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# Welcome to the EPP



**“PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, THESE ARE KEY WORDS IN THE POLITICAL VOCABULARY OF THE EPP. THE YEAR 2019 DEMONSTRATED THAT OUR CITIZENS CAN COUNT ON US TO PROTECT OUR PLANET AS WELL AS OUR VALUES. GIVING PEOPLE A SENSE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY, DEFENDING CIVIC LIBERTIES, THE RULE OF LAW AND DECENCY IN PUBLIC LIFE – THIS IS WHAT RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY IS ABOUT”.**

**DONALD TUSK**  
EPP PRESIDENT

**“IN 2019, THE EPP WON AGAIN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS. EUROPEANS RENEWED THEIR TRUST IN US AS THE ONLY BALANCED, REASONABLE AND EFFECTIVE POLITICAL FORCE IN THE EU. WE HAVE NOW AN EVEN GREATER RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS OUR CITIZENS. IN A POLARISED EUROPE, WE REMAIN TRUE TO OURSELVES, COMMITTED TO OUR VALUES AND LIVING UP TO THE MISSION OF SERVING PEOPLE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS”.**

**ANTONIO LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ**  
EPP SECRETARY GENERAL



## Welcome to the European People's Party (EPP), the political family of the centre-right. The EPP's roots run deep in the history and civilisation of Europe and have pioneered the European project since its inception.

Tracing its roots back to Europe's Founding Fathers – **Robert SCHUMAN**, **Alcide DE GASPERI**, and **Konrad ADENAUER** – the EPP is committed to a strong Europe based on a federal model that relies on the principle of subsidiarity. Founded in 1976, the EPP is a party of values based on the Christian view of mankind and the Christian Democratic concept of society. EPP strives for a democratic, transparent and efficient Europe that is close to its citizens. Through the promotion of the social market economy, the EPP aspires to achieve a prosperous Europe with a social consciousness.

2019 has been a crucial year for the European democracy and we are proud of our role in the European elections, which took place from 23-26 May. One out of every two Europeans voted to decide the future course of their continent. This was the highest turnout of the past two decades, a proof that European elections can still attract our citizens when they are aware of what is at stake. This is the purpose of the Spitzenkandidat system, and the EPP Spitzenkandidat, **Manfred WEBER**, led a formidable campaign across Europe to listen to the concerns and hopes of our citizens and to present his vision for a smart, strong and kind Europe. The European citizens have once more entrusted us by returning EPP as the biggest political group in the European Parliament, with 182 members (187 after Brexit). The EPP also includes the President of the new European Commission, **Ursula VON DER LEYEN**, as well as 9 members of the European Commission, 10 EU and 3 non-EU heads of state and government. The EPP continues to be the largest European-level political party, with 84 parties and partners from 43 countries, welcoming 4 new member parties in 2019.

EPP also experienced electoral success this year when **Krisjanis KARINS** delivered a stable government for the Latvian people, after successful negotiations spearheaded by UNITY, and **Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS** became Prime Minister following a win of NEA DEMOKRATIA in the parliamentary elections. In Romania, **Klaus IOHANNIS** was re-elected President and **Ludovic ORBAN** formed a new PNL-led government of the centre-right. Beyond the EU, **Maia SANDU** served as Prime Minister of Moldova. This is proof that EPP's policies deliver for the European citizens. European challenges call for European solutions. The EPP is the leading political force that ensures Europe acts where it can make a difference. Our unity is our strength. In a more and more multilateral world, the European Union is our best protection. The security of the European citizens and of our continent remains EPP's priority. Freedom and prosperity are not possible without it. EPP's work will continue, focusing on four areas: securing our external borders, preventing illegal migration, fighting terrorism and combatting organised crime and corruption.

Climate change is one of top concerns of the European citizens who turn to the EU for answers. The EPP has been driving the EU climate action agenda for more than a decade. To combat climate change, we need ambition and action. All citizens' concerns need to be heard and answered. During the party Congress in Zagreb, the EPP delegates adopted a policy paper outlining our sustainable approach to tackling climate change that will enable us to cut emissions while protecting jobs.

EU Enlargement Policy has been one of the most successful tools to bring stability and peace to our continent. The fact that the opening accession negotiations for North Macedonia and Albania were blocked is a strategic mistake. The countries of the Western Balkans are our closest partners. The citizens of the region deserve a European perspective as it remains a source of motivation and determination to continue with the necessary reforms to safeguard the rule of law, protect the independence

of the judiciary and increase the fight against corruption. Throughout the year, the EPP commended the work of **Michel BARNIER** who maintained the unity of the 27 Member States and reached fair and balanced Brexit deal. This outcome would not have been possible without his tireless efforts. The negotiations always kept in sight the three EPP priorities: EU citizens' rights, the UK's financial obligations and the Irish border. Maintaining this unity will be a key EPP priority in the next phase of Brexit negotiations as the EU and UK implement the Withdrawal Agreement and negotiate the future EU/UK relationship.

The EPP also established an Ethics Committee. Chaired by **Paulo RANGEL**, the newly created body drafted a Code of Conduct for the party members as well as its internal regulations, reaffirming EPP's commitment to fight against corruption and conflicts of interest on all levels. On 20-21 November, the EPP held its XXVI Congress in Zagreb at the invitation of Prime Minister **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ** and the Croatian Democratic Union. With 2500 leaders, delegates, guests and journalists from more than 40 countries, the Congress was a key moment in 2019 for the EPP. At the Congress, delegates debated and voted on major issues like climate change and the Western Balkans and they elected a new leadership. **Donald TUSK**, former Prime Minister of Poland and outgoing President of the European Council was elected as EPP President by an overwhelming majority, testimony to the trust the entire EPP family places in him to lead us through the challenging time ahead.

Winds of changes are blowing in the EU institutions. We would like to express our gratitude to **Jean-Claude JUNCKER**, who has been a steady hand when the EU faced many challenges. With all EPP Commissioners, he has made Europe more secure, more sustainable and more social. We are confident that under the new leadership of Ursula VON DER LEYEN, we will keep on delivering for the citizens and shaping Europe's future. The people of Europe can count on the EPP to work for them every day and put Europe at their service.



# Dear friends,

**“After fifteen years spent in the European Parliament and six years at the helm of the EPP, it is time for me to bid farewell to Brussels and to politics.**

Looking back on these years, I am filled with pride for what we have achieved together. In the face of adversities, we kept our unity; we delivered on our citizens' expectations; and we continued to defend our Christian-Democratic values and the European project that our political family contributed to building more than anyone else.

There were also challenges, of course, but we did not let them tear us apart.

As I step down from the party's Presidency, I am happy to know that I am leaving it in the experienced hands of my friend Donald Tusk. He was an excellent President of the European Council. I am convinced he will be an even better EPP President and with steady hands, lead our political family through the challenging times ahead”.

**JOSEPH DAUL**  
EPP PRESIDENT 2013-2019







I hereby thank the outgoing Vice-Presidents **Esther DE LANGE** (Netherlands – CDA), **Kinga GÁL** (Hungary – Fidesz), **Johannes HAHN** (Austria – ÖVP), **Jyrki KATAINEN** (Finland – KOK), **David McALLISTER** (Germany – CDU), **Dara MURPHY** (Ireland – FG), **Paulo RANGEL** (Portugal – PSD), **Antonio TAJANI** (Italy – FI) as President of the European Parliament, **Marianne THYSEN** (Belgium – CD&V), **Rafal TRZASKOWSKI** (Poland – PO), the ex officio Vice-Presidents **Jean-Claude JUNKER** (Luxembourg – CSV) as President of the European Commission, **Donald TUSK** (Poland – PO) as President of the European Council and **Manfred WEBER** (Germany – CSU) as Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, and Treasurer **Christian SCHMIDT** (Germany – CSU), for their work and commitment to the EPP.



# European Councils EPP Summits



**DONALD TUSK**

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER 2019)

**“THE EUROPEAN UNION IS THE BEST POLITICAL INVENTION IN OUR HISTORY AS LONG AS WE STAND BY ITS FUNDAMENTAL VALUES. TODAY WE NEED LEADERS WHO CAN USE THE POTENTIAL OF EMOTIONS TO DEFEND THESE VALUES.”**



Statutory Summits are limited to the representatives of the Member States of the European Union, while the Enlarged Summits are also open to EPP leaders from non-EU countries. During these informal and confidential meetings, EPP leaders try to seek consensus within the EPP political family in an effort to tackle common problems and develop common positions at the European Council.



Prior to the meetings of the European Council, the EPP presidents of the European institutions, EPP heads of state and government, deputy prime ministers, ministers and opposition leaders – one per country – as well as the EPP Presidency meet for customary Summits which are hosted by the EPP President, **Joseph DAUL** first and then **Donald TUSK**.



During 2019, one Enlarged and seven Statutory Summits, as well as a Leaders' meeting on the top positions in the EU institutions, which took place on 2 July, were held.



# Summit Highlights



01

## STATUTORY SUMMIT BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 21 MARCH 2019

For the first Summit of 2019, EPP President **Joseph DAUL** welcomed two new participants – the new Latvian Prime Minister **Krišjānis KARIŅŠ** and the newly elected CSV President **Frank ENGEL**. The debate was dominated by Brexit, the campaign for the EP elections and the previous day's decision by the EPP Political Assembly on the suspension of Fidesz' membership. On this last point, all the participants welcomed an agreement which preserved the EPP's unity while protecting its values. Chief negotiator **Michel BARNIER** reported on the difficult talks with the UK government, and everyone thanked him for his work, stressing the need to protect the interests of EU citizens and avoid a no-deal. The possibility and conditions of a prolongation were discussed. EC President **Jean-Claude JUNCKER** expressed his concern that a prolongation until 30 June could have serious legal consequences for the new European Parliament – should the UK not participate. EPP Spitzenkandidat **Manfred WEBER** updated those present on his campaign and thanked the EPP leaders for their support. PP President **Pablo CASADO** and Finnish Deputy Prime Minister **Petteri ORPO** reported on the upcoming elections in their countries. President **Klaus IOHANNIS** invited everyone to Sibiu on 9 May for an EPP Summit prior to the European Council to be organised under the Romanian Presidency.



02

## STATUTORY SUMMIT BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 10 APRIL 2019

This special EPP Summit dedicated to Brexit saw the first participation of the new KDU-ČSL President **Marek VÝBORNÝ**. Despite a change in the British debate, Brexit Chief negotiator **Michel BARNIER** argued that divisions and unpredictability in the UK Parliament still made it difficult for Prime Minister May to pass the withdrawal agreement. European Council President **Donald TUSK** presented the “flexextension” proposal to be discussed by the European Council and a debate followed on the consequences this extension would have, depending on its duration and conditions. Everyone agreed that, while a hard Brexit should be avoided, explicit conditions should be set for the extension in order to put an end to a deleterious uncertainty and provide a clear message to EU voters. EP President **Antonio TAJANI**, in particular, stressed the need to explain to EU citizens that the purpose of any extension would be to protect their rights. A UK participation in the EP elections – unavoidable in case of extension – could be difficult to understand for people and disrupt the functioning of the EU institutions at a moment when crucial decisions – such as the next MFF – will have to be taken. CDA Leader **Sybrand BUMA** pointed out the debate that Brexit had stirred in the Netherlands the potential for a “Nexit”. Croatian Prime Minister **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ** referred to the 17+1 dialogue with China and asked for the EPP's support for the candidacy of HDZ Minister **Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURČIĆ** for the position of Secretary General of the Council of Europe.



## 03

## STATUTORY SUMMIT

SIBIU, ROMANIA

9 MAY 2019

Ahead of the European Council organised under the Romanian Presidency, Romanian President **Klaus IOHANNIS** and PDL President **Ludovic ORBAN** welcomed the participants of the EPP Summit to Sibiu. Although the topics on the agenda of the European Council – notably the Sibiu declaration and the strategic agenda – were discussed, the exchanges mainly focused on the EP elections campaign. The need to be united behind EPP Spitzenkandidat **Manfred WEBER** and to reach a rapid decision on the EU top jobs – securing the European Commission President's position for Weber – was widely supported. Several participants however expressed their concern about the possibility of forming a solid majority in the new EP. Chancellor **Angela MERKEL** called for unity among the EPP, confronted with a more fragmented and unpredictable EP. Campaign Director **Dara MURPHY** reported on the campaign activities and each participant outlined the situation in their country up to the European elections. President **Nicos ANASTASIADIS** asked for solidarity with Cyprus as the country was confronted with the illegal Turkish drilling in its EEZ, while EPP Secretary General **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ** reported on the Spanish parliamentary elections.



## 04

## STATUTORY SUMMIT

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

28 MAY 2019

EPP President **Joseph DAUL** welcomed Dutch Deputy Prime Minister **Hugo DE JONGE** and CSU President **Markus SÖDER** to their first Summit, which was mainly dedicated to the EP elections just concluded. Campaign Director **Dara MURPHY** analysed the results and turnout and pointed out that no stable majority was possible in the EP without the EPP. EPP Spitzenkandidat **Manfred WEBER** thanked everyone for their support and announced that the Conference of Presidents had decided the EP would only support one of the Spitzenkandidaten to become President of the European Commission. The participants then reported on the results in their respective countries, thanking Manfred Weber for his commitment throughout the campaign and assuring him of their support. European Council President **Donald TUSK** warned about the opposition of some European Council members to the Spitzenkandidat procedure and EPP President Daul suggested Prime Ministers **Krišjānis KARIŅŠ** and **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ** as EPP negotiators in the European Council. PP President **Pablo CASADO**, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister **Kris PEETERS** and Vice-President **Johannes HAHN** reported on the past and upcoming elections in their countries and FI President **Silvio BERLUSCONI** expressed his worries about the new Italian government.

## Summit Highlights



05

### STATUTORY SUMMIT BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 20 JUNE 2019

The EPP Summit members gathered again to discuss the ongoing negotiations on the EU top jobs, reaffirming their support to EPP Spitzenkandidat **Manfred WEBER** for the position of President of the European Commission. European Council President **Donald TUSK** stressed that the Spitzenkandidat procedure was being questioned more and more and that no Spitzenkandidat had a sufficient majority to win a vote. Prime Ministers **Krišjānis KARIŅŠ** and **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ** confirmed the difficulty to negotiate in the European Council with the other political families, who were united only in their opposition to the EPP and had no concrete alternative to propose. SDS President **Janez JANŠA** argued the EPP should stress it wants the will and the vote of people to be respected. On other subjects, President **Nicos ANASTASIADIS** and ND President **Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS** both raised the issue of the Turkish drillings, Cyprus' President calling on the European Council to condemn them; Vice-President **Johannes HAHN** encouraged the leaders to openly support Prime Minister **Maia SANDU**'s government in Moldova; and KDU-ČSL President **Marek VÝBORNÝ** raised the question of the EU's investigation into Prime Minister Babiš' alleged fraud on EU funds.



06

### STATUTORY SUMMIT BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 30 JUNE 2019

EPP President **Joseph DAUL** thanked Belgian Deputy Prime Minister **Kris PEETERS** – at his final Summit – congratulated President **Søren PAPE POULSEN** on his party's electoral result in the Danish elections and President **Klaus IOHANNIS** on Romania's successful Presidency, and announced the elections of Minister **Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ** as Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The meeting focused again on the EU top positions, several participants regretting the Socialists and Liberals' aggressive attitude toward the EPP and its Spitzenkandidat, **Manfred WEBER**. A discussion ensued on how to save the Spitzenkandidat process – a truly democratic step forward – and make sure the will of the EU voters was respected and the most voted party, the EPP, could designate the President of the European Commission.





## 07

**STATUTORY SUMMIT**  
**BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**  
**17 OCTOBER 2019**

The Summit started with a minute of silence in memory of the murdered Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia. EPP President **Joseph DAUL** welcomed EC President-elect **Ursula VON DER LEYEN**, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister **Koen GEENS** and LR President **Christian JACOB** – at their first Summit – and congratulated Greek Prime Minister **Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS** on his electoral results. The Summit participants welcomed the withdrawal agreement reached with the UK, praised for protecting the rights of citizens, peace in Ireland and the integrity of the single market. Taoiseach **Leo VARADKAR** argued that Brexit had demonstrated the value of belonging to the EPP for Fine Gael and to the EU for Ireland. EC President-elect **Ursula von der LEYEN** stressed the need for France, Hungary and Romania to quickly indicate new EC candidates – with the necessary competence and integrity – and for the European Commission as a whole to gather a large majority in the EP. The weak Finnish proposal for the next MFF and the unwillingness of certain member states to open accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia were strongly criticised. EC President **Jean-Claude JUNKER** and Chancellor **Angela MERKEL**, in particular, stressed the dire consequences a negative decision on the two Western Balkan countries would have in terms of credibility, leverage and influence of the EU in the region. Bulgarian Prime Minister **Boyko BORISOV** called for a bolder EU approach on the global scene and for a reflection on the future of the Spitzenkandidat process. Greek Prime Minister **Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS** announced his plans to reform the asylum system and reinforce Frontex, while PN President **Adrian DELIA** presented his vision for an EU migration policy. EPP President **Joseph DAUL** wished all the best to President **Klaus IOHANNIS** and PP President **Pablo CASADO** on their elections and thanked EC President **Jean-Claude JUNKER** for the work accomplished.



## 08

**ENLARGED SUMMIT**  
**ZAGREB, CROATIA**  
**20 NOVEMBER 2019**

On the first day of the EPP Congress in Zagreb, Prime Minister **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ** and President **Kolinda GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ** co-hosted an Enlarged Summit which saw the first participation of BiH Presidency member **Šefik DŽAFEROVIĆ** and the return of Batkivshchyna President **Yulia TYMOSHENKO**. The participants from South-Eastern Europe regretted the European Council's decision not to open accession negotiations with Albania and Northern Macedonia, while those from Eastern Partnership countries warned of the persisting Russian threat in the region. The EU participants expressed their hope that the new European Commission would start working as of 1 December in order to address citizens' concerns and stressed the need to preserve the EPP's unity and take the lead on climate change. Norwegian Prime Minister **Erna SOLBERG** encouraged those present to reach out further to the youth, while Vice-President **Antonio TAJANI** warned that the climate should not be an ideology but a tool to improve people's lives. Everyone joined together in thanking outgoing EPP President **Joseph DAUL** and in wishing all the best to the newly elected President **Donald TUSK**, as well as the best of luck to Presidents **Klaus IOHANNIS** and **Kolinda GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ** in their bids to be re-elected, while PP President **Pablo CASADO** and ÖVP President **Sebastian KURZ** were congratulated on their results.

# Heads of State and Government



As of January 2020, the EPP has 10 out of 28 EU heads of state and government, who meet at the EPP Summit meetings in preparation for the European Council.

## EU LEADERS



**Nicos ANASTASIADES**  
Cyprus, DISY



**Boyko BORISOV**  
Bulgaria, GERB



**Klaus IOHANNIS**  
Romania



**Krišjānis KARIŅŠ**  
Latvia, Vienotība



**Sebastian KURZ**  
Austria, ÖVP



**Angela MERKEL**  
Germany, CDU



**Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS**  
Greece, ND



**Viktor ORBÁN**  
Hungary, FIDESZ\*

\*member party under suspension from March 2019



**Andrej PLENKOVIĆ**  
Croatia, HDZ



**Leo VARADKAR**  
Ireland, FG



The EPP has 3 non-EU heads of state and government, who are invited to attend the Enlarged EPP Summit meetings.

## NON-EU LEADERS



**Šefik DŽAFEROVIĆ**  
Bosnia-Herzegovina, SDA



**Erna SOLBERG**  
Norway, Høyre



**Aleksandar VUČIĆ**  
Serbia, SNS





# Ministerial Meetings



## 01

### ECONOMY AND FINANCE MINISTERS (ECOFIN)

Chaired by **Valdis DOMBROVSKIS** (European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union) and **Paschal DONOHOE** (FG, Ireland)\*

The 2019 meetings of the EPP Economy and Finance Ministers focused on strengthening the European Economic and Monetary Union. The Ministers held various discussions on the best way forward with the Banking Union in order to strengthen the Economic and Monetary Union, which is the key priority for the EPP. They also worked together with the leading EPP Members of the European Parliament on economic and financial topics, on which the European Parliament and the Council share competence.

The Ministers worked in close cooperation with Co-Chair and European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union **Valdis DOMBROVSKIS** and with European Commission Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness **Jyrki KATAINEN**.

\*Minister Paschal DONOHOE took over from **Petteri ORPO** (KK, Finland) in September 2019.



## 02

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS

Chaired by **David MCALLISTER** (CDU, Germany) and **Simon COVENEY** (FG, Ireland)

The EPP Foreign Affairs Ministers convened on a regular basis in 2019 to discuss current EU foreign policy challenges, first and foremost the development in the Western Balkans, Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Partnership. Their main work was in preparing for Foreign Affairs Council meetings which mainly took place in Brussels and Luxembourg.

The EPP Foreign Ministers heard detailed analyses of the political developments in Romania in discussions with **Ludovic ORBAN**, leader of PNL party in Romania, in the framework of the January informal GYMNICH meetings of the Romanian EU Council Presidency. In June, the EPP Foreign Ministers welcomed **Nicu POPESCU**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova, and exchanged views about the political situation in Moldova. At the end of August, the main focus of the EPP Ministers meeting in the framework of the Finnish EU Council Presidency in Helsinki was on Western Balkans and the Middle East North Africa region, as well as Brexit.





## Ministerial Meetings

### 03

#### DEFENSE MINISTERS

Chaired by **Jüri LUIK** (Isamaa, Estonia)\*

One of the largest successes of the EPP and the Juncker Commission was the implementation of the so called Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) and the tools to finance proper defence spending by the EU. The EPP ministers closely cooperated on and monitored the 47 PESCO projects. Defending Europe and the relations with NATO will remain challenging in the next years, with a new player in the game, China and the implementation of 5G.

\*Minister Jüri LUIK took over from **Ursula VON DER LEYEN** (CDU, Germany) in November.



### 04

#### INTERIOR MINISTERS

Chaired by **Esteban González PONS** (PP, Spain) and **Pieter DE CREM** (CD&V, Belgium)\*

The EPP remained the leading force to secure European citizens by reaching common agreements and debating in depth on how to better protect our borders by implementing measures to save the lives of migrants and protect Europe. The work of the EPP Interior ministers focused on a number of topics such as Brexit, migration and the return of foreign fighters. These problems need close coordination as they touch public opinion and will remain topical over the coming years.

\*Minister Pieter DE CREM took over from Minister **Kai MYKKÄNEN** (KOK, Finland) in December





The European People's Party organises and coordinates from its Brussels Headquarters a series of Ministerial Meetings, which underpin the horizontal activity of the Party with all the main EU institutions including the Council of the EU.

## 05

### JUSTICE MINISTERS

Chaired by **Koen GEENS** (CD&V, Belgium)

Justice issues are for the EPP family a cornerstone in the decision taking procedures. The EPP justice ministers discussed rule of law and the implications for the member states. The ministerial formation remains one of the largest with 9 ministers which also shows the commitment of ministers representing junior governments.



## 06

### AGRICULTURE MINISTERS

Chaired by **Michael CREED** (FG, Ireland)

The focus of 2019 was the future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2020 and the proposal for the new delivery model delegating more powers to the member states. This debate was closely linked with the negotiations of the next EU budget – the Multi-Annual Financial Framework – for the period 2021-2027.

The EPP ministers have worked on delivering an ambitious, simplified and well-funded CAP that would enable the European farmers to produce quality food in a sustainable way. Ministers also focused on the role of soil carbon sequestration as a climate action, the development of plant proteins in the EU, the potential of bioeconomy and the EU strategy on forests after 2020.





# European Commission

The European Commission under President Jean-Claude JUNCKER was in office since 1 November 2014 to 30 November 2019.



## JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER

FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

“The EU isn’t a state. But nevertheless the EU is a state of law.”



## VALDIS DOMBROVSKIS

Vice-President for Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union - Latvia

Europe is playing its part fully in the global fight against climate change, leading the way to implement the Paris Agreement. “The EU Green Deal will set us on the right track to meet this ambition - we want to be the first climate- neutral continent by 2050. Fighting climate change requires commitment and finance. That’s why Europe needs sustainable finance to make the Green Deal a reality: to protect our environment, increase investment in competitive technologies and give people a better quality of life.



## JYRKI KATAINEN

Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness – Finland

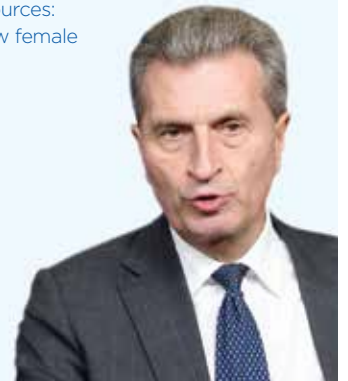
We have achieved a lot: the Investment Plan for Europe mobilised more than €450 billion of investments, helped create over 1,1 million jobs and finance 1 million SMEs; Circular Economy has become the industrial leg of our efforts to fight climate change and a business model for companies wanting to act sustainably; we’ve put in place 16 trade agreements, including those with Canada and Japan, that will help European SMEs to export and create jobs; and we’ve made unprecedented progress in European defence cooperation. We have made a difference: just look at the world in 3 years’ time and you will see.



## GUNTHER OETTINGER

Budget and Human Resources - Germany

Despite financial problems in several member states and despite Brexit we achieved the budget agreement year by year especially for 2019 and 2020. Our MFF proposal is accepted by the Council and the Parliament. It is a fundament for constructive negotiations and for a decision in 2020. Human Resources: 40 % are now female officials.



**DIMITRIS AVRAMOPOULOS**

Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship – Greece

Over the last five years, in the area of migration and security, together we have put the bases for a stronger and more resilient Europe. A Europe that offers protection to those in need, with better protected external borders, a more secure Union, ensuring more safety for our citizens. Together, we have proven that we can consolidate for the times ahead an open, cooperative, resilient, stronger and united Europe.

**ELŻBIETA BIENKOWSKA**

Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs – Poland

During the past five years I spared no efforts to deepen the Single Market and make it fairer. Our work has made it easier for companies to operate across borders, we addressed areas of the Single Market where barriers remain and continuously ensured that rules are respected and enforced by national authorities.

**MIGUEL ARIAS CANETE**

Climate Action and Energy – Spain

During my mandate, we have signed the Paris Agreement and we have put in place the EU climate and energy legislative framework for 2030 to implement it. We have also presented the climate neutrality objective for the EU in 2050. We have thus created the Energy Union and delivered real action against climate change – a real positive story for our citizens, our companies, for job creation in Europe and a model for our international partners.

**JOHANNES HAHN**

European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations – Austria

In a region affected regularly by crises, I regard it as my greatest achievement of my previous mandate, to have fostered stability, economic development and Rule of Law. In particular in the Western Balkans we made great progress with conflict resolution such as the historic Prespa agreement and regional cooperation.

**PHIL HOGAN**

Agriculture and Rural Development – Ireland

During the last five years, European farmers were presented with a number of challenges. However, at all times, the European Union stood in solidarity with them and remains committed to supporting them. I am pleased that I was able to get the European Commission to mobilise significant additional financial support, which provided essential assistance to tens of thousands of European farmers during a difficult period.

**CARLOS MOEDAS**

Research, Science and Innovation – Portugal

The future of European economic and social wellbeing depends on research & innovation. Our population is getting older, and our resources more stretched. With top level scientists and innovators, Europe is bursting with ideas. The EU needs to help them turning their ideas into reality by providing a stable regulatory framework and funding opportunities.

**TIBOR NAVRACSICS**

Education, Culture, Youth and Sport – Hungary

After years of crisis, this Commission showed that education, culture, youth and sport have a central role in building resilient, cohesive communities and enabling people to experience their European identity. I am convinced this will be consolidated in the next five years so that Europeans do not only better understand the EU, but feel that they are part of what makes it special.

**CHRISTOS STYLIANIDES**

Humanitarian Aid &amp; Crisis Management – Cyprus

The European Union is a vibrant, forward-looking global power. Founded on peace and solidarity and committed to an effective and rules-based multilateralism for the 21st century. The EU, together with our Member States, is the global leader in humanitarian and development aid. As European citizens we must be proud for this achievement.

**MARIANNE THYSSEN**

Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility – Belgium

I am very proud of the European Pillar of Social Rights. This is an update of our social rulebook to the twenty-first century. It also serves as a compass to steer necessary reforms that tackle the challenges we face like the climate transition, demographic change and digitalisation. This is what we need to create a dynamic, competitive and inclusive society in which no region or people are left behind.

**MARIYA GABRIEL**

Digital Economy and Society – Bulgaria

As a Commissioner for the digital economy and society, I have consistently worked to address Europe's most important and pressing challenges related to the ongoing digital transformation and focused my work on a number of priorities: artificial intelligence, cyber security, super computers, skills, digital hubs, the Western Balkans.





# European Commission

The European Commission under President Ursula VON DER LEYEN took office on 1 December 2019.



## URSULA VON DER LEYEN

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

“Once again, the European People's Party is shaping Europe's agenda – with ambition and realism. Our social market economy is at the core of my Commission's economic programme. Our European Green Deal is necessary. Our planet needs it and it will be our new growth strategy. As a geopolitical Commission, we will invest in Europe's sovereignty in the world. This is who we are. And only if we remain true to our values, can we look to the future with confidence.”



# European Parliament



**The 2019 electoral year was an exciting one for the EPP Group. In May, 200 million Europeans went to the polls to elect 751 Members to the European Parliament (MEPs). Turnout for the European elections increased by 8 points to 51%, resulting in the highest participation since 1994.**

EPP Group member parties received 40 million votes and gained the highest number of seats in the new European Parliament. With 182 MEPs\* from 26 different Member States, the EPP Group is, for the fifth consecutive time since 1999, Parliament's largest and most influential political force.

Throughout the past legislative term, the EPP Group kept its promise to deliver in policies that matter to citizens. Achievements included securing Europe's borders, fighting terrorism, boosting investment and trade, creating jobs, protecting consumers and providing opportunities for young Europeans.

With increased resources, the European Border and Coast Guard (Frontex) ensures an effective EU response to challenges at its external borders. EPP Group Members also championed an electronic Entry-Exit System allowing for the easy identification of criminals trying to enter European territories.

EPP Group efforts to beef up Europe's security infrastructure to protect citizens from terrorism were successful. The updated continent-wide legal framework on terrorism criminalises the planning and financing of terrorist attacks. Travelling abroad for terrorist purposes is also classified as a crime. The EPP Group led the push for EUROPOL, the EU's law enforcement agency, to become the hub for the exchange of intelligence and information. This is key to protecting citizens and preventing terrorist attacks. The EPP Group also made terrorists' moves traceable by making sure airlines disclose

records of passengers flying into Europe Passenger Name Record (PNR).

The EPP Group mobilised investment to create new jobs with the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). The EFSI has created over 300,000 jobs and supported Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), a key EPP Group priority. Solutions proposed and implemented by the EPP Group to fight the economic crisis have worked.

On trade, the EPP Group supported the landmark 2017 EU-Canada Trade Deal that cut tariffs, making it easier to export goods and services. This benefits citizens and businesses in the EU. The EPP Group worked hard to better protect consumers, scoring some big wins in the process. Thanks to the EPP Group, consumers can now watch their favourite TV shows when travelling. The removal of unjustified geo-blocking allows consumers to shop for digital music, films and other products without being discriminated based on their place of residence. Thanks to the end of roaming charges, Europeans travelling within the EU only pay domestic prices for roaming calls, SMS\* and data. The EPP Group was successful in increasing European funding to all youth-related policies. This included extra funding for the Erasmus + programme. The EPP Group also pioneered the DiscoverEU initiative with the aim of bringing young people together. DiscoverEU has so far enabled over 30,000 young people turning 18 years old to travel for free throughout Europe. In July, the votes of the EPP Group in the European Parliament proved decisive in electing the German Christian Democrat, Ursula von der Leyen, as President of the European Commission.

The EPP Group, under the Chairmanship of Manfred Weber, will ensure that the new Commission can push forward its policies over the next five years.

In the new Parliament, the EPP Group secured five Vice-Presidency seats and eight Committee Chairs. Alongside Chairman **Manfred WEBER**, the EPP Group elected ten Vice-Chairs to its Presidency: **Arnaud DANJEAN**, **Esther DE LANGE**, **Esteban González PONS**, **Sandra KALNIETE**, **Andrey KOVATCHEV**, **Vangelis MEIMARAKIS**, **Siegfried MUREȘAN**, **Jan OLBRYCHT**, **Paulo RANGEL** and **Dubravka ŠUICA\*\***.

The EPP Group is committed to delivering on its electoral promises and seizing the moment so that Europe can make a real difference in people's lives. In the new legislative term, the EPP Group will work to further boost growth and employment, to make the continent safer and to protect the planet against climate change. On the international scene, the EPP Group will ensure that Europe speaks with one voice. The establishment of a European defense system is a key priority. In relation to health policy, the EPP Group will work to implement an EU-wide plan to beat cancer in close cooperation with the Member States.

\* After Brexit = 187 MEPs from 27 Member States.

\*\* On 1 December 2019, Dubravka ŠUICA took office as European Commission's Vice President for Democracy and Demography.



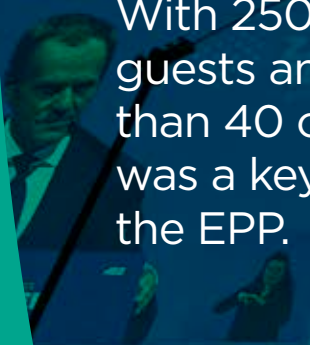
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# EPP CONGRESS **ZAGREB 2019**

On 20-21 November, the EPP held its XXVI Congress in Zagreb at the invitation of Prime Minister **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ** and the Croatian Democratic Union. With 2500 leaders, delegates, guests and journalists from more than 40 countries, the Congress was a key moment in 2019 for the EPP.



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**Over the course of two days, the Congress featured speeches from the EPP's EU and non-EU heads of state and government, deputy prime ministers, opposition and party leaders, as well as the leaders of the EU institutions.**

The plenary sessions also included a series of policy debates and other highlights such as the presentation of the EPP Merit Award. The delegates elected a new EPP Presidency and discussed and voted on 11 resolutions including the "EPP vision for a sustainable planet - cutting the emissions while creating jobs."

**DONALD  
TUSK**

DAY ONE  
20 NOVEMBER 2019

Day 1 of the Congress featured addresses by European Commission President **Ursula VON DER LEYEN**, the EPP's EU opposition leaders, party leaders and the chairpersons of EPP's groups and member associations. The Congress delegates overwhelmingly elected **Donald TUSK** as the new EPP President with 93% of the votes cast.





## DAY ONE 20 NOVEMBER 2019

Today marked the end of EPP President **Joseph DAUL's** mandate. Party delegates paid a heartfelt tribute to him and his inspiring work.

Throughout his presidency, Joseph DAUL maintained the unity and strength of the EPP, while upholding Christian Democratic values. After 15 years in the European Parliament, including 7 and a half years as EPP Group Chairman, as well as 6 years at the helm of the EPP, he has profoundly influenced and shaped our political family.



The first day also the EPP Merit Award being presented to the President of the German Bundestag **Wolfgang SCHÄUBLE** for his outstanding contribution to Germany's unity and his staunch defence of European political and economic integration.

### The Congress adopted 11 resolutions :

EPP vision for a sustainable planet -  
Cutting the emissions while creating jobs

Resolution on closing the VAT Gap

Resolution on improving vaccination rates  
and tackling disinformation

Resolution on Albania

Resolution on the 10th anniversary of the  
Eastern Partnership and its future

Resolution on the ongoing crisis in Venezuela

Resolution on the necessity to reinvigorate  
European accession perspective for the  
Western Balkans

Resolution on supporting European farmers  
in the face of US tariffs

Resolution on female visions for a better Europe

Resolution on demographic challenge  
in the EU's rural areas: leaving nobody behind

Resolution on negotiations for the Cyprus  
problem and Turkey's illegal actions in Cyprus  
and the Eastern Mediterranean



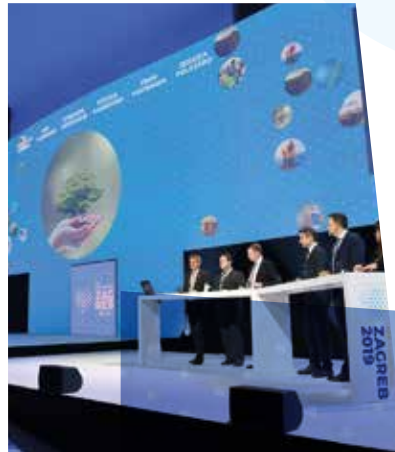
Congress delegates discussed  
the future of Europe by addressing  
current and future challenges and  
also debated the European path  
of the Western Balkans region.



## DAY TWO 21 NOVEMBER 2019

The plenary session on the final day featured addresses of the EPP's EU heads of State and government, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament **Manfred WEBER**, as well as party and opposition leaders.

The EPP Congress delegates debated how the party can take the lead in the fight against climate change by implementing sustainable policies. After the debate, a resolution on climate action was adopted.



## DAY TWO 21 NOVEMBER 2019

Following the election of EPP President **Donald TUSK** the previous day, the delegates elected the EPP Secretary General **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ** (who had been nominated by the President), as well as the ten EPP Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer.

**Vice-Presidents** (in order of the number of votes received) :

**Mariya GABRIEL**, GERB, Bulgaria

**David MCALLISTER**, CDU, Germany

**Helen McENTEE**, Fine Gael, Ireland

**Johannes HAHN**, ÖVP, Austria

**Esther DE LANGE**, CDA, Netherlands

**Antonio TAJANI**, Forza Italia, Italy

**Siegfried MUREȘAN**, PNL, Romania

**Franck PROUST**, Les Républicains, France

**Paulo RANGEL**, PSD, Portugal

**Petteri ORPO**, Kokoomus, Finland

**Treasurer :**

**Christian SCHMIDT**, CSU, Germany





# Decision-Making Bodies



## THE CONGRESS

The Congress is the highest decision-making body of the EPP. It is composed of delegates from EPP member and associate member parties, member associations and parliamentary groups as well as representatives from observer member parties and partners. The EPP Congress meets statutorily once every three years and elects the EPP Presidency. The Congress decides on the main policy documents and electoral programmes, and provides a platform to EPP heads of state and government and party leaders.

## WORKING GROUPS

The Political Assembly defines the mandate of the Working Groups, which prepare the Party's policy documents and recommendations. All EPP member and associate member parties, member associations and groups, as well as members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, are able to participate in the Working Groups.

## THE PRESIDENCY

The Presidency decides on the general political guidelines and presides over the Political Assembly. The Presidency is composed of the President, the Secretary General, 10 Vice-Presidents, and the Treasurer. The Presidents of the European Commission, European Council, European Parliament, and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (if they belong to the EPP), as well as the Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, are ex officio members of the EPP Presidency.

The EPP has three levels of decision making: the Presidency, Political Assembly and Congress. The EPP heads of state and government and party leaders can also give policy recommendations, while the EPP Working Groups perform the preparatory political work.



## THE POLITICAL ASSEMBLY

The Political Assembly defines the positions of the Party between each Congress, decides on membership applications and finalises political guidelines. The Political Assembly also decides on the budget and safeguards the political presence of the EPP between Congress meetings.

The Political Assembly is composed of designated delegates from EPP member and associate member parties, member associations and groups, guests of observer member parties, as well as partners. The number of delegates for each party is linked to the election result in the last European elections so that parties are weighted according to their strength. This allows the taking of decisions by majority. The Political Assembly meets three to five times per year.



# Political Assemblies Highlights



## 4-5 FEBRUARY 2019

### BRUSSELS

In preparation for the European Elections, the Deputy Secretary General **Christian KREMER** announced the procedure with the preparation of the EPP Manifesto in the framework of the EPP Working Group 1 "European Policy", while Campaign Director **Dara MURPHY** gave an update on the ongoing EU election campaign. It was agreed unanimously to reclassify SVP and PATT from observer to full member parties. Two resolutions were adopted: "Women's role in the digital transformation of our economy and our society" and an emergency resolution on Venezuela, tabled by the EPP Presidency. A debate on 'Brexit: latest developments' took place, with **Michel BARNIER**, Chief Negotiator for Article 50 negotiations. Delegates held a minute of silence for the murder of the Mayor of Gdańsk, **Paweł ADAMOWICZ**.

## 20 MARCH 2019

### BRUSSELS

As a result of the work of the EPP Working Group 1 "European Policy", the EPP Manifesto for the European Elections was presented. According to the Article 9 of the EPP Statutes and Article IX of the EPP Internal Regulations to FIDESZ/Hungary upon receipt of letters from 13 ordinary and associated member parties from 10 different countries requesting to exclude, suspend or re-consider the membership of FIDESZ within the EPP, the Political Assembly adopted by a majority the proposal from the EPP Presidency for a decision regarding the EPP Membership of FIDESZ whereby the EPP Presidency and FIDESZ jointly agreed that FIDESZ suspends its membership in the EPP until the report of the evaluation committee is ready.

## 8 APRIL 2019

### BRUSSELS

Following the decision from the Helsinki Congress, the Assembly established the EPP Ethics Committee and the Code of Conduct led by the Vice-President **Paulo RANGEL**

in order to effectively deal with issues like corruption and nepotism. Three candidates were unanimously approved as members of the Committee – **Stella KYRIAKIDES** (DISY, Cyprus), **Luc VAN DEN BRANDE** (CD&V, Belgium) and **Tobias BILLSTRÖM** (Moderaterna, Sweden). EPP Vice-President and Campaign Director **Dara MURPHY** reported on the ongoing campaign including 45 trips of Spitzenkandidat **Manfred WEBER** to 17 Member States.

## 3-4 JUNE 2019

### BRUSSELS

The Political Assembly focused on the results of the 2019 European Elections that took place between the 23 and 26 May. President **Joseph DAUL** and Secretary General **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ** congratulated all the newly elected or re-elected MEPs, and to the EPP Spitzenkandidat **Manfred WEBER**, the EPP Campaign Director **Dara MURPHY**, the campaign team, the member associations and the member parties for contributing to a new victory of the EPP at the European elections. The status of EPP observer member was unanimously granted to Samopomich Union (with immediate effect and unconditionally) and to People's Front and "European Solidarity" (to take effect not automatically but after the next parliamentary elections and only if anti-corruption measures as mentioned in the Anti-Corruption Agenda are implemented and actively supported along the way, and if the applicant parties are still a "viable political force" after elections and still exist in their current political structure). The candidacy of **Inge GRÄSSLE** (CDU, Germany) as the fourth and last candidate of the previously established EPP Ethics Committee was unanimously approved.

## 9-10 SEPTEMBER 2019

### BRUSSELS

The Political Assembly welcomed the appointment of **Ursula VON DER LEYEN** as the President-elect of the European Commission. Following the outcome of the European elections, the new composition of the Political Assembly was presented and approved.

In view of the EPP Congress in Zagreb, the voting regulation, the Congress regulations and the Congress composition were presented. Vice-President and Chairman of the WG3 on EPP Membership **Paulo RANGEL** reported on the fact-finding mission to Slovakia and presented the applications for EPP ordinary membership of SPOLU/Slovakia and for associated membership of the Bosniak Party of Montenegro. Both applications were approved. Taking into account the outcome of the Ukrainian parliamentary elections, it was agreed that European Solidarity fulfilled the criteria and conditions set and was approved as an EPP Observer member. The Assembly approved the amendments to the Statutes and Internal Regulations.

## 14 OCTOBER 2019

### BRUSSELS

As a result of the work of the Ethics Committee, Internal regulations and the EPP Code of Conduct were adopted unanimously. The Assembly approved the amendments to the Statutes and Internal Regulations in view of the EPP 2020 subventions application. Given worrying developments in Syria, the EPP presented a declaration condemning Turkey's military actions in North East Syria and called on Turkey to exercise restraint. Tabled by the EPP Presidency, the "EPP Resolution on the ongoing protests in Hong Kong" was adopted unanimously.

## 19 NOVEMBER 2019

### ZAGREB

The Assembly unanimously validated the candidatures for the election of the EPP President, Secretary General, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, per Article 11 of the EPP Statutes. The Assembly took note of the draft Congress resolutions – the congress resolution on climate change, the five ordinary resolutions and the five emergency resolutions, which were all subsequently adopted by the EPP Congress.

# European Committee of the Regions



## #EPPLocalDialogue - Europe starts in my village / city / region.

Following the successful launch of the EPP-CoR Grassroots Engagement in 2018, we continued with the Local Dialogues to reinforce the local and regional dimension of EU policies and politics in the cities and regions of EPP-CoR members before and after the 2019 European elections. The aim of the project is to listen to the people, restore trust in the EU's political representatives, to increase citizens' participation in the EU elections and ownership of the EU on the ground.

On 16 March, more than 4000 politicians from Romania and all over the EU gathered at the Summit of EPP Regional and Local Leaders together with the EPP Spitzenkandidat to promote a pro-European vision for the future of Europe and to adopt the EPP Local and Regional Manifesto.

In his introductory speech, **Klaus IOHANNIS**, President of Romania said: "It is a pleasure to be at this event in the company of fellow EPP leaders deeply committed to the EU project and its values and determined to make a change in the lives of the European citizens. A better Europe starts at home, at local and regional level".

**Ludovic ORBAN**, President of the Romanian National Liberal Party spoke about the direct connection of mayors with citizens: "There are no miracles, no miracle solutions. There is only our education, there is the work that our mayors of the National Liberal Party have done for the benefit of the communities they have led."

As part of the EPP Congress in Zagreb, upon the invitation from **Nikola DOBROSLAVIĆ**, President of Dubrovnik-Neretva Region, the EPP-CoR organised an EPP Local Dialogue dedicated to European investments in regions and cities post 2020. The event was attended

by President of Croatian Democratic Union and Prime Minister of Croatia, **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ**, EPP Group Vice-Chair **Siegfried MUREŞAN** and European Commissioner for Budget and Administration **Johannes HAHN**.

"We can see the impact of EU investments in our regions and cities improving the daily lives of our citizens in areas such as transport, infrastructure or renewable energies. Regions and cities play a crucial role in the implementation of EU policies, sharing knowledge on European investments on the ground, maintaining a dialogue with the citizens," said **Joseph DAUL**, President of the EPP, during the EPP Local Dialogue.

"We are committed to and we facilitate the dialogue with our regional and local politicians on a daily basis. Your biggest added value is making the EU tangible to the citizens. We are determined to take on board the views of our regions and local communities in shaping national priorities and policies," stated Prime Minister **Andrej PLENKOVIĆ**.

President **Michael SCHNEIDER** thanked Joseph Daul for the close cooperation and fruitful partnership between the EPP and the EPP Group in the CoR over the past years as well as for his firm commitment to the values of freedom, subsidiarity and solidarity during his leadership as EPP President.

"Local politics is everything. You are the ones close to the people, you can speak to our citizens about Europe. We need your input as the bridge between Brussels and local policies", stressed **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ**, Secretary General of the EPP.

On 5 December, the EPP-CoR organised a Local Dialogue on Brain drain: personal experiences and local and regional solutions to feed into the CoR opinion on Brain Drain by **Emil BOC**, former Prime Minister of Romania, current Mayor of Cluj-Napoca and the EPP-CoR member. **Dubravka ŠUIČA**, European Commission Vice-President responsible for Democracy and Demography said "I am here to establish

a long-term cooperation with you to support cities and regions in tackling brain drain. Only by coordinating and integrating our efforts at various levels can we succeed, no one can do it alone". The event was also attended by **Esther DE LANGE**, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Vice-President, and **Rafał TRZASKOWSKI**, Mayor of Warsaw, EPP-CoR Member, who highlighted brain gain aspects whereas **Isabel BENJUMEA BENJUMEA**, Member of the European Parliament, REGI Vice-Chair, focused more on brain drain challenges.

Throughout the year, EPP-CoR members led the work on several opinions of the CoR on the MFF for 2021-2027, on Cohesion Policy, migration and rebuilding trust in the European Union, on Sustainable Development Goals and opinions related to climate change and education to name a few. The opinions have allowed Europe's cities and regions to bring their views to the EU-level discussions on issues, which will be decisive for the future of Europe and its citizens in the years to come.



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# Council of Europe / OSCE / NATO / Euronest



## EPP IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



The EPP is committed to its involvement in the Council of Europe, an organisation that promotes the principles of the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms. The year 2019 was marked by financial challenges of the organization, and the controversial discussion on the report on strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) concerning credentials and voting. Outcome of this debate enabled Russian delegation to return to the PACE, which caused another crisis in the parliamentary assembly. During the year EPP President **Joseph DAUL** regularly attended EPP-CD Group meetings in PACE, chaired by **Aleksander POCIEJ** (PO, Poland), where he highlighted the EPP position on the most pressing issues.

## EPP IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF OSCE



**Margareta CEDERFELT** (MOD, Sweden) continued chairing the EPP and likeminded Group in the OSCE-PA. EPP President **Joseph DAUL** attended the Group meeting in Luxembourg expressing the good work of its members in defending the EPP values when drafting documents and especially in taking care of the democratic citizens voice while observing and monitoring elections. During this meeting **George TSERETELI** (EG, Georgia) was re-elected for a second term as President of the Assembly which will allow him to continue seeking peace in conflict zones of the OSCE area, strengthening transatlantic relations and leading talks with Russia. The EPP was also present during the autumn meeting held in Marrakech (Morocco) which was for the first time hosted by a partner country. As the largest and strongest Group in the Assembly, the EPP family shaped the main positions at the Bureau. The special representatives remain very active in fields such as the fight against terrorism, the Arctic dimension, migration, gender issues, human trafficking, Mediterranean affairs and digital agenda.

## EPP IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF NATO



The EPP and associated Group in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly led by **Karl A. LAMERS** (CDU, Germany) continued managing the coordination of the members of national parliaments of NATO allies, as well as the associate members and partners in cooperation with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. As chair of the Working Group Education and Communication about NATO the aim is to have the organization as a subject to study at schools to educate on peace and stability. At the two main events in Bratislava (Slovakia) and London (UK) the EPP and associated group were able to defend its influence among the working committees. The Parliamentarians of the EPP remained united in preparing the NATO Summit in London in early December which aimed was aimed at tackling differences among members states, seeing the new challenge as an opportunity regarding the relations with China and the future of communications among allies with regards 5G. The EPP and associated Group welcomed EPP President **Joseph DAUL** to its meeting in Bratislava whose challenging impressions were widely shared among the MPs.

## EPP IN THE EURONEST PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



Members of the European Parliament and of the national parliaments of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, met for the VIII Ordinary Session of the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly in Tbilisi, on 8-10 December 2019. This year the Parliamentary Assembly was chaired by two EPP Co-Presidents **Andrius KUBILIUS** (MEP, Lithuania) and **Ivan KRUKO** (MP, Ukraine). The EPP, in cooperation with the EPP Group of the European Parliament, organised the EPP EURONEST family meeting on 7 December, which was chaired by Andrius Kubilius, the chairman of the EPP EURONEST family meeting. Various topical issues of energy security, future visions of the Eastern Partnership and geopolitical challenges, as well as the political situation in EaP countries were all discussed over the days the meeting took place. During the session several reports on strengthening democracy, on energy security, on digitalisation, on innovation and the resolution tabled by the EPP Group "The future of the Trio Plus Strategy 2030: building a future of Eastern Partnership" received strong support of the members of the Assembly.

# Working Groups / Events



**Working Groups are the backbone of the EPP's political work, where representatives from the EPP member parties, groups and associations develop common positions and strategies on major policy areas and submit specific recommendations to the Political Assembly for final approval.**

A Working Group can also be given a specific mandate for preparatory work for EPP Congresses, as well as for organising conferences, roundtable discussions and other important events.

In 2019 the Working Groups' activity was reduced due to EPP's focus on the campaign to the European elections.

## WORKING GROUP 1

In 2019, EPP Working Group 1 was co-chaired by EPP President **Joseph DAUL** and EPP Vice-President **David McALLISTER** (CDU, Germany). The focus of the meetings was the preparation of the Congress Resolution entitled 'EPP Vision for a Sustainable Planet: Cutting the Emissions While Creating Jobs' for the EPP Statutory Congress in Croatia on 20 and 21 November 2019.

The drafting process was carried out in close cooperation with EPP member parties and associations, who offered essential views and contributions.



## EPP ETHICS COMMITTEE

In 2019, the EPP launched the Ethics Committee chaired by EPP Vice-President **Paulo RANGEL** (PSD, Portugal). Three successful meetings were held in Brussels with the five members of the EPP Ethics Committee: **Paulo RANGEL**, **Stella KYRIAKIDES**, **Ingeborg GRÄSSLE**, **Luc VAN DEN BRANDE** and **Tobias BILLSTRÖM**.

The five members met to discuss and to draft the EPP Code of Conduct and the Internal regulations of the EPP Ethics Committee which were adopted at the EPP Political Assembly in Brussels on 14 October 2019. The Committee's main objective is to verify the compliance of the members of the EPP with the EPP Code of Conduct.



## WORKING GROUP 3

EPP Working Group 3, entitled “EPP Membership”, chaired by EPP Vice-President **Paulo RANGEL** (PSD, Portugal) assesses parties which have applied to become Ordinary, Associate or Observer members or Partners of the EPP.

Several working group meetings took place in the course of 2019, not only dealing with the EPP membership issues, but also hearing comprehensive analyses and views for example on the political situation in Algeria and other countries.

The Working Group 3 winter meeting was mainly focused on the EPP applicant parties from Ukraine and Montenegro. As a result of it, during 2019, the EPP welcomed two new Observer Member parties from Ukraine: Samopomich at the Political Assembly in June and European Solidarity in September Political Assembly.

Furthermore, the EPP has officially welcomed for the first time a party from Montenegro during the September Political Assembly as Associate member party, the Bosniak Party, after a successful Fact-Finding Mission in 2018 and Working Group Hearing in 2019.

Bratislava was the centre of the Working Group 3 Fact-Finding Mission in June when an EPP delegation, led by the EPP Vice-President Paulo RANGEL interacted with the EPP applicant party SPOLU. Besides meetings with the current member parties KDĽ, Most-Híd and SMK-MPK, the EPP delegation had comprehensive discussions on the situation of corruption in Slovakia with NGOs. Finally, the delegation paid tribute to the murdered journalist **Ján KUCIAK** and his fiancée **Martina KUŠNÍROVÁ** by laying a wreath at their memorial site in downtown Bratislava, underlining the importance of media freedom and the fight against corruption. SPOLU, which will reinforce the centre-right in Slovakia and defend EPP values in the country, ultimately joined the EPP family as an Ordinary member party at the September Political Assembly.



## EPP TALKS

One speaker. One idea. 7 minutes to convince everyone. EPPtalks is the antidote to lengthy, and often confusing political speeches. EPP offers thinkers a venue to sell their idea and the citizens an opportunity to engage directly by asking questions and debating with the speaker.

The latest edition took place in EPP Zagreb Congress with two sessions. The first was entitled GenYZ focusing on the youth and their challenges. The speakers' line-up included entrepreneurs, MEPs, youth politicians, activists and also special guest Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS. During the second session, all candidates for EPP Vice-President and Treasurer delivered pitches outlining their vision for the future of the party and the future of youth in politics.

**More EPPtalks  
to follow in 2020!**





# EU Elections Campaign

**The EPP family voted overwhelmingly on 8 November 2018 at the EPP's Helsinki Congress to elect EPP Group in the European Parliament Chairman Manfred WEBER as the party's Spitzenkandidat, or lead candidate, for the May 2019 European elections.**

EPP President **Joseph DAUL** and EPP Vice-President and Campaign Director **Dara MURPHY** worked closely with the Spitzenkandidat to build a successful, pan-European campaign around his and the party's united vision for the future of the continent: a vision based on preserving the European way of life, bringing Europe closer to its citizens, and ultimately building bridges to open a bright new chapter for the European Union.



The campaign had distinct phases. The first was the Listening Tour, which officially began in January in a packed bar in Brussels, when Manfred WEBER discussed with young people their ideas and concerns for the future of Europe. The Listening Tour would take the candidate to dozens of places all around the continent and bring him face-to-face with thousands of individual citizens.

Just a few highlights were visits with women entrepreneurs in a village in Cyprus; with young people and students in Spain and in the Netherlands and in Czechia; with cancer researchers and small-scale fishermen and -women in Portugal; with family-factory owners in Slovenia; with physicists and mayors in Romania; with policemen and women in Belgium; with innovators in Denmark; and with farmers in Ireland and in Italy.



Based on conversations with citizens across Europe and with the EPP's member parties, the EPP, at its Political Assembly on 20 March, adopted the party's campaign manifesto, divided into six parts:

## 01 Our Vision

## 02 A Europe that protects its citizens

## 03 A Europe that preserves our way of life

## 04 A Europe that delivers opportunities

## 05 A Europe that empowers its citizens

## 06 Let's open a new chapter for Europe.

At a special event on 3 April at the House of European History in Brussels, the campaign launched its logo and its slogan — The Power of We — reflecting the commitment by the Spitzenkandidat and the whole EPP family to unity and to a Europe close to citizens. At this event, the three broad themes of the campaign were introduced: 'A Strong Europe', 'A Smart Europe', and 'A Kind Europe'.

The last phase of the campaign officially began in Athens on 23 April, when Spitzenkandidat Manfred WEBER — with Nea Demokratia President **Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS** and EPP Vice-President and Campaign Director Dara MURPHY on either side — publicly signed his personal pledge to keep twelve campaign promises: four each for the campaign's three central themes.

## The four pledges under "A Strong Europe" were

### 01 10,000 European Border Guards by 2022

### 02 European FBI to fight terrorism and organised crime

### 03 Stopping accession talks with Turkey

### 04 New Rule of Law mechanism.

## The four pledges under "A Smart Europe" were

### 01 European Master Plan against Cancer

### 02 Smart homes for seniors

### 03 5 million new jobs for our youth

### 04 Cutting over 1,000 outdated regulations.

## The four pledges under "A Kind Europe" were

### 01 Digital Transition Fund for factory workers

### 02 Home-building loans for young families

### 03 Global ban on child labour

### 04 Ambitious fight on climate change and global ban on single-use plastic.

Highlights from this phase of the campaign included clean-up efforts at a beach in Malta and major gatherings of supporters and European leaders at events in Zagreb, Sofia and Munich. EPP Spitzenkandidat Manfred WEBER also forcefully articulated the party's vision for the future of Europe in debates with other EU party leaders in Florence, Brussels, Amsterdam and in Germany. In the 24-26 May elections — elections which saw a turnout of over 50% — the EPP showed once again it is the party European citizens most trust. The EPP remained the largest European party in the European Parliament, winning 182 seats. Post-Brexit, the EPP will once again, uniquely, be represented in every EU Member State.

In the negotiations which followed the elections, it was CDU Deputy Leader and German Defence Minister **Ursula VON DER LEYEN** who was elected to lead the new European Commission, and not Spitzenkandidat Manfred WEBER. The EPP wholeheartedly supports President Ursula VON DER LEYEN and is proud once again that a proven EPP leader has been entrusted to lead the European Commission. The EPP also wholeheartedly thanks Manfred WEBER for his inspiration and leadership throughout the campaign. The EPP family will continue to support the strengthening of the Spitzenkandidat process as a fundamental way of strengthening European democracy.



# Foreign Affairs



**In 2019, the EPP family continued to develop a strong and comprehensive foreign policy in order to foster stability, democracy and prosperity in the EU's neighbouring countries and to strengthen fundamental alliances.**

As the largest and most influential transnational party in Europe, the EPP bears international responsibility. Most of the current political, economic, security and environmental challenges of the EU cannot be tackled without our partners outside the Union.

The EPP, therefore, continues to work closely with member parties, likeminded parties and partners all over the world to stabilise and further integrate the European continent and to engage Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries as well as countries from the Middle East and North Africa. The EPP has also always been, and remains, a strong defender and advocate of the transatlantic relationship. The EU-US relationship remains fundamental not only to European, but to global, peace and prosperity.

For our many partners around the world, closer ties with the EU mean that important democratic standards must be met: the rule of law, an independent justice system, the fight against corruption, good neighbourly relations and respect for human rights and international law. Throughout 2019, EPP Presidents **Joseph DAUL** and **Donald TUSK** actively promoted this message. In the course of the year, the EPP organised several official missions, held events and adopted documents strengthening the EPP's political role in foreign affairs.

The EPP enlarged summit provided a unique opportunity to meet with EPP leaders from the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership countries and to work with them on the most pressing issues, encouraging reforms in these regions for the good of their citizens and in support of the European project.

## WESTERN BALKANS



The Western Balkan countries remain a top priority for the EPP. The European Union is not complete without them. Bearing in mind that EU enlargement has been one of the most successful European policies, the EPP is convinced of the importance of stabilising our continent by engaging more with the Western Balkan region. Thus, several EPP summits in 2019 focused on the Western Balkan issues.

The end of 2019 was marked by the European Council decision not to start accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia. The EPP family underlined that this historic and geopolitical mistake must be counter-acted as soon as possible before the spring 2020 EU-Western Balkan summit in Zagreb. It was not EPP-led governments who blocked the opening. Nonetheless, the European People's Party is aware of the fact that the enlargement process also needs constant updates and that the political situation in the candidate countries still need to improve a lot. Yet, the enlargement process and the internal EU reform process don't exclude each other and need to go hand in hand. The EPP emphasised the need to stick to our promises, honour transformation efforts and give, especially to the youth, a clear perspective. If the EU and EPP family do not get more involved, third parties will continue to use the void against the values and interests of the European Union. Throughout 2019, the EPP actively encouraged the efforts made by member parties from the Western Balkans to advance with the reforms needed to keep them on their European path.

The EPP encouraged its member party, the Democratic Party of Albania and their women and youth organizations with visits to Tirana.

With clear statements, the EPP did not cease to underline that the fight against organised crime and decriminalization of politics must be one of the top priorities, as well as the necessary continuation of justice reform. A way out of the political stalemate is only possible via a committed dialogue from all parties involved.

As regards the member party LDK from Kosovo, the EPP welcomed the rejuvenation of the party and **Vjosa OSMANI** as lead candidate for the October 2019 snap elections. The EPP hailed the very strong result in those elections and pushed for the responsible creation of a governing coalition with a strong LDK partaking in building for a better future of Kosovo.

The 2018 October elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina changed the political landscape. The EPP parties generally scored well, especially those who continuously reformed the party and rejuvenated their teams. During 2019, EPP continuously encouraged the swift formation of governments at all levels. It remains crucial to jointly tackle the necessary reforms, allow the swift creation of the government on state level and to enhance all reform efforts for the better of the citizens.

In Serbia, the EPP member parties SNS and VMSZ both in governing coalition continued to shape reforms on their EU integration path still facing big challenges. Bearing in mind the important role played by the country and the party in the region, the EPP actively encouraged the dialogue with Pristina, pressing for further reforms and endorsing all initiatives for good neighbourly relations. 2020 will be an important electoral year in Serbia and a lot of work needs to be carried out by all actors involved to hold elections that will bring the country forward.

A turbulent year lies behind the member party in North Macedonia, VMRO-DPMNE. While acknowledging their difficult role in opposition and holding the current government accountable for all their unfulfilled promises and the lack of fighting against corruption, the Euro-Atlantic path of the country enhanced. The non-opening of EU accession negotiations in 2019 with North Macedonia triggered snap elections for early 2020.



The EPP will not get tired of backing our member party in their request for free and fair elections and the necessity to advance in the EU integration process.

In 2019, Montenegro was centre stage of EPP's attention. After finalising an intensive dialogue with the Bosniak Party of Montenegro, and especially with its strong youth and women organisations and several bilateral visits and trainings, in September 2019, the EPP welcomed the Bošnjačka stranka as associate member. The EPP highlights the party's role in bringing forward the implementation of the necessary reforms.

### EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

The European Union maintains a strong commitment toward the Eastern Partnership (EaP), and even more so does the EPP, which has been one of the major actors of the EaP since its launch. In light of Russia's aggression and destabilisation of the Eastern neighbourhood, it is even more vital to create a common area of shared democracy, prosperity and increased cooperation in this region.



Several countries pay a high price for their EU ambitions, particularly with their sovereignty and security. Therefore, the EPP backs stronger cooperation with Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia and encourages their governments to speed up the necessary reform process and to further strengthen their commitments to our shared values and principles, such as the strengthening of the rule of law, the fight of corruption and a strong independent justice.

In 2019, the EPP continued its active engagement in the region. During the course of the year the EPP expressed its concerns on worrying developments in Georgia; underlined the endorsement of the centre-right coalition in Belarus, President **Joseph DAUL** played an important role in resolving the political crisis in Moldova which resulted in the EPP-led government with Prime Minister **Maia SANDU**, monitored with concerns the political situation in Armenia and the EPP welcomed two Ukrainian

political parties into our family – Samopomich and European Solidarity. The leadership of the EaP countries, connected to the EPP family, as well as the representatives of the opposition attended the EPP enlarged summits, where they had an opportunity to draw the attention of our EU leaders to the most important issues related to the region.

With great concern the EPP has been observing recent parliamentary elections in Belarus, especially the deterioration of democratic standards, suppression of the opposition and worsening of the media situation.

During the EPP Congress in Zagreb, delegates approved the resolution on the 10th anniversary of the Eastern Partnership and its future, which outlined the creation of a 'Trio Process', and enabled faster and deeper sectoral integration with the EU for the three countries within the Eastern Partnership – Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova – that are looking for more ambitious integration with the bloc.

### MENA



Since the end of 2015, the EPP has offered a new status of "EPP partners" to EPP like-minded political parties from member states belonging to the Union for the Mediterranean. The purpose of this partnership is to provide an opportunity for both EPP and partners from the southern neighbourhood to share and discuss solutions to common challenges. This year, we have received several visits of representatives from our partners from Lebanon (Kataeb and Lebanese Forces) and Morocco (Istiqlal and RNI) for exchanges of views about the cooperation between the EU and the region, brain drain, migration, economy, security and geopolitical constraints.

This also allows the EPP to keep a constant, open and frank dialogue with its partners as both Morocco and Lebanon remain key partners for the EU in several areas. The EPP headquarters also received politicians from Jordan to discuss relations between the EU and Jordan but also to start a dialogue between EPP and Jordanian political parties.

### TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS



The EPP remains committed, as ever, to strong transatlantic relations. In September, Secretary General **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ** was invited to address via video message the elected members of the US's Republican Party, who were gathered in Baltimore, Maryland for their bi-annual retreat. He and the EPP continue to strengthen ties as well with essential partners in American think tanks and organisations.

Many of these – e.g. International Republican Institute, Hudson Institute and Congressional Institute – were key contributors to the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies' 9th annual Transatlantic Think Tank Conference, held in November in Zagreb prior to the EPP Congress. This conference reiterated the commitment to EU-US relations on both sides of the Atlantic as well as the need to continue working together to face ongoing challenges.

The EPP also remains committed to the restoration of democracy in Venezuela, as the political and humanitarian crisis there worsens. In January, the EPP recognised **Juan GUIADÓ** as Venezuela's legitimate interim president. In July, EPP Secretary General Antonio López-Istúriz co-tabled, along with EPP Vice-President **Antonio TAJANI** and 14 other Members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, a resolution calling for greater pressure on Maduro in the form of additional EU sanctions against senior officials in his regime. In October, Secretary General Antonio López-Istúriz forcefully raised this issue in the very first question put to the incoming EU HR/VP in his confirmation hearing in the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.

At the Zagreb Congress in November, the EPP passed a resolution – its third since 2017 – condemning the corruption of Maduro and his foreign backers and reiterating the EPP's solidarity with the people of Venezuela in their fight for democracy.

# Communications



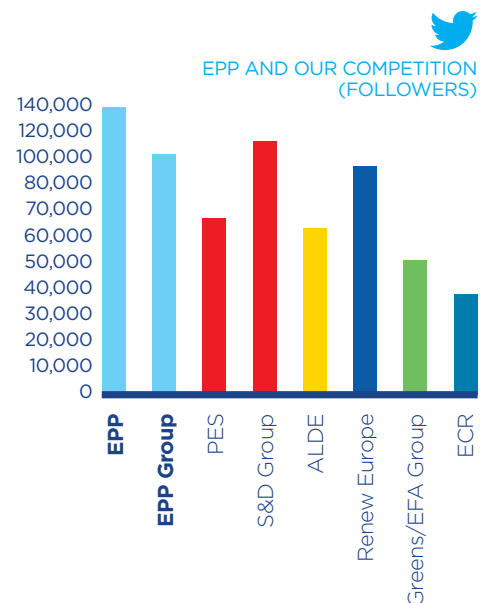
## PRESS

### The EPP Press Department promotes the ideas and values of the EPP political family.

In constant contact with international and national media, the EPP Press Department informs European citizens of the party's policies and achievements. It designs and implements the communications strategy that ensures the best exposure of the party's priorities.

Throughout its day-to-day management of media inquiries, press releases, interviews, articles and op-eds, the EPP Press Department promotes the party's policies and positions to maximise its media coverage. Moreover, it continuously builds close relationships with European and Brussels-based journalists by organising press conferences and briefings prior to, and during, major EPP events such as congresses, summits and European elections.

The EPP Press Department played an active role in the 2019 European election campaign, by liaising with journalists across Europe and implementing the party's election communications strategy.



**"THE EPP BELIEVES IN OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY AND STRIVES TO PROVIDE THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE PARTY."**

## COMMUNICATIONS

Throughout 2019, the Communication and Marketing (C&M) Department of the EPP has implemented different communication initiatives aimed at improving the relationship with EPP stakeholders, especially during the European election campaign and the EPP Congress which was held in Zagreb.

The C&M Department kept the EPP parties, partners, associations and foundation updated and informed about any initiative at communication level. During the European election campaign, the audio-visual unit of the EPP delivered a package of EPP and EU- related multimedia content. The in-house production, both video and visual, was increased ahead of the EPP Congress in Zagreb. Most of the design and the audio-visual production was implemented with the current internal resources.

As far as social media channels are concerned, the new advertisement rules put forward by the main channels represented a challenge for the party communication effort, and a push towards new creative ideas. Throughout the year, all the different social media used have seen an increase in their figures.

### SOCIAL NETWORKS

The EPP is very active on all major social networks and outpaces our political competitors in every category!



EPP in numbers  
December 2019

Twitter account  
**139,600 Followers**

Facebook page  
**432,000 Likes**

Instagram page  
**16,300 Followers**

Flickr account  
**13,071,000 Photo views**

2019 also marked the election of a new EPP leadership. One more time, at the Congress in Zagreb, the Department put in place several initiatives to emphasise this important moment and to maintain a connection with its stakeholders to deliver the services required. Finally, tools such as the Congress APP and the Congress updates have proved to be digital communication tools useful for the delegates attending the event; and have seen a further effort of the EPP to create tools with its own human resources.



### Get Social with us!

-  [twitter.epp.eu](https://twitter.epp.eu)
-  [facebook.epp.eu](https://facebook.epp.eu)
-  [youtube.epp.eu](https://youtube.epp.eu)
-  [flickr.epp.eu](https://flickr.epp.eu)
-  [linkedin.epp.eu](https://linkedin.epp.eu)



# Structure and Resources



## Membership Fees

For 2019 EPP received 15,6 million euro subventions (contributions) from the European Parliament. The European Parliament contributions constitute 90% of the EPP income. The rest of the income is generated through the Membership Fees. 73% of the 2019 Membership Fees were settled before 31 December 2019. The accounts of all European Political Parties are audited by an external auditor (Ernst & Young) appointed by the European Parliament, as well as by the Authority and DG Finances from the European Parliament. The EPP accounts are additionally audited and reviewed by the EPP internal auditors Dr. Ingo Friedrich and L. Hallberg. The Internal Auditors present their report and recommendations at the EPP Political Assembly. The day to day budget management is performed by EPP Treasurer C. Schmidt, Secretary General A. López-Istúriz and Deputy Secretary General L. Vandeputte.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### EPP Staff

An international (19 nationalities) and multilingual staff of 31 people is at the service of the EPP member parties and stakeholders.

### EPP Internship

EPP continued its Internship Programme with the aim of immersing young university graduates in the political life of the European Institutions, European Politics and EPP.

### EPP Digital Campaign Team

In view of the EPP European election campaign and the EPP Lead Candidate campaign, an additional team of social media experts was hired to run all social media accounts and channels.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN 2019

### EP Funding

In order to allow the European Political Parties to run a genuine European Election Campaign with their Lead Candidates, the European Parliament increased the total of subventions for all European Political Parties from 32,4 million Euro to 50 million Euro for the 2019 budget. 10% of the budget is distributed among the parties in equal shares. 90% is distributed on the basis of the number of Members of Parliament (MEPs) accounted for by every Party. 10 European Political Parties were recognized and registered by the Authority and received funding from the European Parliament:

### EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (EPP)

PARTY OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS (PES)

ALLIANCE OF LIBERALS AND DEMOCRATS FOR EUROPE (ALDE)

ALLIANCE OF CONSERVATIVES AND REFORMISTS IN EUROPE (ACRE)

EUROPEAN GREEN PARTY (EGP)

PARTY OF THE EUROPEAN LEFT (EL)

EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE (EFA)

EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (EDP)

EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN POLITICAL MOVEMENT (ECPM)

MOUVEMENT POUR UNE EUROPE DES NATIONS ET DES LIBERTÉS (MENL)

EPP Treasurer  
**Christian SCHMIDT**



EPP Internal auditors  
**Leif HALLBERG** and Dr **Ingo FRIEDRICH**



EPP Deputy Secretary General  
**Luc VANDEPUTTE**



# Headquarters / Internship Programme



## **EPP HEADQUARTERS: THE BRUSSELS MEETING POINT OF THE EPP FAMILY**

The EPP Headquarters are the true Brussels meeting point for everyone that is linked to the European People's Party family. The meeting rooms and lounge host numerous Working Groups, Conferences, Seminars, Presidency and Ministerial meetings.

The EPP HQ regularly welcomes visitors and groups from Member Parties, Associations and high-level delegations from our family from all over the globe.

As well as the EPP Staff, the EPP HQ also hosts the EPP Member Associations YEPP, EDS and EUCDW.



# Member Associations



## YEPP

YEPP is the youth organisation of the largest political party within the EU, the EPP. It brings together 64-member organisation from 40 countries. 2019 was an exciting year for YEPP, be it taking part in the European elections campaign, supporting running in the EU elections or the launching of the elections manifesto. YEPP also exchanged views with young candidates to learn about electoral differences across Europe entitled #ShakeUpPolitics. Additionally, multiple Council Meetings took place, starting in Prague, where the future of democracy and digital society were discussed and ending in Kyiv, which focused on education and diversification of learning.

**Lidia PEREIRA**  
PRESIDENT

**Eileen LYNCH**  
SECRETARY GENERAL

For more information please visit:  
[youthpep.eu](http://youthpep.eu)

### YEPP - Activities in 2019.

- **21-24 February:** Prague Council Meeting: "Digital Society: Future of Democracy"
- **11-13 April:** Vienna Council of Presidents: "Respect Your Mother"
- **12-15 September:** Valencia Council Meeting: "A Youth Vision for a Competitive Europe"
- **8 October:** YEPP Networking Reception, Brussels
- **5-8 December:** Kyiv Council Meeting: "Changing Times: Diversification of Learning"



## ESU

The ESU, consisting of 35 seniors' associations out of 27 countries, is dedicated to the advancement of the rights of senior citizens, their empowerment and participation in all parts of society and to inter-generational solidarity. The ESU organised its 10th triennial Congress in Sandanski, Bulgaria (27-28 September). In the Declaration 'Seniors standing up for Europe', the Congress underlined the role of citizens as active partners in policymaking and paid tribute to the dynamic power of citizens in the fight for freedom and democracy. The Congress elected An Hermans as president, Guido Dumon as Secretary General and a new board with a mandate for the next three years. The ESU welcomes the new EU Commission's perspective to respond to the challenges of demographic change. The ESU held 2 general assemblies, 3 board meetings, the 10th Summer Academy in Vienna, several Regional Conferences and was represented in several events organised by member associations.

**An HERMANS**  
PRESIDENT

**Guido DUMON**  
SECRETARY GENERAL

For more information please visit:  
[esu-epp.eu](http://esu-epp.eu)

### ESU - Activities in 2019.

- **22-24 February:** Executive Committee and Conference in Prague
- **21-23 March:** Regional Conference in Bozen/Bolzano
- **12-13 April:** Regional Conference in Ciudad Real
- **28-30 June:** 10th Summer Academy in Vienna starting with a meeting of the Presidium and the Executive Committee
- **27-28 September:** Triennial Congress in Sandanski, starting and ending with a meeting of the Presidium.
- **17-18 October:** Take-off meeting for the new elected ESU-Presidium in Berlin.
- **6-8 November:** Regional Conference in Bratislava



## EPP WOMEN

EPP Women (EPPW) brings together more than 60 women's organisations and partners from EPP member parties in both EU and non-EU countries. In 2019, the association organized among other a Colloquy on 'The Future of Work: Perspectives for Women on the Labour Market'. Marianne Thyssen, the former European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour introduced the Commission's plan supporting employment, social affairs, skills and labour mobility. The EPPW Summer Academy, as well as the Congress, were dedicated to formulating "Female visions for better Europe" with the aim to discuss, revise strategies and point out future challenges in terms of climate change, gender equality and work-life balance, digital economy and society, violence against women and migration. The EPP Women Congress in Vienna agreed on the text of a resolution, which was subsequently adopted by the EPP Congress in Zagreb on 20 November 2019.

**Doris PACK**  
PRESIDENT

**Hillie VAN DE STREEK**  
SECRETARY GENERAL

For more information please visit:  
[www.epp-women.org](http://www.epp-women.org)

### EPPW - Events 2019.

- **29 January:** Executive Board Meeting, Brussels, Belgium
- **31 March:** Executive Board Meeting, Brussels, Belgium
- **1 April:** Colloquy: "The Future of Work", Brussels, Belgium
- **21 June:** Executive Board meeting in Tallinn, Estonia
- **21-23 June:** Summer Academy on "Female Visions for a better Europe", Tallinn, Estonia
- **18 October:** Executive Board meeting in Vienna, Austria
- **18-19 October:** EPP Women Congress and General Board on "Female Visions for a better Europe", Vienna, Austria
- **19 November:** Executive Board meeting in Zagreb, Croatia







### EDS

European Democrat Students (EDS) is the official student organisation of the EPP. With 43 members organisations from 35 countries, EDS is the most influential voice of centre-right and pro-European students and the largest student political organisation in Europe.

Over the past year, EDS made important contributions on the topics of digitalisation, the role of young leaders in local communities, higher education and human rights. EDS is working on strategies and proposals to engage young people and encourage them to make sure their voices are heard. EDS publishes its opinion magazine BullsEye online and in printed form.

**Carlo Giacomo ANGRISANO GIRAUTA**  
PRESIDENT

**Beppe GALEA**  
SECRETARY GENERAL

For more information please visit:  
[edsnet.eu](https://edsnet.eu)

#### EDS - Activities in 2019.

- 7-10 February: Council Meeting: The dangers of nationalism in 21st century, in Barcelona, Spain
- 4-7 April: Study Mission: Conflict resolution and peacemaking in Larnaca, Cyprus
- 9-12 May: Council Meeting: The fight against corruption and the road to prosperity in the Western Balkans, in Tirana, Albania
- 2-8 June: Study mission in Ecuador: Caja politica: rearming democracy, in Guayaquil, Samborondon and Quito, Ecuador
- 24 June - 5 July: Study mission in China, in Beijing Zhengzhou, Shanghai, China
- 31 July - 4 August: Summer university: "The future of Europe after the elections" in Bucharest, Romania
- 20-22 September: EDS Skills Training: "The power of freedom", San Marino
- 17 - 21 November: Council Meeting: Demography and energy, Sustainable future for the EU" in Zagreb, Croatia



### EUCDW

The European Union of Christian Democratic Workers (EUCDW) is the voice and official association of Christian workers' movements in the EPP. Led by President Elmar BROK, Secretary General Ivo BELET and Treasurer Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN, the association celebrated its 40th Anniversary last year and is committed to strengthening the Social Market Economy, which lies at the heart of the European Union. The EUCDW brings together 22 Christian trade unions, social movements and workers' associations, providing ground for political coordination and cooperation within the EPP family and European Parliament. Following its successful Congress on 14-15 December 2018, the EUCDW promoted the EPP's achievements of the European Pillar of Social Rights throughout its network during the European election campaign and re-established a group of like-minded Members of the European Parliament, the Workers' Group, under the leadership of MEP **Dennis RADTKE**.

**Elmar BROK**  
PRESIDENT

**Ivo BELET**  
SECRETARY GENERAL

For more information please visit:  
[www.eucdw.org](https://www.eucdw.org)

#### EUCDW - Activities in 2019.

- 26 September: Board meeting in Seville, Spain
- 20 November: Presidium and Board meeting in Zagreb, Croatia



### SME Europe of the EPP

SME Europe (Small and Medium Entrepreneurs of Europe) is the largest political business organisation of the European People's Party purposed to shape EU policies in a more SME-friendly way.

The May 2019 European Elections show that our citizens support the European Way of Life. From an economic standpoint, this entails a strong support for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises. SMEs and micro-businesses are the most direct way in which citizens express themselves on the entrepreneurial front and these should be the most favoured enterprises in the European economy; SME Europe of the EPP remains a strong ally in this respect. In order for SMEs to thrive, they need a suitable regulatory environment, with legal certainty and the perfection of the Economic & Monetary Union, the Internal Market, the Digital Single Market and above all, a simplification of bureaucracy and cutting of red tape. These are therefore our mission statements.

**Ivan ŠTEFANEČ**  
PRESIDENT

For more information please visit:  
[smeeurope.eu](https://smeeurope.eu)

#### SME Europe - Activities in 2019.

- 22 February: European Parliament, Brussels: "#DIGITAX: Online Impact of EU's Digital Taxation Proposal on European SMEs"
- 8 March: European Parliament, Brussels: "From Discovery to Access - How Can We Ensure Europe Is at the Forefront of Innovation & Access Delivery of Gene & Cell Therapies?"
- 10 July: European Parliament, Brussels: "The View on Europe by Young Entrepreneurs"
- 16 July: European Parliament, Strasbourg: "European SME Policy: Accomplishments & Goals Still Pending"
- 5 November: European Parliament, Brussels: "European Green Tech as Economic Boost for Africa"
- 14 November: European Parliament, Brussels: "Growing Europe's Technology Markets: Helping SMEs Commercialise Their Inventions"
- 20 November: EPP Congress in Zagreb: "Nutrition, Health & Business - the Future of a Trillion Euro Market"
- 5 December: Washington D.C.: "Entrepreneurial Forum: Global Economy Dealing with Frequent Political Risks"

# Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies



## Ideas on the run!

Since its establishment in September 2007, the mission of the Centre has been to provide fresh and innovative ideas for a strong, stable and secure Europe, based on the values of the European People's Party (EPP). Every year, WMCES is thrilled to welcome new member foundations and partners to our family, which has now grown to over 40 foundations and partners throughout Europe and beyond.

Led by President **Mikuláš**

**DZURINDA**, the Centre organises more than 100 events and projects throughout the year in order to provide a platform for centre-right decision-makers, experts and thinkers, to discuss and exchange views on current affairs and the challenges Europe is facing!

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: #IDEASMARATHON

#IdeasMarathon was an umbrella topic of the Centre's sideline events in the framework of the EPP Congress in Zagreb. The sideline discussions were coupled with a social media campaign delivering 42 policy recommendations ("42km") to the new European Commission.

The Martens Centre brought together European Commissioners, MEPs, political leaders, ministers, experts and members of academia to discuss the latest developments in EU affairs and to provide useful input on the main challenges lying ahead of the new Commission.

Ten thought-provoking, inspiring and interactive discussions in the dynamic setting of the Martens Centre stand in the Zagreb Arena were live-streamed and the 42 policy priorities were shared in various formats across different social media platforms.



### NET@WORK, REBOOTING THE CENTRE-RIGHT IN THE AGE OF DISCONTENT

NET@WORK is the biggest gathering of European centre-right think tanks which aims to debate and advocate EU policies. The previous edition was shortlisted in March this year as the best networking event of the year by the European Association Awards. The fourth edition of NET@WORK took place in October 2019 in Brussels, when politicians and stakeholders from different EU member states met for a full day of action-packed panel debates. This year, NET@WORK was filled with fruitful roundtable discussions. Its format comprised an impressive four sets of three simultaneous panels, whereby each panel was hosted by one of twelve political foundations of the Martens Centre's network. Under the title "Rebooting the centre-right in the age of discontent", this year's topics included: climate change; the middle class; democratic participation; the future of the EU and Brexit; NATO and European defence.



### RESEARCH IN OUR DNA

The Martens Centre has published this year 19 different research formats, covering a variety of topics such as digital, immigration, childcare, security and defence policy, Brexit and much more!

Besides the aforementioned pieces of research this year, two issues of the policy journal – European View have been published. The spring issue focused on the principle of subsidiarity, while the predominant topic in the autumn edition was tackling climate change.



The research paper "The Empire Strikes Back: Brexit, History and the Decline of Global Britain", written by Senior Research Officer **Eoin DREA** has been shortlisted for the European Excellence Awards 2019 in the category of External Publications.

### #REPRESENTED!

To mark the commencement of the work of the new legislature in 2019, the Martens Centre organised a set of short tandem interviews in July in Strasbourg, followed by an outreach video focusing on advice given to incoming MEPs. The series, named #RePresented! consisted of three episodes of fifteen minute conversations, between a first-timer and an experienced MEP. #RePresented featured MEPs **Róza VON THUN UND HOHENSTEIN** and **Lidia PEREIRA**, **Vladimír BILČÍK** and **Esther DE LANGE**, **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ** and **Sara SKYTTEDEL**. On this occasion, we awarded the outgoing President of the European Parliament, **Antonio TAJANI**, with the first Martens Centre Award for Outstanding Commitment to the European project.



### ECONOMIC IDEAS FORUM 2019

The Economic Ideas Forum (EIF), the Centre's flagship event about economic policies which shape the Union celebrated its tenth anniversary this year. For its landmark 10th edition, #EIF19 took place in Cyprus, in March, and was organised with the support of the Glafkos Clerides Institute in Nicosia and under the special patronage of the President of the Republic of Cyprus **Nicos ANASTASIADES**. EIF brings together economic experts, EU heads of state and government, European Commissioners, ministers, business leaders and other influential stakeholders from around the world. The Forum provides an opportunity to identify innovative ideas and place them within the policymaking processes of the EPP.



### THE FACES AND VOICES BEHIND OUR RESEARCH

Apart from the typical research formats, the Centre has also inaugurated different audio, visual and written formats which aim to give both a face and a voice to our research and to the members of our political family. Besides our well-known "Political Week in 60 Seconds", the Centre produces "Brexitometer", a monthly recap of the state of the Brexit negotiations with our research associate, **Angelos CHRYSOGELOS**.

The Martens Centre also authors a candid interview series called "I say Europe, you say...?", where the centre-right movers and shakers of the European project are asked about a variety of topics, from their legislative work to food preferences, and weekday causes to weekend hobbies. Two podcasts, the award-winning "Europe Out Loud" and the newest edition "Brussels Bytes", feature **Federico Ottavio REHO** and **Dimitar LILKOV**, respectively.





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	HR	<b>Hrvatska demokratska zajednica</b> / HDZ / Croatian Democratic Union
	CY	<b>Δημοκρατικός Συναγερμός</b> / ΔΗΣΥ • DISY / Democratic Rally
	CZ	<b>TOP 09</b> <b>Křesťanská a demokratická unie – Československá strana lidová</b> / KDU-ČSL / Christian Democratic Union - Czechoslovak People's Party
	DK	<b>Det Konservative Folkeparti</b> / C / Conservative People's Party <b>Kristendemokraterne</b> / KD / Christian Democrats
	EE	<b>Isamaa</b> / Pro Patria and Res Publica Union
	FI	<b>Kansallinen Kokoomus</b> / KOK / National Coalition Party <b>Kristillisdemokraatit</b> / KD / Christian Democrats
	FR	<b>Les Républicains</b> / LR / The Republicans
	DE	<b>Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands</b> / CDU / Christian Democratic Union of Germany <b>Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern</b> / CSU / Christian Social Union in Bavaria
	GR	<b>Νέα Δημοκρατία</b> • <b>Nea Demokratia</b> / ΝΔ • ND / New Democracy
	HU	<b>Fidesz - Magyar Polgári Szövetség</b> / FIDESZ / Fidesz - Hungarian Civic Union Party under suspension <b>Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt</b> / KDNP / Christian Democratic People's Party



	IE	<b>Fine Gael</b> / FG / Family of the Irish
	IT	<b>Forza Italia</b> / FI <b>Alternativa Popolare</b> / AP / People's Alternative <b>Unione di Centro</b> / UDC / Union of the Centre <b>Popolari per l'Italia</b> / Ppl / Populists for Italy <b>Partito Autonomista Trentino Tirolese</b> / PATT / Trentino Tyrolean Autonomist Party <b>Südtiroler Volkspartei</b> / SVP / South Tyrolean People's Party
	LV	<b>Vienotība</b> / Unity
	LT	<b>Tėvynės sąjunga - Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai</b> / TS-LKD / Homeland Union - Lithuanian Christian Democrats
	LU	<b>Chrëschtlech Sozial Vollekspartei</b> / CSV / Christian Social People's Party
	MT	<b>Partit Nazzjonalista</b> / PN / Nationalist Party
	NL	<b>Christen-Democratisch Appèl</b> / CDA / Christian Democratic Appeal
	PL	<b>Platforma Obywatelska</b> / PO / Civic Platform <b>Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe</b> / PSL / Polish People's Party
	PT	<b>Partido Social Democrata</b> / PSD / Social Democratic Party <b>Centro Democrático e Social - Partido Popular</b> / CDS-PP / Democratic and Social Centre - People's Party
	RO	<b>Partidul Național Liberal</b> / PNL / National Liberal Party <b>Româniai Magyar Demokrata Szövetség • Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România</b> / RMDSZ • UDMR / Democratic Union of Hungarians in Romania <b>Partidul Mișcarea Populară</b> / PMP / People's Movement Party
	SK	<b>Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie</b> / KDH / Christian Democratic Movement <b>Most-Híd</b> <b>Magyar Közösség Pártja • Strana maďarskej komunity</b> / SMK • MKP / Party of the Hungarian Community <b>Spolu</b>
	SI	<b>Slovenska demokratska stranka</b> / SDS / Slovenian Democratic Party <b>Slovenska ljudska stranka</b> / SLS / Slovenian People's Party <b>Nova Slovenija - krščanska ljudska stranka</b> / N.Si / New Slovenia - Christian People's Party
	ES	<b>Partido Popular</b> / PP / People's Party
	SE	<b>Moderata samlingspartiet</b> / MOD - Moderaterna / Moderate Coalition Party <b>Kristdemokraterna</b> / KD / Christian Democrats

# Non-EU Countries

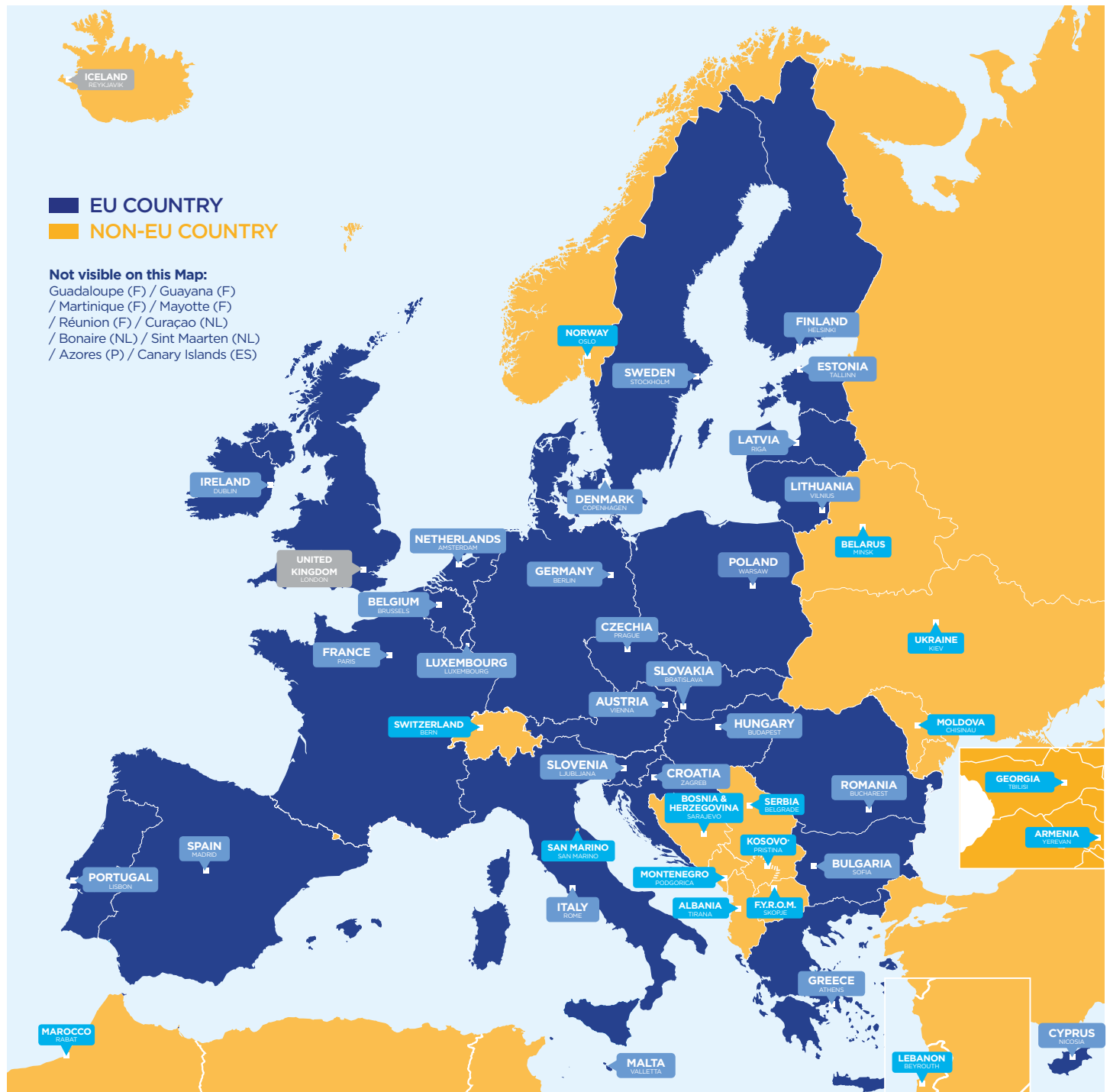
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	AL	<b>Partia Demokratike e Shqipërisë</b> * / PDSH / Democratic Party of Albania
	AM	<b>Հայաստանի Հանրապետական Կուսակցություն</b> • <b>Hayastani Hanrapetakan Kusaktsutyun</b> ° / HHK / Republican Party of Armenia <b>Ժառանգություն</b> • <b>Zharangutyun</b> ° / Heritage
	BY	<b>Аб’яднаная грамадзянская партыя Беларусі</b> • <b>Abjadanaja hramadzianskaja partyja Bielarusi</b> ° / АГП • АНР / United Civic Party of Belarus <b>Партыя Беларускай Хрысціянскай Дэмакратыі</b> • <b>Partyja Bielaruskaja Chryscijanskaja Demakratyja</b> ° / БХД - BCD / Belarusian Christian Democracy Party <b>Рух “За Свабоду”</b> • <b>“Rukh “Za Svabodu”</b> ° / ПАГА . MFF / Movement for Freedom
	BA	<b>Stranka Demokratske Akcije</b> ° / SDA / Party of Democratic Action <b>Hrvatska demokratska zajednica Bosne i Hercegovine</b> ° / HDZ BiH / Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina <b>Hrvatska demokratska zajednica 1990</b> ° / HDZ 1990 / Croatian Democratic Union 1990 <b>Партија демократског прогреса</b> • <b>Partija demokratskog progres</b> ° / ПДП • PDP / Party of Democratic Progress
	MK	<b>Внатрешна македонска револуционерна организација – Демократска партија за македонско национално единство</b> • <b>Vnatrešna makedonska revolucionerna organizacija – Demokratska partija za makedonsko nacionalno edinstvo</b> * / ВМРО-ДПМНЕ • VMRO-DPMNE / Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organisation – Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity
	GE	<b>ერთიანი ნაციონალური მოძრაობა</b> • <b>Ertiani Natsionaluri Modzraoba</b> ° / ენმ • ENM - UNM / United National Movement <b>ევროპული საქართველო – მოძრაობა თავისუფლებისთვის</b> ° • <b>Evropuli Saqartvelo – Modzraoba Tavisuflebitvis</b> / European Georgia – Movement for Liberty
	LEB	<b>حزب الكتائب اللبنانية</b> ° / LKP / Lebanese Kataeb Party <b>حزب القوات اللبنانية</b> ° / LFP / Lebanese Forces Party
	MD	<b>Partidul Liberal Democrat din Moldova</b> ° / PLDM / Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova <b>Partidul Acțiune și Solidaritate</b> ° / PAS / Action and Solidarity Party <b>Partidul Politic Platforma Demnitate și Adevăr</b> ° / PPDA / Dignity and Truth Platform Political Party
	ME	<b>Bošnjačka stranka</b> ° / BS / Bosniak Party
	MA	<b>ՆԱԽԱՐԱՐԱՆԻ ՆԱԽԱՐԱՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ</b> ° / RNI / National Rally of Independents <b>حزب الاستقلال</b> ° / Istiqlal Party
	NO	<b>Høyre</b> * / H / Conservative Party <b>Kristelig Folkeparti</b> ° / KrF / Christian Democratic People's Party
	SM	<b>Partito Democratico Cristiano Sammarinese</b> ° / PDCS / Sammarinese Christian Democratic Party
	RS	<b>Vajdasági Magyar Szövetség</b> • <b>Савез војвођанских Мађара</b> • <b>Savez vojvođanskih Mađara</b> * / VMSZ • CBM • SVM / Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians <b>Српска напредна странка</b> ° / SNS / Serbian Progressive Party
	CH	<b>Christlichdemokratische Volkspartei</b> • <b>Parti démocrate-chrétien</b> • <b>Partito popolare democratico</b> * / CVP • PDC • PPD / Christian Democratic People's Party
	UA	<b>Всеукраїнське об'єднання “Батьківщина”</b> • <b>Vseukrayins'ke Obyednannya Bat'kivshchyna</b> ° / Batkivschyna / All Ukrainian Union “Fatherland” <b>Український демократичний альянс за реформи</b> ° / УДАР • UDAR / Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform <b>Об'єднання «Самопоміч»</b> ° / Samopomich/ Self Reliance <b>Європейська Солідарність</b> ° / ES / European Solidarity
	KOSOVO	<b>Lidhja Demokratike e Kosovës</b> ° / LDK / Democratic League of Kosovo

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