

European Green Party/EFGP_{aisbl}
6th COUNCIL MEETING
Berlin, 16-18 March 2007



Minutes of the Mediterranean Network

Friday 16th March 2007 (13:00-15:00)

1. Reports from each country

- a) The meeting was attended by representatives of 15 Green Parties from the Mediterranean, Adriatic und Balkan countries. The question was raised as to whether the Med Net which has recently expanded to include the Adriatic Network should now expand further to include the Balkan countries which are not on the Mediterranean coast. Three issues need to be clarified before a decision is taken:
- a) will the Med Net budget be increased accordingly
 - b) will there be a duplication since Balkan countries also participate in the East-West-Dialogue
 - c) how will this enlargement affect the achievement of the aims set down by the Med Net.

The issues will be taken further by the Med-Net Coordinator to the EGP Committee. By general agreement of the participants the Mediterranean countries have come a long way during the last 10 years with regards to their success in the election results and local representation.

- b) Malta: very succesful local elections last week gaining 6%.
Main campaign subject - land use
- Bosnia: <1% but interesting election procedure. Dissapointed by extreme position of European Greens affecting the image of the Bosnia Green Party (eg on human rights)
- Albania: now they have 10 local deputies even though the electoral system is not favouring them. Special appreciation to the Italian Greens and the Swedish Forum.
- Greece: big success in Thesallonikini in the local elections (4-6%). Ask for assistance in national elections from the European Greens (financial and personalities)
- Turkey: Presidential elections in 2007. Only individual participations of the Greens in the autumn national elections or in coalitions.
- France: The presidential elections is not any easy task. Other candidates also promote green ideas. Dominique Voynet is the Green Presidential Candidate. Many

demonstrations and mobilisations are taking place on weekends on ecological issues.

Croatia: an effort to become a national party under the name „Green Liste“. 7-12% in local elections. The relationship with Istria Greens still needs to be improved.

Macedonia: the period 2002-2006 was successful since the Greens were in power in coalition with the Social Party. Not any more but have 3 council members elected. Excellent relations with the Greek Greens.

Montenegro: a new constitution in being written now

Slovenia: 2-3% in local elections in 2006. Much appreciation for the support from the EGP

Portugal: difficult referendum on abortions which was won by 60% Yes to 40% No.

Italy: Many green measures are now in place in Italy as a result of the participation of Greens in Government. Currently major issues are energy conservation, public transport, citizenship, election law. Italian Greens not satisfied with the lack of foreign policy on behalf of the EGP and are planning further action.

Maroco: Many problems and need the support of the Mediterranean Greens (eg. fisheries, migration)

Tunisia: The Green Party is yet to be legalised and they need the support of EGP

Cyprus: Successful local elections with 1 Mayor and 10 council members.

2. Next Med-Net meeting in Setubal in Portugal in June 29 – July 1, 2007 on the subject of Energy, Transport and Kyoto Solutions for the equation

The proposed draft programe is attached

3. The Autumn Med-Net meeting will take place in Zagreb – Croatia on the subject of „Surroundings of big cities – industrial development“