



For THE PROGRESSIVES, Europe means freedom, peace, solidarity and the rule of law. Europe can maintain strength only through the common work of European nations. The idea of Europe is threatened by irresponsible nationalism, short-sighted populism and the kind of economic policy that promotes inequality and threatens the future of our planet. THE PROGRESSIVES stand for an honest conversation with the voters. EU must become more democratic, accessible, and independent from populists and criminal interests within its member states. EU must secure its capabilities, both on a global level, and within the EU itself.

THE PROGRESSIVES will cooperate with European social-democratic and green political parties – forces which stand for economic and labour policies that work for the needs of the people, stable social support systems and sustainable, green businesses.

**MORE = STRONGER
EUROPE = EUROPE**

More democracy

We will support the democratization of EU and its closer federalization, as well as the adoption of unified European constitution, and the increased significance of European Parliament.

We will stand for human rights and basic freedoms, gender equality, united accessibility demands for people with disability, rights of the LGBT+ community, protection of ethnic groups and economic equality.

We will support the development of strong European non-governmental organizations and high-quality media.

More representation

We will stand for independently financed EU. We will support a unified tax system and unified EU economic policy. We will limit destructive taxation competition within the EU, and the use of offshore companies for tax evasion.

More fight against crime

We will promote the creation of common European bureau of Criminal Investigation and Criminal Courts, to reveal international crimes and reduce the corruption within member states.

**MORE = SAFER
EUROPE = EUROPE**

More support for work and workplaces

We will argue for the duty of EU employers to create favourable employment conditions for less protected groups. We stand for the creation of cross-border unions. We will support the forthcoming European Labour Authority, with the goal of ensuring equal working conditions throughout EU.

More social security

We will stand for the protection of worker's rights and unified standard of social guarantees across EU. The principles of European Social pillar must become legally binding. We will support the EU-level formula for calculation of minimum wage and pensions, as well as a unified support system for the unemployed. We will argue for EU investments towards housing developments in states and municipalities. In case of continuous inner migration, we will strengthen the protection of EU social guarantees.

More education

We stand for the modernization of systems of education and professional training, as well as the expansion of lifelong education programmes. We will promote the transition from education to employment, by combining education with practical work experience. We will expand the "Erasmus+" education initiative.

More healthcare

We will request for human health to be recognized as an important common value of EU. Likewise, the protection of health must

become an integral element of all EU policies. We will prompt the establishment of the position of health vice-commissioner of EU. We will demand unified principles in establishing the cost of medication and medical equipment, in their procurement and cost to residents. We will support the legalization of medical cannabis.

**MORE = GREENER
EUROPE = EUROPE**

More responsibility for the planet

We will do all in our power to prevent climate change, by requesting wider support for new systems of energy and the use of EIB investments. We will support a CO₂ emissions tax on a European scale, and prevent the spending of public funds towards fossil infrastructure.

More support for environment, animals, and human-friendly agriculture

We will stand for the agriculture that does not deplete the natural resources it uses and benefits towards the reduction of climate change. Agriculture should use contemporary methods to reduce animal suffering and prevent threats to natural values and people.

Europe without garbage

We will stand for the reduction of excess packaging and the use of only recyclable materials in packaging. We maintain the need for wider bans on disposable plastics, the improvements in waste management and the right of customers to purchase high-quality, long-lasting electronic goods, without barriers to their repair.

Environmentally friendlier transportation

We must improve the traffic infrastructure and public transportation to increase the amount of pedestrians and cyclists in European cities. Likewise, we must significantly reduce the transport-related air pollution in our cities. With regulation on ridesharing and further investments in railway improvements, we must promote the transition to methods of transportation that are as friendly as possible to our health and the environment.

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