory pause in the implementation of the Green Deal		X	Europe is the world's fastest warming continent. Air pollution is killing hundreds of thousands Europeans every year. Pesticide pollution drives biodiversity loss & is directly linked with increasing number of cancers, mostly among farmers and rural populations directly exposed to pesticides. Europe is rapidly losing its biodiversity and wildlife habitats. Though Europe has taken first steps in addressing the climate, biodiversity and pollution crises over the last 5 years, many more needs to be done.
2	Draw up a European directive banning European companies from any new fossil fuel exploitation project anywhere (in line with the IEA's recommendations).	X		Thanks to the Greens/EFA group, the EU Parliament has adopted the call to the Commission & the EU Member States to stop all new investments in fossil fuel extraction, and to work on the development of a global fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty (COP28 resolution).
3	Introduce the concept of the crime of ecocide into European law.	X		The Greens/EFA group has been advocating for the recognition of the crime of ecocide in EU law for about 10 years. The EU has taken a first & important step in this mandate with the revision of the EU Environmental Crime Directive . The new Directive now needs to be rapidly and fully implemented by Member States.
4	Increase incentives for farmers/breeders to a: Speed up the phasing out of intensive livestock farming and its transition to extensive livestock farming? b: Encourage the rapid expansion of permanent grassland, a source of biodiversity? c: Increase local food production (human food and animal feed)? d: Increase the share of organic farming?	X		The Greens/EFA group is fighting for a speedy transition towards a social and agro-ecological food policy at European level. See our demands here: https://www.greens-efa.eu/files/doc/docs/bf2c48b7b5c340a11661d6cf7ebf91e8.pdf We are also campaigning for measures to fix the EU broken agricultural system. See our main demands here: https://www.greens-efa.eu/en/article/press/greens-efa-call-on-com-and-council-to-fix-eus-broken-agricultural-policies
5	Include in the statutes of the European Central Bank an objective to contribute to the fight against global	X		

	warming, in addition to its only current objective of price stability.			
6	Impose a ban on pesticides and any other product likely to harm health or local or global ecosystems?	X		The Greens/EFA group has been leading the charge to phase out the use of chemical pesticides in Europe. Unfortunately, conservatives & liberals, together with the far right, killed the draft EU Regulation on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides. We are now calling on the Commission to come up with a new proposal to protect ecosystems and the health of EU citizens .
7	Maintain the existing regulations on GMOs and New Genetic Techniques (NGTs) and any similar technology, including for imported products?	X		The Greens/EFA group has been leading the charge against attempts from conservatives, liberals and the far right to facilitate the use of new GMOs across Europe. See our campaign here: https://act.greens-efa.eu/no-new-gmos Ultimately, we want a Europe free from all GMOs .