

**3<sup>rd</sup> EGP Congress, Brussels**  
**Mediterranean Network Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Agenda: EU elections  
Green New Deal and Financial Crisis  
National Environmental and Social issues  
Autumn Med Net Meeting in Turkey

**Nine (9) Mediterranean parties were represented with 18 participants.**

**Country Reports**

France:

- In the EU elections the French Greens are collaborating with the French Ecological Groups and believe that this will be a successful joint venture. Polls give them 9-10% (ie a minimum of 6 MEPs) and even stronger in south France.
- The campaign agenda goes beyond the Manifesto and includes the world crisis aspect, health, energy, agriculture and social issues with realistic proposals for Europe.

Malta:

- Participating in the EU elections with 2 candidates (M + F).
- The campaign issues include energy, pollution, social issues (maternity leave), immigration, gender issues.
- Local elections will follow in June.

Greece:

- Focus on the Green New Deal. Polls give the Greens 2.8 – 4.5% which gives hope for 1-2 MEPs with higher percentage in the youth.
- A demonstration against river pollution will take place in the European Parliament on 15 April 2009.

Portugal:

- In 2009, Portugal has EU, National and Local elections.
- Greens will have 3 candidates but are afraid of the low turn out in the EU elections.
- The campaign will be based on the Manifesto.

Turkey:

- On the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009, local elections are taking place and the Greens of Turkey have 6 candidates. They are very hopeful for a candidate in south Turkey.
- Turkey is planning 47 power plants and 7 thermo power plants near the Syrian boarder. The government of Turkey believes that the financial crisis will not affect Turkey very much. At present unemployment is at 13% (20-22% for young people).

### Spain:

- The Spanish Greens are facing many internal problems. The decision as to how to participate in the EU elections has not yet been taken.

### Albania:

- National elections on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The Albanian Greens will participate in coalition with the Socialist Movement for Integration. Hopeful to elect the Deputy Mayor of Tirana.
- Albania faces many financial, social and environmental problems and hopes to access the EU in the next 10 years.
- A new nuclear power plant is planned which will sell electricity to Italy and Croatia.

### Italy:

- Greens are participating in the EU elections in coalition with 4 parties (Greens, Socialists, and Communists) as well as independent personalities, called the "Left and Freedom". According to a recent Italian Law a minimum of 4% is required to elect an MEP therefore participating in coalition is the only realistic option.
- The campaign will be based on the Manifesto, plus anti-nuclear and civil rights (which during the last few years are fading away!).
- An International Workshop will take place in the south of Italy on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in the subject of "Nuclear Vs Renewables".

### Cyprus:

- Cyprus Greens will participate in the EU elections with 6 candidates based on the Manifesto, the Greens New Deal and national issues.
- GMOs campaign is high on the campaign agenda as well as the exploitation of the tourism industry which is hit by the financial crisis. Greens are campaigning against golf courses and casinos.

### **Autumn Med- Net Meeting:**

- Place: Istanbul or Antalya
- Date: October or November 2009
- Subject: Tourism in relation to cultural cities, green tourism, exploitation of tourism workers
- Finances: This year funding is limited to only €4.000, which may mean that only about 2/3rds of the travel expenses will be refunded to the participants by the EGP