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OUR EU WORKS FOR YOU

European Elections 2019 Manifesto



YOUNG
EUROPEAN
SOCIALISTS

1. DEFEND AND PROTECT OUR PLANET

For us to have a future, we need to save our planet. We can do it with strong and ambitious decisions. We are ready for that and together we can do it.

We want a European Union that puts the environment first

In our EU, economic interests don't trump the environment and the protection and recovery of natural resources and ecosystems. We demand a responsible use of our natural resources and the indisputable protection and recovery of the integrity of the ecosystems.

We want a European Union that tackles climate change

In our EU, the primary source of energy is renewable and the CO2 emissions are radically reduced. The use of plastic has been brought to the strictly minimum necessary. The Paris Agreements and the UN Sustainable Goals (SDGs) are good first steps for Green Socialism, but we are constantly fighting to take even more ambitious steps. Europe is supporting developing countries to achieve the same goals.

We want a European Union that generates sustainable consumption and production

In our EU, there has been widespread improvement in collaborative consumption, aiming at reducing unnecessary waste and promoting community sharing of the needed resources. This generates a change in production leading to more long-term sustainability of our planet's resources. In our EU, agriculture and other food production are held in an environmentally friendly way.

We want a European Union with more sustainable territories - urban and rural

In our EU, cities and villages, whether urban or rural, are planned according to concrete criteria of sustainability. Better mobility through affordable public transportation, more cycling and walking lanes, more green spaces and a reduction of single-use transportation are essential for a cleaner territory. In our EU, fossil-fueled vehicles are completely eliminated.

2. WORK AND EDUCATION: THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

The future of work and labour is bound to create significant changes in our societies. Education and training will play an even bigger role in order for people to easily adapt to rapid social and technological changes. The right to work in the 21st Century must now give way to the right to a chosen work.

We want a European Union with proper and decent salaries

In our EU, to have a job must always mean the access to a decent and fair salary. The salary earned must provide for a decent living, which means the access to housing, food and basic commodities. In our EU, nobody must live in poverty despite working. We propose the introduction of a minimum European wage or the guarantee of European wide collective agreements, aiming at eliminating the European wage gap, as well as support the free movement of workers.

We want a European Union without unpaid work

In our EU, all kinds of work are bound to a working contract and to a salary. We maintain our strong defense for the elimination of unpaid intern- or traineeships, as well as other forms of work that are not paid through a salary. Intern- and traineeships need to be subject to stricter rules and controls that ensure they are not used as a means to get cheap labour without any promise of job security.

We want a European Union with work protection

In our EU, working contracts come with working rights. Paid vacations, equal parental leave, sick leave and assistance to family, unemployment protection, the right to disconnect, equal pay and a reduction of the weekly working hours to at least 35h/week are just a few of our proposals to guarantee a better work protection for everyone.

We want a European Union with access to lifelong education and training

In our EU, access to education is public and free of charge on all levels. To face the Digital Revolution, access to lifelong education and training must be made permanently available. In our EU, education is the key to social inclusion and promoting equality, protecting the most vulnerable and providing the adequate skills to an ever increasing rapidly changing labour market and the tools to secure a social and cultural rich life.

3. AN ECONOMY THAT'S OURS

Our economic system is organised in a way that denies us a basic say in some of the most important decisions affecting our levels, and concentrates power and wealth among a very small number of people. The EU must be an instrument for challenging this power and privilege, not for enabling it. In our EU, economic policies are put into practice to create a sustainable economy that belongs to all of us in and is run by all of us, and to ensure that your socio-economic condition does not determine our future. Our European economic policies aim at reducing inequalities, fighting climate change, battling discrimination and ensuring gender equality all across Europe and beyond.

We want a European minimum corporate tax rate of 25% and an end to tax havens

In our EU, member states have introduced the fundamental steps for tax justice, ensuring that the wealthiest corporations and people pay their fair share. This means that companies will not move around Europe in order to find the lowest corporate tax. We propose a minimum multinational corporate tax rate of 25% all across Europe on companies with a revenue above 100M €, calculated and collected on a EU level.

We want a European Social Protection Pillar in Practice

In our EU, the economy is accompanied with a strong social welfare component. Promoting youth employment, like the Youth Guarantee, guaranteeing social protection for those who need it and diminishing the difference in revenues between employers and employees, including those working in the platform economy. The economy must work in order to eliminate social differences and not to aggravate them, within and among Member States. The principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights must now be followed by real legislative action that makes them a reality.

We want every worker to have a say in the companies they work in

In our EU, every worker has the right to representation in the financial and strategic decisions of the companies where they work. EU law should be changed so that workers, through trade unions or other forms of organization, in every European company have a right to voting representation of at least 25% on company boards. In our EU, we support the social economy.

We want fair trade policies for the many

In our EU, trade policies work in favor of people, protect welfare systems and respect the environment. The global rise in inequality should be tackled through trade policies that include strong global agreements on the fight against tax evasion, the reinforcement of financial sector regulations, clear sovereignty of democratic decisions and accountability of corporations and the enhancement of environmental and social standards such as worker rights.

4. EQUALITY AND INCLUSION FOR YOU. AND FOR ALL.

Sexism, homophobia, trans*phobia and the oppression of women and queer people is still a reality in the European Union. In our EU, we say: Enough!

We want a European Union with reproductive rights

Every woman must have the right to decide over her own body and whether she wants to have children. The fundamental right to (emergency) contraception and abortion must be guaranteed for everyone.

We want a European Union with equal human rights

In our EU, everyone has the right to get married and start a family. Same-sex marriage with equal rights must be accepted in every country. Trans* people must be legally recognized and protected, a third gender must be introduced, and gender confirmation surgery must be accessible for everyone.

We want a European Union where nobody fears violence

In our EU, there is more access to protection and support for people experiencing violence, for example through a better funding of shelters. Sexual harassment, sexualized violence or homo- or transphobic violence must always be taken seriously, and perpetrators brought to justice. The Istanbul Convention must be our guiding light on women's rights and the EU member states must recognize a third gender.

We want a European Union with shared responsibilities

In our EU, family means more than traditional father-mother-structures and all families are equal. Parents must share family work equally. Everyone must be able to combine family life with a career and with civic participation. Fathers take an equal responsibility in the household, with equal and non-transferable parental leave as well as free child care services. Companies must carry equal responsibility of the costs and risks of parental leave.

We want a European Union with economic equality

In our EU, the gender pay gap is reduced by empowering women and allowing them to get into better paid jobs and positions of power. Quality public services in schools, health care and childcare ensure that women are protected from austerity politics. In our EU, there is no labour discrimination due to sexual orientation or gender identity. Sexual harassment in the work place is no longer accepted.

5. DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, SAME RIGHTS - REFUGEES WELCOME

We want a European Union that ensures human rights

In our EU, there are safe, legal migration routes for asylum seekers or refugees. People that are escaping dire situations, whether these are war, persecution, extreme poverty or climate change can't be denied entry. We demand a permanent sea rescue mission by the EU and a decriminalization of the NGOs that are doing the search and rescue missions right now.

We want a European Union of solidarity and shared responsibilities

In our EU, member states share equally the responsibility of hosting refugees through a common asylum system. We want a reform of the Dublin regulation and mandatory shared responsibility among the EU member states in the form of a resettlement program that reduces the pressure put on the transit countries.

We want a European Union of cooperation and collaboration

In our EU, the relations with our neighbors are developed through mutual understandings and with those countries. We believe in multilateral cooperation, promoting the development of non-EU countries by working in a fair permanent collaboration, guaranteeing peace and the respect for international treaties, human rights and the environment.

We want a European Union of free movement of people

In our EU, the free movement of people is a fundamental principle and is above the movement of capital or goods. The preservation of Schengen is essential as well as its extension to all the EU countries, present or future.

6. THE FUTURE OF EUROPE IS YOUR FUTURE

We want a European Union you want to join not to exit

Nevertheless, Brexit is happening. In our EU, the protection of rights for EU and UK workers and citizens have been safeguarded from any deal between the parts. Any Brexit deal must not be at the expense of workers and young people, no matter their citizenship. In our EU, the Brexit agreement doesn't damage the Northern Irish peace process and it complies with the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. Ultimately, Brexit cannot undermine the progress that the United Kingdom and the European Union have made on matters such as environmental protection, scientific research and more.

We want a European Union of further enlargement

In our EU, inclusion and, ultimately, integration enhance better security for the whole region, and socio-economic inequalities across and within member states are overcome. The right of the people to have a fair opportunity to join the EU should be respected, as much as core values of the EU by its member states and accessing countries. Discussions with the Western Balkan countries and Ukraine must proceed and be accelerated in order to improve the integration process and to bring the non-members closer to the EU.

We want a European Union with more democracy and participation

In our EU, we move forward for further integration and bigger cohesion between states. More democratic procedures and transparency in decision-making, an increase in power of the Parliament and bigger scrutiny from the public regarding the Council decisions are fundamental to reestablish the trust in our institutions.

We want a stronger and mature Africa-EU partnership

In our EU, we want a more engaged and contemporary partnership based on equal relations with human development, fair trade and the respect for human rights at its center, aiming to end the unequal relationship whereby European products are made cheaper in African markets to drive local producers out of business. We want our EU to stop exporting weapons to warzones and to play an active role in conflict resolution. Our Union should invest in the enormous potential of young Africans, to enable them to shape their own future.

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