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EU Issue Tracker

2024 Guide to EU Party Election Manifestos

A thorough analysis of the complete political party manifestos ahead of the EU Elections.

Party/Group	EPP	S&D	ALDE	The Left	ECR	The Greens	EFA	ECPM	EDP
Key Issue	<u>Our Europe, a safe and good home for the people</u>	<u>The Europe we want - social, democratic, sustainable</u>	<u>Your Europe, your freedom - delivering change for you</u>	<u>Our moment!</u>	<u>Do less, do better</u>	<u>Courage to change</u>	<u>A Europe for all</u>	<u>Elevate. Empower. Engage</u>	<u>Europe stand up!</u>
Sustainability	<p>Promoting energy policy focused on further integration of electricity and gas markets, a common resource strategy, supply diversification, and technology neutrality in energy mix and transport;</p> <p>Promoting environment/climate policy that pursues a EU clean tech industry, coherence with economy and society, positive incentives and technological openness to reach climate neutrality by 2050;</p> <p>Supporting farmers by ensuring their income under the CAP, improving water resilience and reduced bureaucracy, and fishers with dedicated legislation, financing tools and a Commissioner.</p>	<p>Implementing a new Green and Social Deal for a just transition with clean, secure and affordable energy as well as new quality jobs in a green, carbon-free circular economy, and a liveable planet;</p> <p>Securing the environment and sustainable agriculture;</p> <p>Continuing promoting the Sustainable Development Goals</p>	<p>Reforming the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) with the aim of lifting bureaucratic burdens for farmers and introducing new rules for genetically engineered crops to increase productivity and to reduce the amount of pesticides used.</p>	<p>Addressing climate crisis through societal transformation, emphasising public ownership of essential services like water and sanitation;</p> <p>Revamping the European Green Deal with greater focus on sustainability;</p> <p>Redefining the Common Agricultural Policy to support sustainable farming.</p>	<p>Addressing climate change, recycling, waste, emissions and pollution, and improving food quality and food security through sustainable measures which do not place unnecessary and costly burdens on businesses and Member States;</p> <p>Ensuring clean air in the EU, protecting wildlife and endangered animals, as well as the fishermen and the seas and tackling illegal trade in wildlife and its products.</p>	<p>Deploying a comprehensive Green and Social Deal, striving to eliminate toxic air pollution, and end fossil fuel subsidies by 2025 and environmentally harmful subsidies by 2027;</p> <p>Redirecting funds and proposing the establishment of a European Natural Disaster Fund and the expansion of the European firefighting fleet;</p> <p>Setting up an Energy Guarantee to provide all households with affordable energy and the introduction of a European Climate Ticket framework for affordable public transport.</p>	<p>Questioning the centralised and top-down approach of the Green Deal in certain sectors and regions, and the placing of the internal market and its competitiveness as a top priority;</p> <p>Suggesting several reforms to the Green Deal, calling for special adaptations for SMEs and for remote, rural or peripheral regions and regulatory clarity and support for farmers to adopt sustainable practices;</p> <p>Recognising landscapes as part of the EU's cultural heritage;</p> <p>- expanding renewable and low-carbon energy projects in harmony with local communities and landscapes, while providing more flexibility for regions and municipalities.</p>	<p>Emphasising environmental sustainability as a key aspect to be taken into account within economic innovation.</p> <p>Creating a new model of sustainable agriculture and fisheries to guarantee fair support distribution, market orientation, environmental sustainability and to promote diverse farming methods and quality schemes within the CAP.</p>	<p>Setting a price on greenhouse gas emissions, expending financial transaction taxes for global investment in emission reduction and creating a Common Energy policy, while prioritising biodiversity protection measures such as banning the most toxic chemical substances;</p>
Social & employment	<p>Ensuring Europe's social model achieves equality, collective bargaining, and protects workers' rights;</p> <p>Alleviating child poverty, ensuring all citizens are healthy and older Europeans are empowered and receive proper care;</p> <p>Reforming the EU as regards enlargement criteria, while ensuring the preservation of regional, and national identities;</p> <p>Combating violence against women, including cyber violence, prostitution and trafficking.</p>	<p>Implementing the twin transitions for the creation of high quality green jobs, following the social market economy, and ensuring collective bargaining for all jobs;</p> <p>Ensuring that Europe's economy remains strong and open to the world;</p> <p>Achieving tax justice, tackling the homelessness and housing crises, improving public services for citizens, and developing sustainable agriculture.</p>	<p>Legalising and recognising same sex marriage, and ensuring access to safe sexual and reproductive health.</p>	<p>Implementing universal healthcare, improving pensions, ensuring affordable housing, and unemployment insurance;</p> <p>Focusing on feminism to tackle gender-based violence, while supporting reproductive rights.</p>	N/A	<p>Implementing a European Health Union ensuring universal healthcare that addresses health inequities;</p> <p>Ensuring access to affordable housing and public transports, healthy food and clean water, accessible and quality education.</p>	N/A	<p>Opposing abortion and euthanasia;</p> <p>Advocating for parents' right to educate their children and decide the subjects taught in schools;</p> <p>Tackling modern slavery, in particular requesting the criminalisation of buyers of buyers of sex services and traffickers.</p>	<p>Calling for a specific treaty on Social Europe, and for the implementation of convergence strategies for working conditions, wages, social protection and gender equity.</p>
EU values & democracy	<p>Abandoning unanimity in EU sanctions, defending the single market, replacing the High Representative with an EU foreign minister closely cooperating with national colleagues, and supporting negotiations on Cyprus' reunification;</p> <p>Combating violence against women, including cyber violence, prostitution, and trafficking.</p> <p>Preserving the European, regional, and national identities, cultural heritage, Christian values and the EU's fundamental principles, while respecting the rule of law and fighting discrimination.</p>	<p>Defending democracy and rule of law, and supporting the role of civil society in fostering democracy.</p> <p>Deploying clear rules and sanctions to ensure that funding does not reach autocratic governments.</p> <p>Ensuring equal rights in the EU, especially for women to have control over their own bodies.</p>	<p>Inviting candidate countries to participate in the next EU elections as observers;</p> <p>Reforming the EU elections and EU treaties;</p> <p>Legalising and recognising same-sex marriage and ensuring equal and safe access to sexual and reproductive health.</p>	<p>Establishing a European anti-fascist centre and creating a European Day to combat fascism; b) calling for a democratic re-founding of the EU;</p> <p>Ensuring ecological sustainability, social cohesion, and democratic participation, while advocating for a new EU treaty that empowers the European Parliament and respects national sovereignty.</p>	<p>Closely monitoring the EU budget, reporting of misuse, misconduct, illegal activity related to public administration and private companies, organised crime, tax evasion and avoidance;</p> <p>Ending the monthly sessions in Strasbourg.</p>	<p>Countering far-right parties' tactics of spinning half-truths and scapegoating minorities which is working strategically to roll back rights and freedoms and to open the door for anti-democratic forces who threaten the rule of law.</p>	<p>Recognising the democratic right to self-determination;</p> <p>Providing the right to initiate legislation to the European Parliament, conducting reforms to strengthen the influence of the European Committee of the Regions, improving the European Citizens Initiative;</p> <p>Involving youth in the decision-making process of the EU;</p> <p>Increasing the number of languages spoken in the European Parliament and establishing the right for EU citizens to write to the EU institutions in their mother tongue;</p> <p>Nominating a European Ombudsman for Minority Rights and tackling under-representation of women in the Parliament and as a whole.</p>	<p>Reducing bureaucracy, eliminating redundant agencies, and supporting the confederal model for the EU.</p>	<p>Strengthening democracy in the EU, establishing transnational lists in the European Parliament and measures to enhance participatory democracy.</p>

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Economic growth & Digitalisation	Boosting the economy through a streamlined regulation, common industrial policy, investment, a trade policy based on reciprocity, integrated energy markets, supply diversification;	Emphasising a just transition to a carbon-free economy, new quality jobs, while also prioritising social justice through tax reforms, affordable housing, public health, quality public services, environmental sustainability, security, and a robust Cohesion Policy.	Boosting economic growth by simplifying access to EU funds for municipalities; b) promoting energy-saving and clean energy initiatives;	Replacing the Stability and Growth Pact with a new pact focused on social and environmental issues;	Reducing barriers within the Single Market;	Revising the arbitrary limits of the Maastricht Criteria and the Stability and Growth Pact;	Improving the local basis of supply chains;	Rejecting the privatisation of the public service;	Involving the pro-European and pro-active members of the Euro area (from 5 to 7 countries) to jointly define a convergence target for the economic regulatory environment, fiscal principles, social pillar and labour law;
	Establishing a socially and economically coherent green industry;		Driving digital transformation with a focus on high-capacity networks;	Creating a permanent EU mechanism to reduce inequalities;	Protecting consumer rights;	Promoting well being-based macroeconomic governance;	Distributing EU funds according to each region's need and moving away from a centralised distribution of EU funds;	Fostering the development of SMEs;	
	Minimising regional gaps through support of rural areas;		Reforming the Common Agriculture Policy to reduce bureaucracy and enhance agricultural productivity with new rules for genetically-engineered crops.	Imposing new taxes on wealth and energy sector profits;	Improving transport infrastructure;	Prioritising quality investment in public goods and the green transition;	Establishing new economic and cultural macroregions for areas facing common challenges	Preserving free trade and open market economy while ensuring checks and balances to keep the system sustainable;	Creating an interparliamentary finance committee for the euro area to exercise democratic control;
	Increasing digitalisation and ensuring human-centred AI.			Changing ECB policy to support ecological transformation;	Removing bureaucratic barriers;	Reforming the European Semester to create space for future-oriented green and social investment;	Renewing the push for diversifying EU trade, more assertive action against dumping practices on the EU market;	Striving to achieve self-sufficiency, to reduce supply chains and reliance on non-like minded countries;	Increasing the resources devoted to the future European Research Framework Programme (Horizon Europe) to at least 120 billion euros;
				Restructuring public debt with social conditionalities;	Supporting more open trade;	Revising the rules regarding state aid and public investment to encourage green investments without undermining fair competition on internal market;	- easing conditions for industries and SMEs;	Striking a balance between government-funded R&D and private efforts.	
				Combating tax evasion;	Considering the impact of policies on SMEs;	Prioritising managing the Eurozone over political integration;	- introducing an EU competitiveness check;		
				Creating a European Fund for social housing and public services;	Limiting the enforcement of the European Stability Mechanism to share liability.	Revising the mandate of the European Central Bank to include full employment alongside price stability.	- strengthening entire supply chains.		Increasing the share devoted to research and innovation in the use of the Structural Funds;
				Supporting multilateralism, employment, welfare, and gender equality over single-market principles.					Launching an ambitious new programme to support the digital economy and artificial intelligence.
Security & international cooperation	Increasing support for Ukraine, including its future membership of the EU and NATO;	Guaranteeing security across the EU;	Showing solidarity to Ukrainians and improving the EU's defence capabilities and economic security;	Condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Hamas' attack on Israel, and the Israeli war in Gaza;	Advocating for the strengthening of internal and external security of the EU;	Advocating for upholding human rights, especially with regard to migration;	Supporting the autonomy or independence of certain EU territories and advocates for EU involvement in negotiations on their behalf;	Emphasising a foreign affairs approach that prioritises human dignity and rights, urging Member States to handle their own policies while advocating for NATO cooperation, respecting neutrality, and seeking an end to Russia's aggression in Ukraine;	Calling for a unified European foreign policy that focuses on engaging allies, managing relations with Russia and Turkey, and supporting initiatives for resolving issues in Cyprus and stabilising the Western Balkans;
	Reinforcing defence policy through an enlarged and strengthened NATO;	Deploying a common and coordinated system for migration and asylum based on solidarity, shared responsibility, human rights and dignity;	Building a European Defence Union	Duppoting sanctions against the Russian, American, and Israeli military industries;	Supporting the practice of information sharing between Member States on cross border crime, cybercrime and terrorism;	Advocating for a renewal of multilateralism and a value-based foreign policy based solidarity, cooperation and democracy;	Calling for a stronger EU role in supporting the peoples of Palestine, Kurdistan, Western Sahara, and Ukraine, including aid for displaced Ukrainians and a robust diplomatic stance against Russia;	Promoting solidarity on migration, enhancing cybersecurity and counter-terrorism collaboration within the EU, and proposing evaluating foreign aid to ensure it supports countries upholding human rights.	
	Investing in the EU's defence industrial base, establishing a Commissioner for Security and Defence and a Defence Council configuration, and integrating forces on land, sea, cyber and air;	Implementing a strong European Common Security and Defence Policy and supporting the development of the European defence industry;	Basing a new revised EU defence policy on the development of the EU's own military-industrial and production capabilities, with a military area of free movement and a concrete defence investment plan;	Calling for rejecting war, promoting peace, creating a nuclear-free Europe and reducing military spending;	Advocating for a migration system which supports Member States, protects the EU external borders, increases the rate of return of migrants and combats abuses to the EU's asylum system;	Promoting the creation of a Security Union centred on human security, preventative strategies, and strong civil societies;	Pushing for the EU's enlargement to include Ukraine, the Western Balkans, and Moldova.		Supporting the strengthening of EU defence capabilities, enhancing cybersecurity, countering terrorism in rights-compliant ways, and managing migration by addressing its root causes;
	Changing foreign policy to abandon unanimity in EU sanctions and defence single market;	Renewing international cooperation, by building new partnerships, supporting the ILO, and implementing an ambitious and fair EU trade agenda.	Developing a closer relationship with the UK and preparing the EU for further enlargement through reforms to the EU decision-making procedures and EU budget;	Advocating for global cooperation and the cancellation of harmful free trade agreements.	Supporting the strengthening of Frontex and further cooperation with third countries;	Prioritising the climate in Green Deal partnerships with countries and regions, committing to international climate finance, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.			Involving citizens in trade agreements to boost transparency and prioritise environmental concerns.
	Replacing the High Representative with an EU foreign minister closely cooperating with national colleagues and other European countries;		Supporting the conclusion of MERCOSUR and achieving a trans-Atlantic free trade agreement with the US, and reforming the WTO;		Advocating for the protection of victims of terrorism;				
	Supporting negotiations on Cyprus' reunification;				Supporting a review of the current functioning of the EU in view of creating a community of nations cooperating in certain areas where they have common interests;				
	Controlling the EU's external borders with electronic monitoring of entries and reinforcing Frontex, while enabling asylum seekers in the EU to be granted protection and introducing annual humanitarian quotas for their admission in the EU;		Reforming the Common European Asylum System and Frontex and launching a European Action Plan for search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean.		Supporting international cooperation policy which focuses on private enterprise to help reduce poverty and on building strong economies and industries;				
	Creating a Preparedness Union for crises;				Addressing the issue of persecution of Christians in the world.				
	Encouraging a smart trade policy based on reciprocity that favours cooperation with like-minded partners.								



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