

Draft Motion: Mandate for collaborations on the European Level, and updating the CPS

Title: Motion on adopting a mandate for collaborations on the European Level, and updating the Common Pirate Strategy

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Addressed to: The 21st Council of the European Pirate Party

Background

The relationship between the European Pirate Party and external actors on the European level is governed primarily by two documents: The Common Pirate Strategy, and the Relationship Agreement with the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament. The latter served us well after the elections, as it allowed us to retain our special status in the Greens/EFA Group after the less than stellar election results we had in the last European Parliament. The relationship agreement also allow us to increase our delegation by inviting other MEPs to join us, and to draw the benefit from our deal with the Group.


As the resources allocated to the Groups in the European Parliament are re-allocated at the midterm, **this makes the current year especially interesting in this regard**. With our deal with the Group we could invite other MEPs to join us, and as a result benefit from our deal. To maximize our chances of this happening, and to **ensure that we don't end up restricting ourselves** in this regard, a redraft of the Common Pirate Strategy is needed. The current version was adopted when we assumed that Pirate MEPs would be the majority of any Pirate delegation. As we presently only have one MEP, any expansion of the delegation would make us no longer the majority, and the Strategy should be adjusted to reflect this.

We have also been approached by different political actors, VOLT and EFA among them, trying to see how there could be a **mutual benefit of enhanced cooperation on the European level**. This could be both within the scope of the Group in the European Parliament, and in the scope of an alliance with the aim to reach the requirements for being recognized by the EU as a European Political Party, as well as through other collaborations that come up as a consequence of these deliberations.

It would make sense to clarify the level of interest in the organisation for these kinds of external collaborations, to give the Board, and by extension the Secretary

General, a clearer mandate to negotiate with our allies.

Proposal

The Council of the European Pirate Party **adopts the following updated Common Pirate Strategy:**  Updated Common Pirate Strategy

The Council of the European Pirate Party **encourages the Board to explore collaborations with external allies** to maximize the gains we can get on the European level through our presence in the European Parliament and in the member states of the EU.