

The 35th European Green Party Council: Riga

Share [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [G+](#) [e](#)

35th Council of the
European Green Party

EUROPEAN
GREENS
35TH COUNCIL



35th Council
3-5 June 2022
Riga
by the European Greens

#EGP35

3 – 5 JUNE 2022 – RIGA, LATVIA

**6 delegates from Green Party of England & Wales
including the International Coordinator elected to Green Party Executive (GPEx)**

ELISE BENJAMIN

Previous experience of European Greens

-  Delegate to first EGP Congress in Vienna, 1996
-  Attended several EGP congresses
-  Networked with Greens from other countries
-  Worked for two MEPs (Caroline Lucas and Keith Taylor)

Green Party of England & Wales delegates plus Cllr Andrew Cooper (back row, left) who was speaking at a panel debate on energy efficient cities



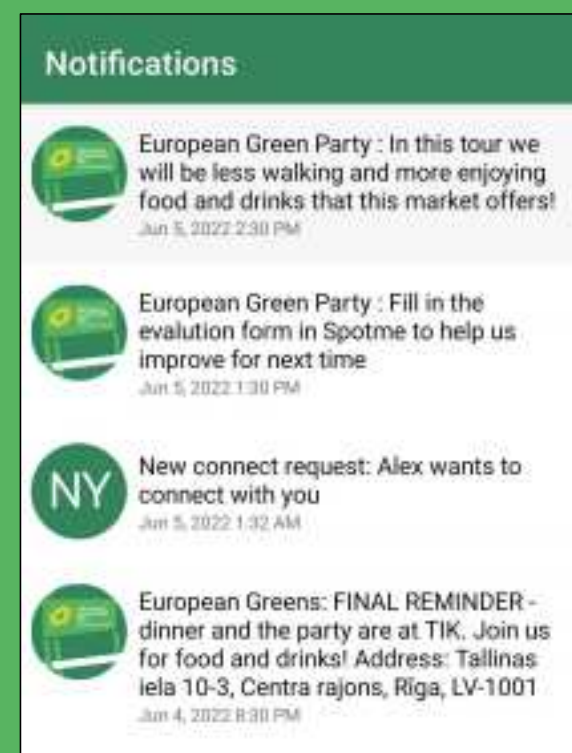


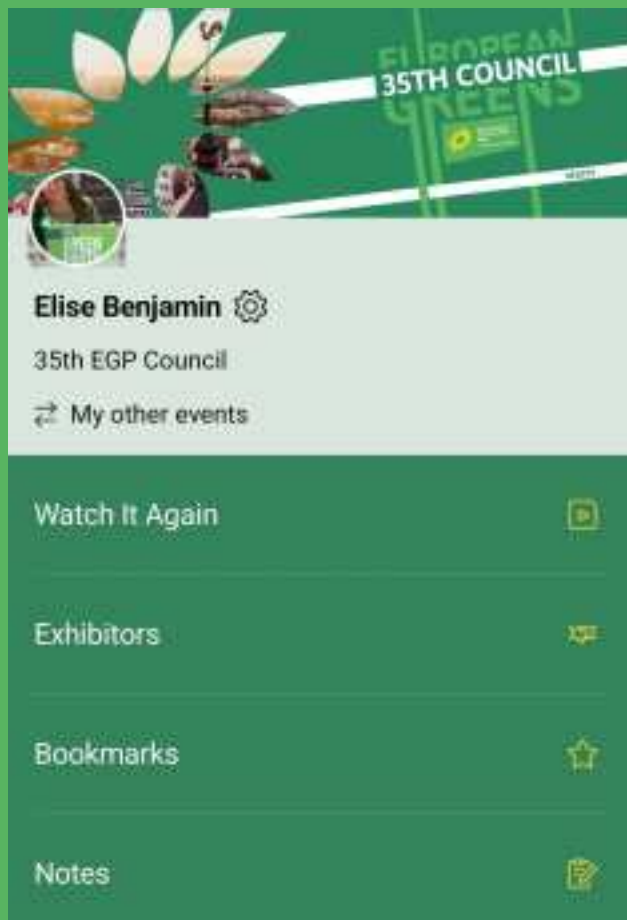
Comprehensive phone app

Full of useful information

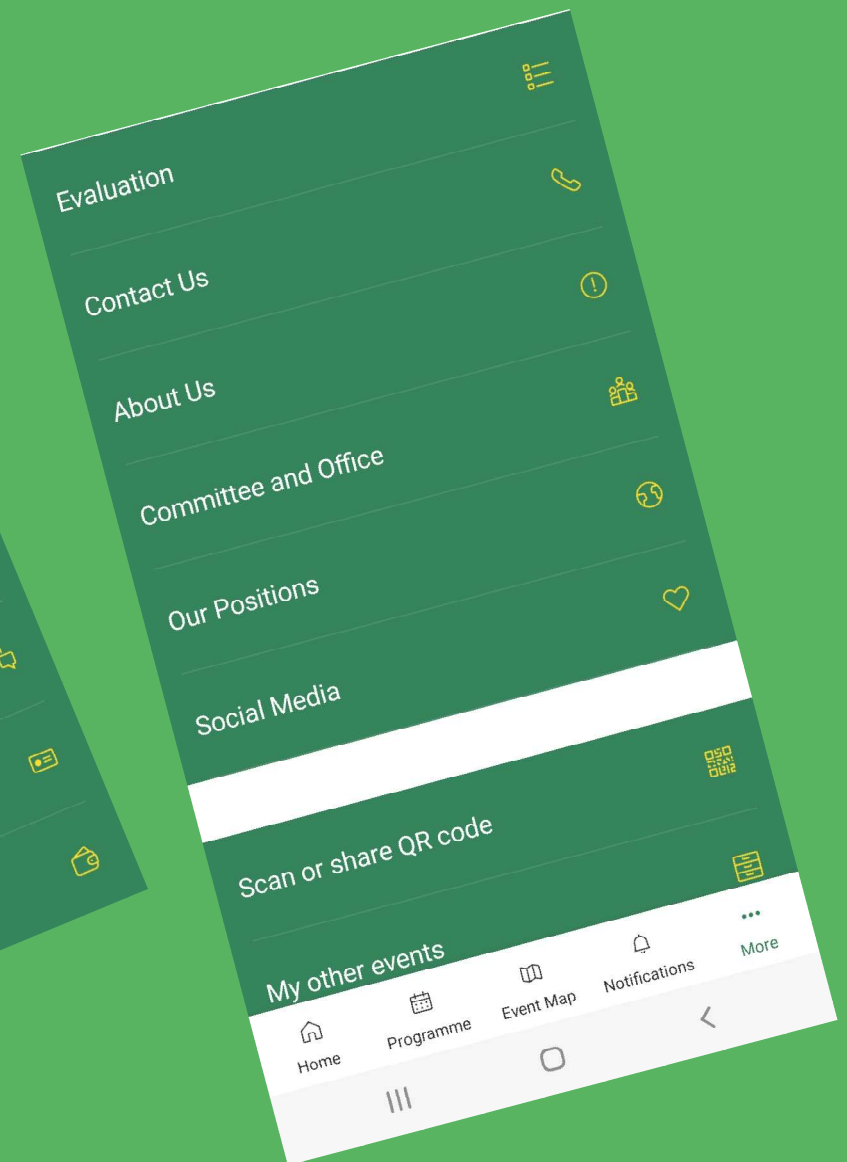
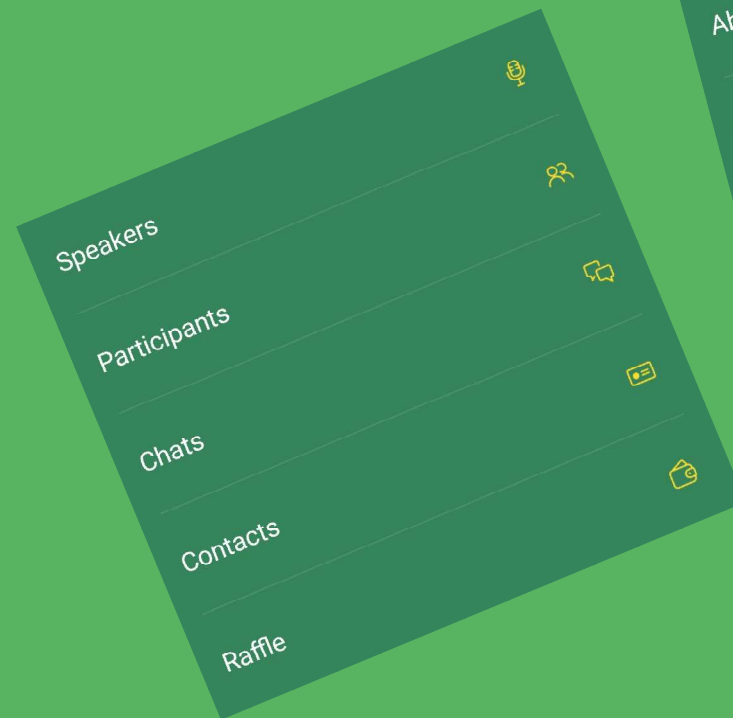
Reminders of sessions

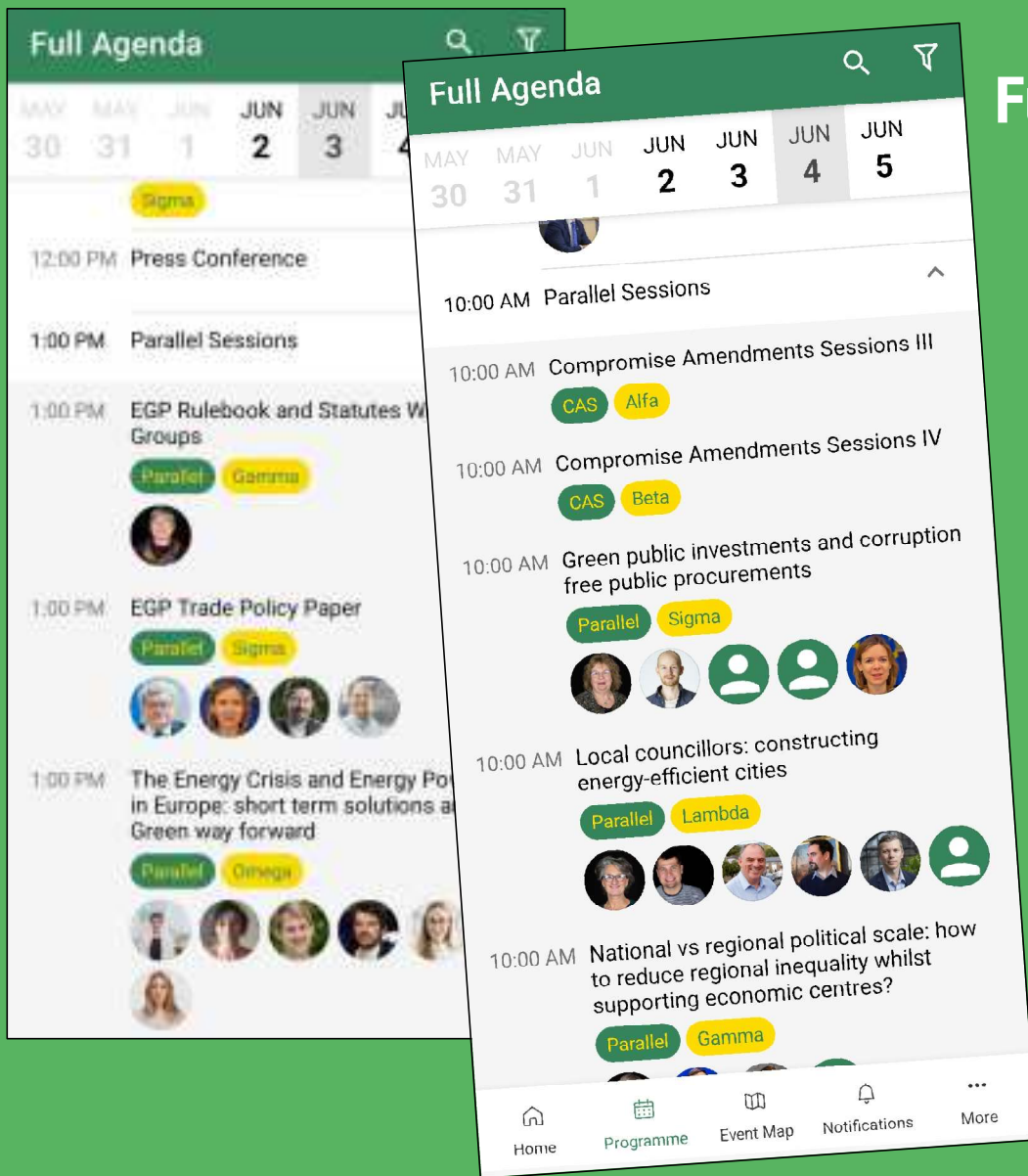
Option to directly message other attendees



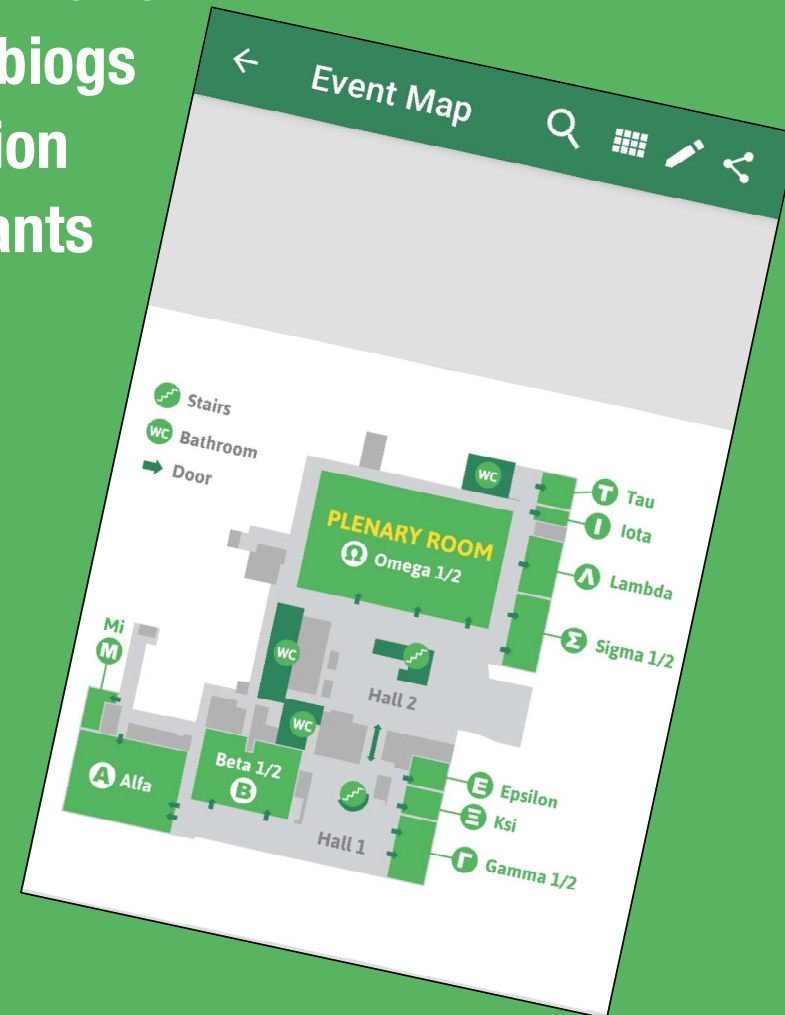


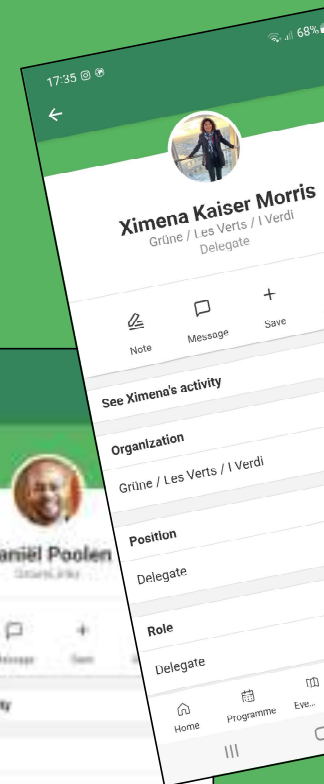
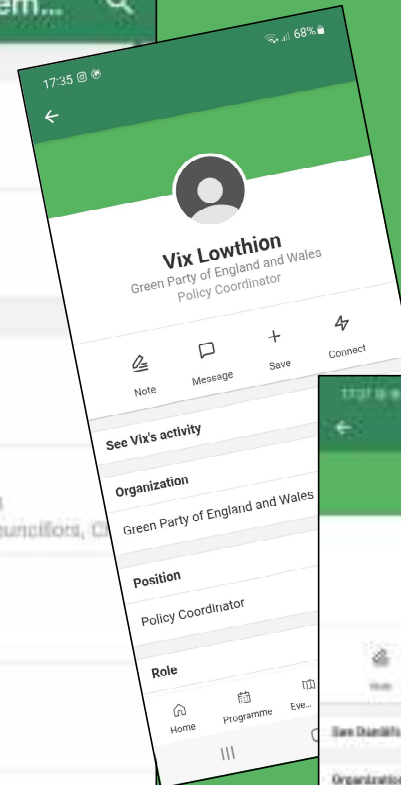
The app is available
for attendees for a
few months after the
Council





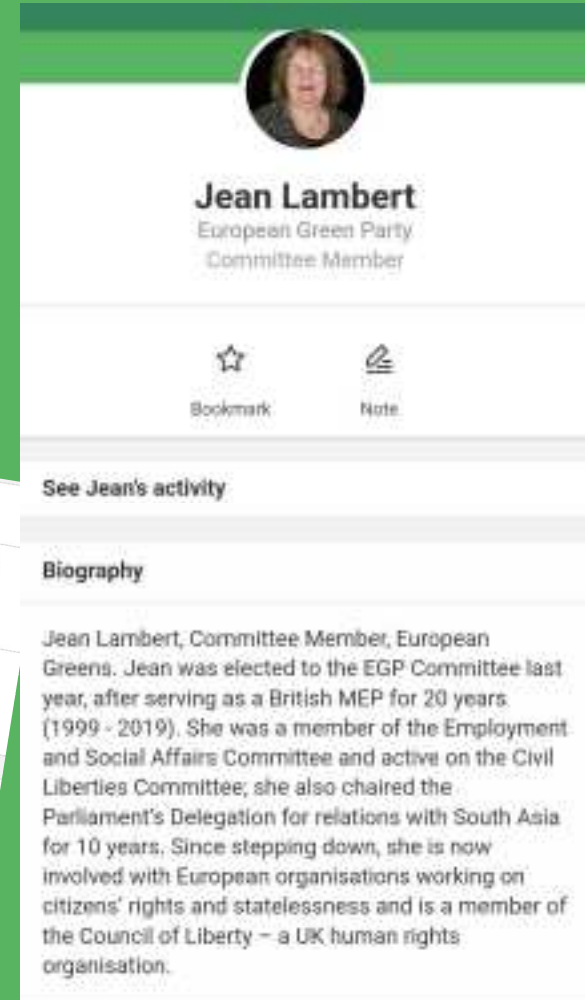
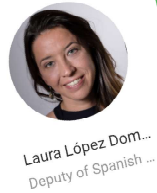
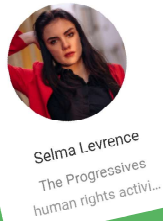
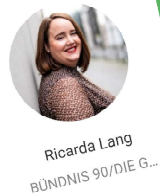
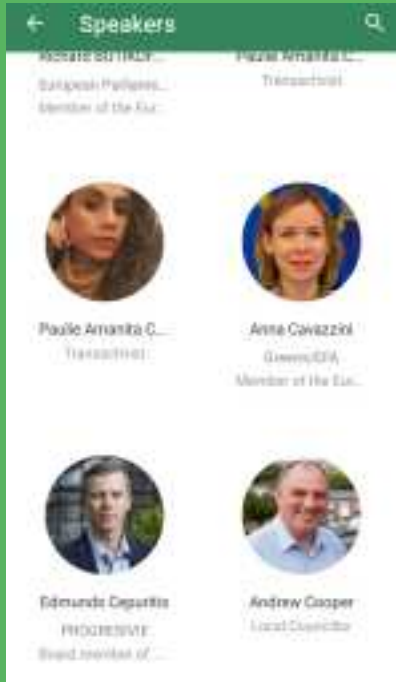
Full timetable with links
to more information
including biogs
of session
participants





All attendees listed
on the app

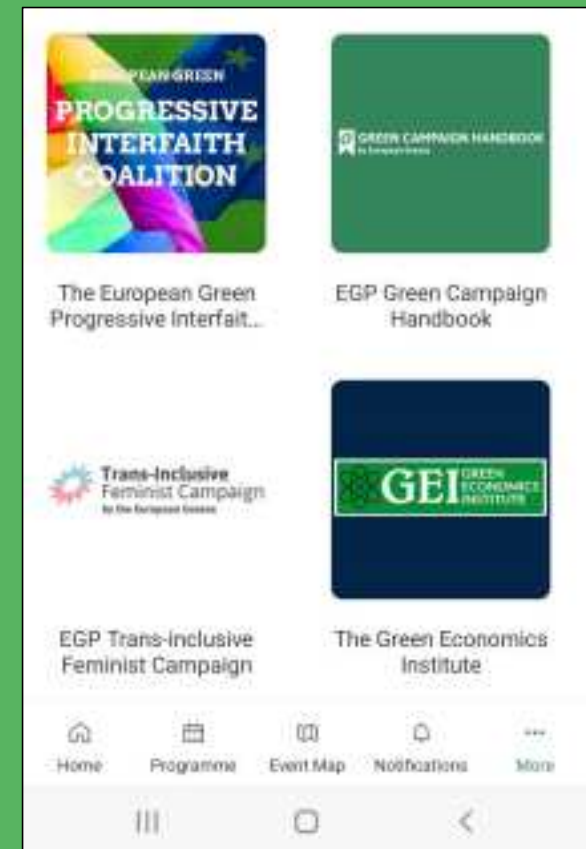
Biogs of speakers including our very own Jean Lambert



Interesting selection of stalls

Stalls listed on the app

I got lots of goodies



Links to social media and a well-used hashtag



SESSIONS

- Key note speeches
- Information sessions for delegates
- Walking Tours of Riga with local Greens
- Panel discussions on
- Training
- Workshops on resolutions to be voted on
- Plenary for Council elections and motions

....and a big party on the last night with food and dancing till 3am!



Keynote speeches included...

- Prime Minister of Montenegro
(the first ever Green Prime Minister)
- Leader of Ukranian Greens



Workshops

The workshops were where any amendments to resolutions were discussed.

I attended the workshop where the Russia/Ukraine resolution was discussed.



What actually happened...



We adopted the above resolutions



We voted to accept member status to parties from Finland and Latvia
EGP now consists of 40 countries!



AND...

Film screening of *My Favourite War* – animated documentary telling the personal story of the director's childhood in Latvia during the Cold–War under USSR control. The Director, Ilze Burkovska Jacobsen, answered questions after the screening



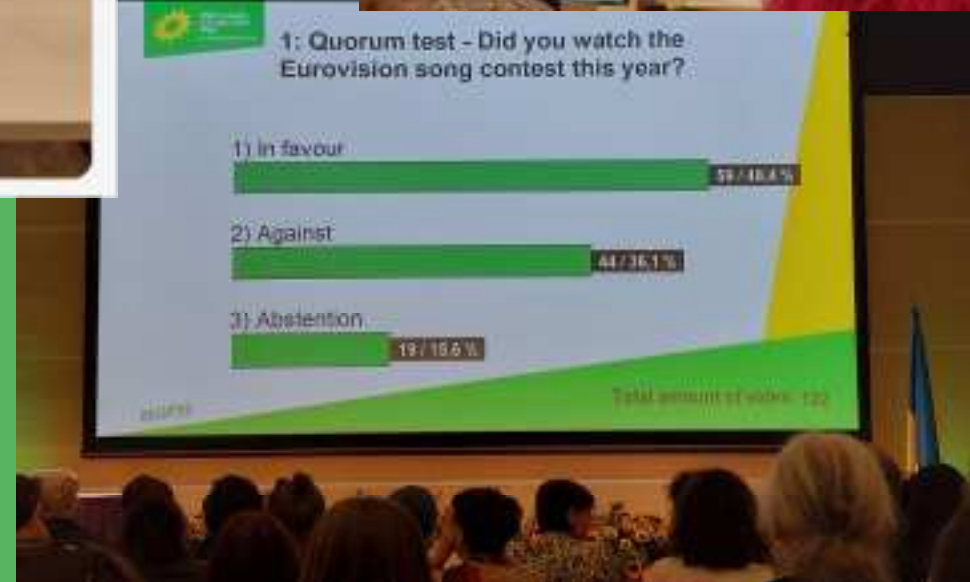
The Green Screen was created by the European Green Party during the pandemic to support the cultural sector and foster political debate around green issues at the forefront of public debate. Each screening features a film on a topical issue, a live debate, and artistic performance

www.thegreenscreen.europeangreens.eu

Voting



Elections were voted on using an electronic voting machine...
We had detailed instructions and a test vote



Who was elected?



**Melanie joins Co–Chair
Thomas Waitz**

**Benedetta replaces
Evelyne Huytebroek**



New committee:

Vula Tsetsi, Greece

Sybille Steffa, Germany

Malgorzata Tracz, Poland

Rasmus Nordqvist, Denmark

Mina Jack Tolu, Malta

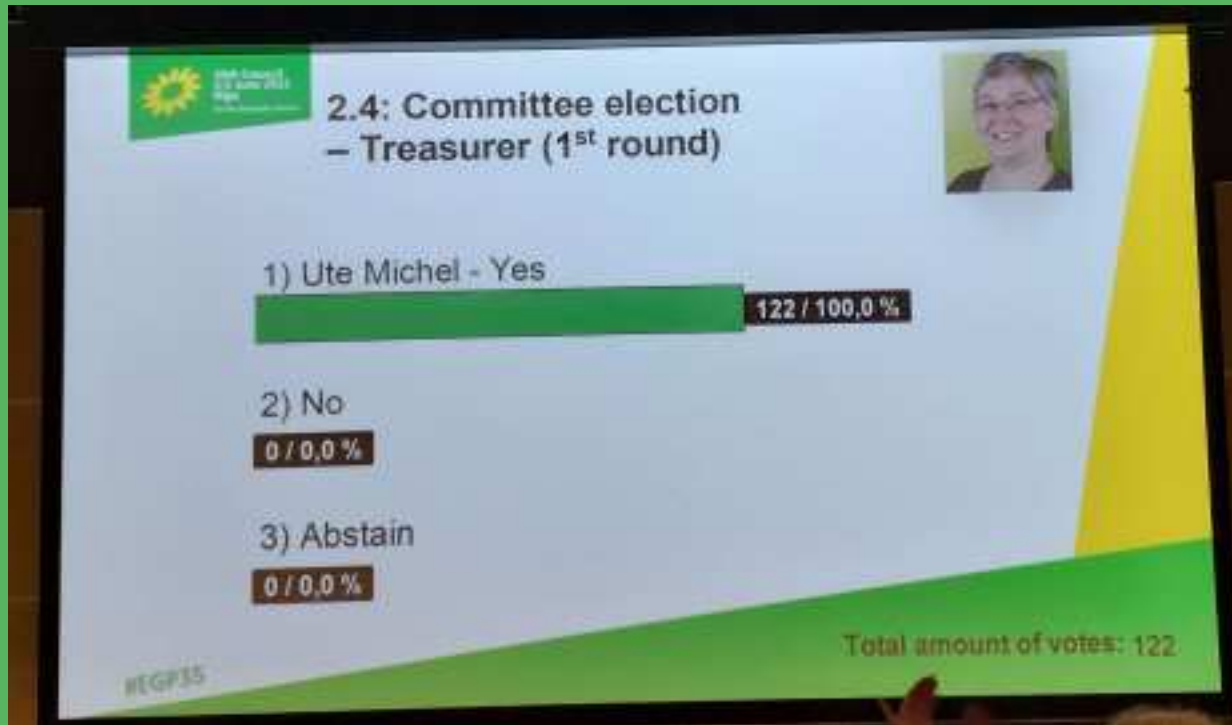


Fond words and a standing ovation for outgoing committee member Jean Lambert



Ute Michel was re-elected as Treasurer with 100% of the vote

Ute was a Green Councillor in Lewisham, London 2006–10, before moving back to Germany to care for her father



Strong presence from the Federation of Young European Greens



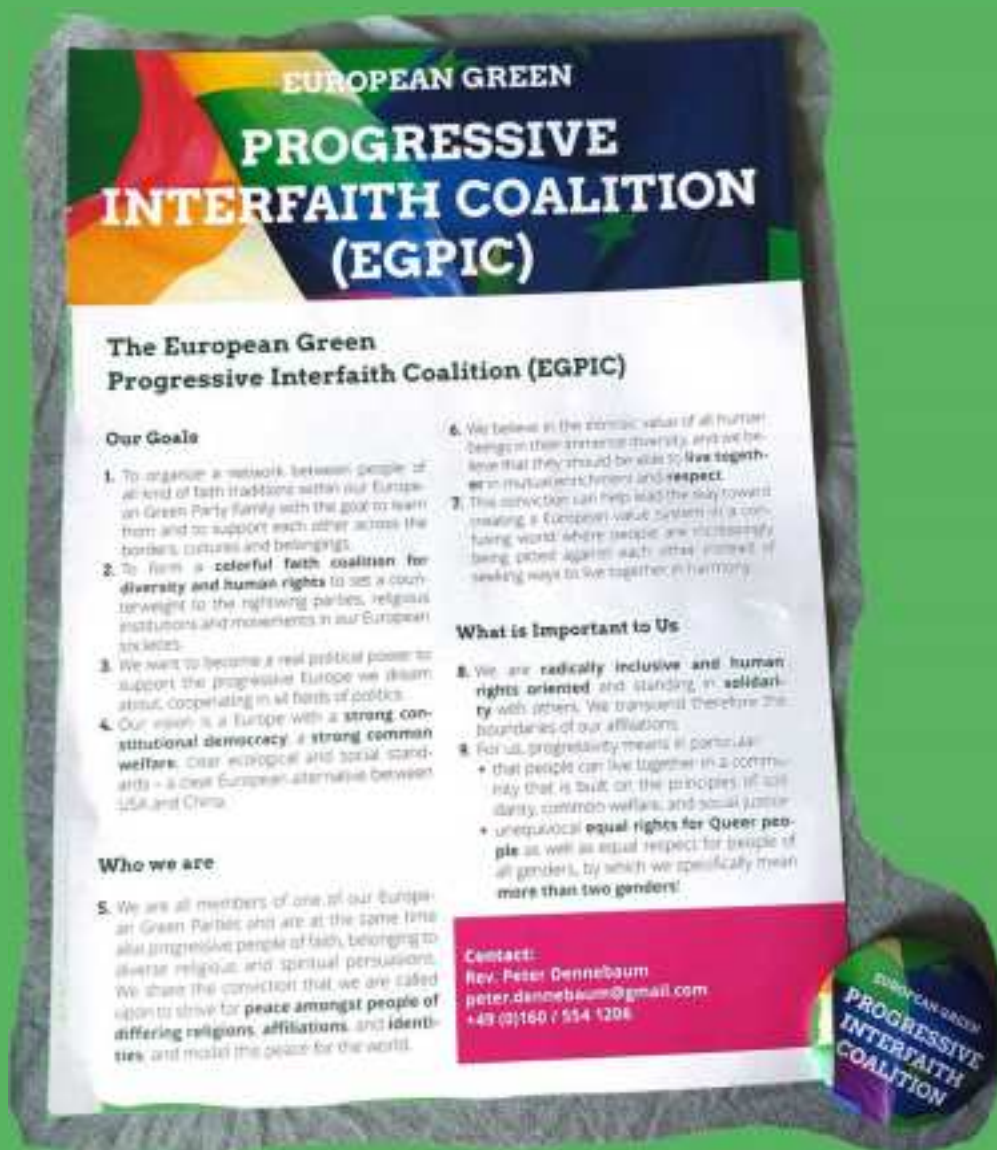
**We marched through the streets of Riga to protest
Europe-wide housing problems**



We launched the new EGP Gender & Queer Network



I met with the newly formed Progressive Interfaith Coalition

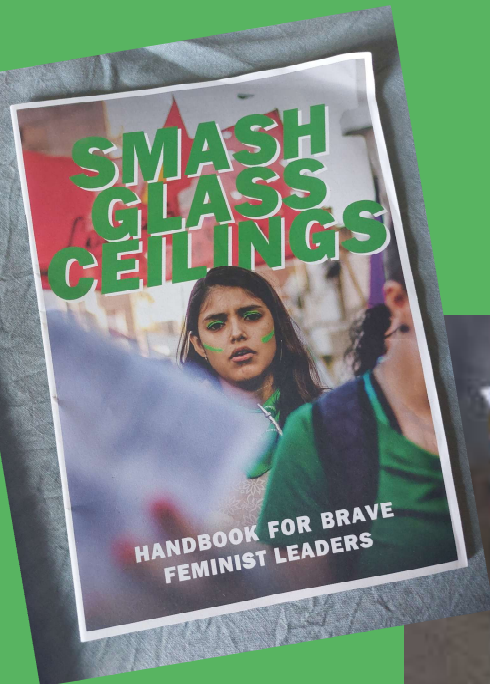


**I made contact with lots of lovely Greens
I even appeared in a video with the Balkan Greens!**



These photos include Greens from Armenia, Estonia, Moldova, Ukraine, Switzerland, Malta, Scotland, France, Finland, Ireland and much more...

Lots of freebies at the various stalls including....



**Any member can attend EGP
Council and Congresses – either
as a delegate or self-funded**

**Look out for the Party email
inviting applications to be a
delegate in later this year**

**...and there's also the delayed
(due to Covid) Global Greens
Congress next year**



**For more information, including
details of the resolutions
that were passed...**

www.europeangreens.eu/riga-2022