

# Building a Europe of ALL peoples

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EUROPEAN ELECTIONS



## Building a Europe fit for all of its peoples

Unity in diversity: That is what Europe needs to ensure, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all. Above all, the EFA stands for the right to self-determination – as exemplified by independence votes in Scotland in 2014 and Catalonia in 2017. With European nations and regions seeking greater freedom, European institutions must be reformed to allow all European peoples to take part in decisions that affect them. This manifesto sets the EFA policy foundations for the 2019-2024 parliamentary term.

“Unity in diversity” will ensure human rights and freedoms for all.



All peoples have the right to choose their own destiny.

### 1 - Self-determination A right for all peoples

Self-determination allows people to choose what is best for them. The EFA believes that all peoples have the right to choose their own destiny and the best institutional framework in which to achieve their empowerment, be it on linguistic and cultural rights, devolution, or independence through referendum. In a truly diverse and united Europe, national and regional identity go hand-in-hand with European identity. The sense of belonging to a community with shared destiny should also encourage new populations who settle in our regions and stateless nations to join the common project.

### 2 - A Europe of all peoples

A Europe of all peoples makes no distinction between groups, with no second-class citizens. The EFA believes Europe must accept and include all peoples in the decision-making process, in order to build a democratic Union that is prosperous for every citizen and respects its own plurality. The European Parliament should have the right to initiate new legislation, while the Council's legislative process should be more transparent. The European Commission president should be elected democratically.

Europe must respect its plurality and include all people in decision-making.



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### 3 - A plan for Peace & Freedom for Europe

EU institutions and states are falling short of their mission to maintain peace, defend democracy and protect the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms. The EFA aims to build a Europe of the Peoples that recognises sub-state democratic institutions, languages and culture. Amid rising tensions, such as the migration crisis and Scottish and Catalanian independence questions, it is time to construct another Europe. The priority must be to prevent and resolve conflicts through dialogue.

### 4 - Building a sustainable world

The EFA wants to protect the environment, biodiversity and human health, including by banning GMOs and glyphosate. Agriculture and fisheries interests need to be reconciled with the EU's climate change goals, and energy policy must prioritise efficiency and renewables. To do this, regions and nations should be able to choose their alternative energy sources.

The EFA also opposes fracking, believe nuclear energy should be phased out, and supports renewable energy research in European regions and nations.

EFA commits to a greater protection of the environment and biodiversity.



### 5 - From Linguistic diversity to Linguistic Justice

The EU mostly encourages the use of official languages. But the EFA demands the official recognition, promotion and use of all languages – including lesser-used tongues that face extinction. We want to protect the richness of Europe's linguistic diversity, by valuing languages from all European historical and cultural communities. This requires specific European programmes to ensure linguistic justice. All EU member states must ratify and implement the European Charter of Regional or Minority Languages.

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## 6 - Promoting gender equality

To ensure full equality, gender based discrimination must be tackled in all European laws.

The EFA supports gender parity, feminist leadership and economic independence for women. EU equality legislation should ensure rights to social protection and taxation, end gender pay and pension gaps and provide social care, parental leave and childcare. The EFA also wants policies to prevent violence against women and widen hate crime laws to cover homophobia and transphobia. Antidiscrimination laws for sexual orientation and identity should be expanded and gender must be mainstreamed across EU competence areas.



## 7 - Restoring dignity and equality

Centralised states are exploiting some regions and minorities. The EFA, however, believes economic, social and political dominance cannot be allowed. We oppose any form of discrimination and promote an equitable distribution of wealth. To fight poverty, gender gaps and social exclusion, regions and nations should coordinate their work against tax fraud, evasion and havens. Regions and nations also need more say over their development, while human dignity should be placed at the heart of public policies.

Subsidiarity is key to combating social insecurity and growing inequalities.



## 8 - Democratic processes & participatory democracy

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Parliament's legislative powers, make the Council more transparent, and democratically elect the European Commission president in the Parliament. Referendums and public consultations need to be organised by regional institutions of elected representatives. Participatory democracy should become a reality if we want to get citizens closer to their institutions and regain their trust in the EU.

## 9 - International solidarity

Solidarity between peoples has forged a strong international network of regions and nations that cooperate and support each other. The EFA supports inclusion, diversity and bridge-building between peoples. In Europe and worldwide, EFA stands shoulder-to-shoulder with ALL peoples suffering from oppression and supports stronger rights for minorities and stateless nations. The EFA pushes for solidarity on migration issues with countries and regions at the EU border and urges every member state to work for inclusive policies for migrants.

EFA wants to strengthen the rights of minorities in Europe and the world.



## 10 - Empowering Young people

EFAy promotes integration and diversity to tackle youth unemployment, brain drain and poverty.

People must be empowered to act by themselves. Emancipation thus begins with our citizens, especially youngsters. EFA's youth branch, EFAy, is committed to ensuring full opportunities and greater participation for the young. The EFA will promote policies, including improved education, to tackle youth unemployment, brain drain and poverty — especially in Europe's deprived and peripheral regions. The creation of successful environments at home, where young people can apply the skills they learn there or abroad, is needed.

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