

EGP 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting  
Vienna, 12-14 October 2007

## **MEDITERRANEAN NETWORK MEETING -report**

### 1. Next MED-Net meetings

- a) Trogir, Croatia, November 9-11, 2007 – “Big cities of Mediterranean and their impact on surroundings”
- b) Cyprus, May-June 2008 – “EU relations with the Mediterranean countries”
- c) Macedonia/Albania – Oct/Nov 2008

### 2. Country reports

#### a) Greece

Congratulations for the recent success in reaching 1,1% in the Parliamentary Elections  
Huge environmental, social and cultural destruction from the fires during the the summer

#### b) Albania

Has applied for full membership in the EGP and wait for the committee visit and evaluation

#### c) Macedonia

Unfortunately, the new political party law demands 2,000 members registering every year. However, they have appealed and this will change to registering every two years. Awaiting for the EGP committee report on their application for observer/membership

#### d) Italy

New parties are developing from federation and coalitions  
Parties are pushing for an increase in the election threshold from 2% to approx 4%

#### e) Malta

Next elections are expected within the next six months  
Changes in the electoral system, pushing the election threshold even higher.

#### f) Portugal

A very succesful Common Climate Change campaign in all the country

#### g) Cyprus

Presidential elections will take place in February 2008. The Greens will decide which candidate to support in November (they will be the last party in Cyprus to decide)  
The election threshold is only 1.87%

#### h) Turkey

During the last Presidential elections, two women candidates, one Green.  
Dissappointed from the lack of support from the German Greens  
Turkey has not yet signed the Kyoto protocol.  
The election threshold is 10%

#### i) Croatia

Next parliamentary elections on 25 November 2007. The MED-net meeting will bring good publicity. The Green List is running in 7 out of the 10 constituencies.

The election threshold is 5%

Look forward to receiving the Observership status on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

### 3. External Affairs committee – position paper

A position paper on "EU relations /role and the Mediterranean Region" will be prepared with the contribution of the members of the Med-Net. The draft paper will be prepared by Chicco Negro (Italy) and Yannis Tsironis (Greece).

### 4. Common Campaign

The Mediterranean countries will organise EU campaign events which emphasize issues, more relevant to the Mediterranean region. Further discussions will take place in the next months, aiming at surfacing the campaign as from October 2008 onwards.