

# How to vote at the EP elections?

Check the proposals of the European Federalists  
vs the ones of the European political parties



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Union des Fédéralistes Européens



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# COMPLETING THE ECONOMIC MONETARY UNION



- A Eurozone budget, run by a Eurozone Treasury, financed by own resources
- Completion of the Banking Union, with a European Deposit Insurance Scheme
- A democratically-governed European Monetary Fund
- A European Unemployment Reinsurance Scheme



- Adoption of the Euro should be optional
- Against a more integrated federalized Euro
- Against a European finance Minister and Agency
- Completion of the Single Market



- Rapid implementation of a Banking Union in the Eurozone
- Reform of the European Stability Mechanism into a true European Monetary Fund
- Continuation of the reform of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)



- Reform of the Economic and Monetary Union to ensure that progress is shared fairly



- Taxation of capital flows
- Change of the mission of the European Central Bank (ECB) to include employment goals and real democratic accountability
- Abolition of the fiscal pact and ending austerity plans
- A financial transaction tax



- No to euro-bonds
- Completion of the Banking Union with a European Deposit Insurance Scheme once bank risks have been reduced
- Turn the European Stability Mechanism into a fully-fledged European Monetary Fund



- The Completion of the Banking Union by turning Europe's failed banks over to the European Stability Mechanism
- Creation of a European Treasury
- A European Clearing Union (ECU)



- Own budget for the Eurozone
- A European complementary Unemployment Insurance Mechanism



- A Eurozone+ budget, a Banking Union, and a full Economic and Monetary Union under a European Finance Minister
- Expansion of the ECB's mandate to promote employment, sustainable growth, and crisis prevention and mitigation
- A minimum European corporate tax of 15%
- Create an EU-wide deposit insurance

# IMPLEMENTING A EUROPEAN IMMIGRATION & ASYLUM POLICY



- Strong common European migration policy
- A single European border management authority
- A fair European Asylum System with a European refugee status and a European Humanitarian visa
- A European return policy in accordance with human rights obligations with concrete reintegration measures



- A **FRONTEX Agency to assist border states to cope with migration**
- **No replacement of national capacities and capabilities by an EU agency**



- The European Border and Coast Guard becoming an effective EU border guard service
- EU providing shelter in the region where asylum seekers came from
- A humane and effective Common European Asylum System
- Extension of the scope of the EU blue card to act as an EU-wide work permit based on objective criteria
- Migration agreements with safe countries in the Middle East and Africa



- An asylum policy based on solidarity and humanity, including the fair sharing of responsibilities among Member States and reestablishing a European sea-rescuing mission
- Support of the Union to countries and municipalities integrating refugees or migrants
- Against criminalisation of helping migrants



- Safe European corridors for legal migration and receiving asylum seekers
- Links with sending countries
- Speeding up of asylum processes as well as resettlement and family reunification programs
- A common, integration-oriented refugee and migration policy



- Equip the European Border and Coast Guard with up to 10.000 new officers
- Harmonisation of EU national asylum systems
- Reform of the Common European Asylum System
- A European Return Warrant System
- Fingerprint database for asylum seekers
- Cooperation with countries of transit and of origin to create safe zones outside the EU
- Common procedures for the resettlement of refugees from third countries
- Marshall Plan for Africa



- A pan-European Common Asylum System
- Full implementation of the right of non-refoulement
- Job-seeker Schengen visas
- International Humanitarian Passport for most vulnerable categories of refugees
- Close down of detention centres
- Establishment of a European Search and Rescue Operation
- A EU funded Integration and Investment Programme for their communities
- Voting rights for foreigners after a minimum period of residency



- A fair common asylum and migration policy, based on shared responsibility and solidarity among Member States, and cooperation with countries of origin and transit
- Maintaining effective control of EU borders
- A new partnership with and a comprehensive European Investment Plan for Africa



- A Unified EU Refugee System
- Reform of the Dublin System and completion by a settlement scheme
- Shorter asylum procedures and social, legal and psychological support as well as language training
- Classifying famine and climate migrants as refugees
- Strengthening the use of humanitarian corridors
- Increase of legal pathways into Europe

# ESTABLISHING A RESILIENT EUROPEAN FOREIGN & SECURITY POLICY



- A European Defence and Security Union
- A democratic and transparent system in the Common Security and Defence Policy decision-making: majority voting in all matters, condecision by the European Parliament, dedicated Commissioner for Defence and Security
- Stronger capabilities in civilian conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict stabilisation
- Common procurement and research investment for defence products and equipment



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- Complementary and better coordinated efforts in defense and military procurement among Member States



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- A common EU approach and progressive introduction of Qualified Majority Voting
- Greater European cooperation in defence spending
- Greater cooperation with NATO
- Reform of the UN Charter & a European seat in the UN Security Council
- Strengthening the European External Action Services (EEAS) and the High Commissioner of European Foreign and Security



European Greens

- Pooling and sharing resources as well as coordinating Member States' efforts at the European level



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- NATO alliance needs to be ended
- Oppose military treaties and their consequences
- Reject EU militarisation (PESCO and FRONTEX)
- Refuse the Union of Defence and the escalation towards militarisation
- Refuse foreign military bases and any model of a European army leading to increasing military competition and arms race in the world
- No nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction
- Rejection of war as an instrument to settle international conflicts



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- A European Security and Defence Union, in coordination with NATO
- Common intervention force, integrated defence market and vastly improved pooling of resources in Research and Development
- At least 2% of GDP spent by all EU Member States on defence by 2025
- Development of interoperable defence technology and procurement of equipment, including strengthening the European Defence Agency (EDA)
- Development of a European drone
- Connect all European security databases
- A European cyber brigade



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- Rejection of militarist solutions to conflicts that merit diplomacy

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- Further development of common European defence, pooling and sharing of resources, in cooperation with NATO and other international organisations
- Reform of the United Nations

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- Creation of EU-wide permanent forces with a unified EU military command under civilian control
- Turning the EU's current law enforcement agency (Europol) into a true federal-level police force and granting it authority to fight crossborder crime, terrorism and cybersecurity threats

# FUNDING A EUROPEAN BUDGET THROUGH EUROPEAN RESOURCES



- European own resources: EU right to levy taxes on trans-border activities affecting all Europeans, such as on multinational companies, digital products, financial transactions, carbon-dioxide emissions or the use of plastic



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- **Great review of the use of the budget**



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- **No funding to projects that counter the EU's climate and energy objectives**
- **Mobilization of financial instruments such as loans or guarantees to mobilise private capital**



- **A European digital tax**



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- **Taxation of capital flow**



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- **A digital fair tax**



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- **New public finance instruments to increase the EU budget: a carbon tax, a tax on financial transactions**
- **Formation of new Eurobonds to finance new infrastructure projects**
- **A European Innovation Fund (EIF)**



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- **A stronger budget to ensure cohesion and solidarity between citizens, regions and countries, improving living standards throughout Europe and reducing inequalities**



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- **Citizens' participatory budgeting on specific portion of EU fund**
- **A European corporate tax**

# FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE



- A new European Pact against climate change
- A European Bank for Climate, as a branch of the European Investment Bank (EIB), to support the European ecological transition
- A plan to phase-out fossil fuels
- Introduction of a carbon tax
- Investment in sustainable renewable energies
- Binding emission reduction targets
- Measures to minimise plastic waste
- Promotion of "green jobs"



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- By 2050 the EU should be a carbon neutral economy, fully based on renewable energy
- Completion of the single European energy market with free flows of renewable energy
- Strengthening the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) and its extension to more sectors, such as transport
- Greater investment in smart mobility and sustainable infrastructure projects
- Increase of R&D in low emission technologies and infrastructure, energy production and efficiency



European Greens

- A Green New Deal, towards a net-zero-emissions economy
- 100% renewables, phase out of fossil energy and nuclear power
- A EU carbon budget and a strong carbon floor price
- Non-recyclable plastics to be taxed or banned, sustainable alternatives developed and recycling targets increased
- A common sustainable industrial policy
- Emphasis on research and eco-innovation, development of digital technology and clean technology



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- An alternative way of social, ecological, sustainable development based on the protection of the environment and climate, founded on the precautionary principle, through the use of environmentally-friendly technologies, lifelong social solidarity, creating new jobs and support for disadvantaged regions of the earth
- Creation of a fundamental right of access to energy and water



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- Acceleration of Energy Union and enhancing utilization of low carbon energy
- Implementation of an effective carbon price on the international level or at least in the G20
- All plastic packaging on the EU market to be recyclable by the end of next decade
- Increase international efforts to curb emissions from the aviation and marine sectors



- A 2030 Climate Compact: more ambitious European climate and energy targets, a reduction of 65% in greenhouse gas emissions, 45% of energy obtained from renewable energy sources and the saving of 40% of energy use
- A Green Investment-led Recovery Programme of €500 billion to be invested annually in Green Energy, Transport & Transition (GETT), financed entirely via Green investment bonds issued by Europe's public investment bank institutions, and backed by an alliance of Europe's Central Banks
- Regular check of the EU budget cf. its contribution to sustainable goals
- A pan-European carbon tax

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- Adoption of a Sustainable Development Pact with social and ecological targets
- A Just Transition Fund
- EU-wide taxation of CO2 emissions
- A Plan for Affordable Housing and Clean Public Transport in Europe

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- A EU-wide carbon tax
- Introduction of smart electricity grids
- Taxation of the use of plastic, single-use products and polluted recyclables, and ban of the export of waste into non-EU countries
- Introduction of a Circular Economy Label
- Adoption of a green public procurement standard

# EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE



- The European Council should have only a high-level representative and political guidance function
- The Commission - with a reduced number of members - should become the only executive body, in fact the Government of the European Union
- The Parliament should be on an equal footing with the Council of Ministers in all matters
- Transnational lists for European Parliament election



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- Thorough revision of the EEAS and a cost-benefit analysis of the EU Agencies, including the possibility of funding them from sources outside the EU budget
- The European Council to decide unanimously
- Strengthening oversight by national parliaments with a red-card procedure and a review clause



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- One seat for the EP in Brussels
- Right of legislative initiative for the European Parliament
- Greater transparency of negotiations and voting in the European Council and the Council of the EU
- Re-evaluation and re-negotiation of the division of competencies between the European Union and its Member States, strongly keeping in mind the principles of simplification and subsidiarity



• Transparency of EU institution



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- More powers of actions and control to the elected institutions, the European Parliament and the national parliaments as well as the representative committees (the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions)
- More participation and control of citizens
- Promote digital democracy, Internet neutrality and freedom of speech



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- Right of legislative initiative for the European Parliament
- Any future President of the European Commission to first have run as the Lead Candidate of his or her European Party
- Qualified Majority Voting for foreign policy
- Improvement of national and regional parliaments' involvement in law-making and oversight in line with the principle of subsidiarity



- A new democratic constitution starting with a European Constituent Assembly and a Pan-European referendum
- Live-streaming of Parliamentary hearings
- Immediate introduction of new transparency reforms in EU decision-making & a Pan-European Governance Registry
- All voting made public



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- All public decisions to be taken in a transparent way by elected and politically accountable representatives
- Europe Day on 9 May to become a public holiday



- A Federal Europe with a European Government, headed by a Prime Minister elected by the Parliament, and with a President elected by the people
- Right of legislative initiative for the European Parliament
- Full transparency of EP
- Same voting rules for the European Parliament elections across the EU and real EU political parties
- Decision by majority on all issues
- Citizens' participation in policy-making, by creating digital platforms and citizen assemblies

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