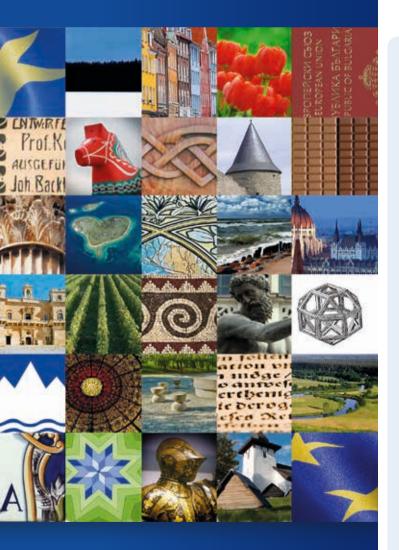
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EPP GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



The EPP Group Structure

Founded as the Christian - Democratic Group on 23 June 1953 as a faction in the Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community, the Group changed its name to the 'Group of the European People's Party' (Christian-Democratic Group) in July 1979, just after the first direct elections to the European Parliament, and to the 'Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats' in July 1999. After the European elections in 2009, the Group went back to its roots as the 'Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)'. It has always played a leading role in the construction of Europe.

The Chairman of the EPP Group is Manfred Weber MEP. He chairs its governing bodies and speaks for the Group in keynote debates during the Plenary Sessions at the European Parliament. He is supported by Coordinators on each of the Parliament's committees and by Heads of the National Delegations represented in the Group. The operational needs of the Group are serviced by a Group Secretariat, providing policy and organisational support. The Group runs its own think-tank - the European Ideas Network - which brings together opinion-formers from the worlds of politics, business, academia and civic society across Europe, to discuss the major policy issues facing the European Union.

DESCRIPTION

With 219 Members the EPP Group is the largest political Group in the European Parliament (EP). Its membership is made up of:

- 34 Members from Germany
- 22 Members from Poland
- 20 Members from France
- 17 Members from Spain
- 15 Members from Italy 13 Members from Romania
- 12 Members from Hungary
- 8 Members from Portugal
- 7 Members from Bulgaria
- 7 Members from Czech Republic
- 6 Members from Slovakia
- 5 Members from Greece
- 5 Members from Austria
- 5 Members from Croatia
- 5 Members from The Netherlands
- 5 Members from Slovenia Members from **Belgium**
- Members from Ireland
- 4 Members from Latvia
- 4 Members from Sweden
- Members from Luxembourg Members from Malta
- 3 Members from Finland
- 3 Members from Lithuania
- 2 Members from United Kingdom
- 1 Member from Cyprus 1 Member from **Denmark**
- 1 Member from Estonia

THE BUREAU

The Bureau, the Group's political organ, shall consist of:

- > the Members of the Presidency
- > the Heads of National Delegations and an additional Member
- for every ten Members > the Members of the Presidency of the Parliament belonging to the Group
- > the Chairmen of Standing Committees belonging to the Group
- > the Coordinator within each of the Standing Committees > the Chairman and the Secretary General of the European
- People's Party, if they are Members of the European Parliament (If the Chairman and the Secretary General of the European People's Party are not Members of the European Parliament, they are permanently invited ad personam to the meetings of the Bureau.)

THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS

The EPP Group's political strategy is formulated in the framework of four Working Groups which coordinate its Members' Parliamentary work in the 22 committees or subcommittees.

Their conclusions are made known to the Group, which then decides what position to adopt in plenary sessions of the European Parliament. Below, in detail, are the areas of responsibility of the Working Groups

Sandra Kalniete

Working Group "Foreign Affairs"

and of their respective Chair:

- > Committee on Foreign Affairs > Subcommittee on Human Rights
- > Subcommittee on Security and Defence
- > Committee on Development
- > Committee on International Trade

Marian Jean Marinescu

Working Group "Budget and Structural Policies"

- > Committee on Budgets
- > Committee on Budgetary Control > Committee on Regional Development
- > Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- > Committee on Fisheries

Françoise Grossetête

Working Group "Economy and Environment" > Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- > Committee on Employment and Social Affairs > Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- > Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- > Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- > Committee on Transport and Tourism

Esteban González Pons

- Working Group "Legal and Home Affairs" > Committee on Legal Affairs
- > Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- > Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- > Committee on Culture and Education
- > Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- > Committee on Petitions

Manfred Weber Chairman

The Presidency



Esteban González Pons Vice-Chair Working Group 'Legal and Home Affairs', Brexit



Eastern Neighbourhoo

Sandra Kalniete Vice-Chair Working Group 'Foreign Affairs',



Lara Comi Vice-Chair Relations with the Americas China, EPP Youth Strategy



Françoise Grossetête Vice-Chair Working Group Economy and Environment



Andrey Kovatchev Enlargement and Mediterranean Policy



Esther de Lange Vice-Chair Relations with National Parliament and National Parties



Paulo Rangel Vice-Chair EIN / Future of Europe / Treasurer



Jószef Szájer Vice-Chair Parliamentary Work



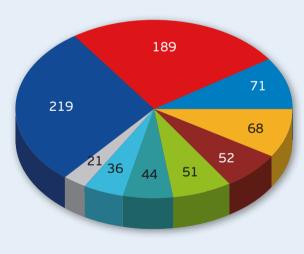
Marian Jean Marinescu Vice-Chair Working Group 'Budget and Structural Policies'



Tadeusz Zwiefka Vice-Chair Communication Strategy

EPP Group:

The major political force in the European Parliament



- **EPP**: Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)
- **S&D:** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

ECR: European Conservatives and Reformists Group

- **ALDE**: Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
- **GUE/NGL**: Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left
- **GREENS/EFA:** Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
- **EFDD**: Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group **ENF**: Europe of Nations and Freedom Group
- NI: Non-attached

How we work

As the largest political Group in the European Parliament, the EPP Group is in a strong position to set that body's political agenda and to win its most critical votes. This strength is reflected in the fact that, since 1999, the EPP Group has been on the winning side of more votes than any other group in the European Parliament's monthly plenary sessions.

On 17 January 2017, the EPP Group assumed the Presidency of the European Parliament.

Antonio Tajani's election as President demonstrates that the EPP Group is the stable anchor of the European Parliament and the force with whom partnerships can be built.

Strength of numbers also ensures that EPP Group Members hold a range of key positions within the EP, including its Presidency, and a number of Vice-Presidencies, Standing Committees Chairs and Quaestorships. Within the parliamentary committees, EPP Group Members are best placed to secure the right to author the EP's position on key pieces of draft legislation and other major reports: the Group gets more of these "rapporteurships" on more important subjects, than any other Group.

The task of the European Parliament, which is elected every five years by direct universal suffrage, lies in exercising democratic control over the decision-making process in the European Union

Composition: there are 751 Members of the European Parliament, representing more than 500 million Europeans.





Salon de l'Horloge, Palais du Quai d'Orsay, Paris 09.05.1950



Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman





The European Parliament, which since the Treaty of

Maastricht (1993) has shared the power of codecision with

the Council of Ministers in many areas of legislation, has seen

the range and scope of the legislative process expand with each

successive Treaty (Amsterdam in 1999 and Nice in 2003).

Currently, it is an equal partner in the legislative process for

more than two thirds of the policy issues with which the

With the Treaty of Lisbon, of which our Group was the

Winston Churchill and Robert Schuman

Our political position

The Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democrats) brings together the political parties of centre-right in almost all Member States of the European Union.

Since its creation in June 1953, it has played a key role in all stages of European integration from the outset to the present day.

A very large number of the parties which are represented in the EPP Group also belong to the European People's Party, the first cross-border political party to be constituted at European level.

All of them are dedicated to the objective of achieving a more competitive and more democratic Europe in a Social Market Economy, a Europe that is closer to its citizens.

As the largest and most influential Group in the European Parliament, the EPP Group exerts a major influence over the Parliament's political programme.

European Union.

The EPP Group has made the most of the growing political role which the European Parliament has come to play in the

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European Union deals.

significant political force in the European Union, which is the direct descendant of the founding fathers of Europe, Robert Schuman, Konrad Adenauer and Alcide De Gasperi.



MEPs from the following national political parties belong to the EPP Group (Protocol order):



BELGIUM

- > Christen-Democratisch & Vlaams (CD&V)
- > Centre Démocrate Humaniste (cdH) > Christlich Soziale Partei (CSP)



- > Граждани за европейско развитие на България (ГЕРБ)
- > Демократи за силна България (ДСБ)



CZECH REPUBLIC

- > TOP 09 (TOP 09) > Křesťanská a demokratická unie Československá strana lidová (KDU-ČSL)
- > Starostové a nezávislí (STAN)



GERMANY

- > Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands (CDU)
- > Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern e.V. (CSU)



> Fine Gael Party (FG)







- > Hrvatska demokratska
- zajednica (HDZ) > Hrvatska seljačka stranka (HSS)



KYΠPOΣ - CYPRUS

> Δημοκρατικός Συναγερμός (DI.SY.)



LITHUANIA

> Tėvynės Sąjunga - Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai (TS-LKD)



HUNGARY

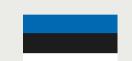
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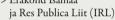


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ESTONIA

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ΕΛΛΑΔΑ - GREECE

> Νέα Δημοκρατία (ND)



- > Les Républicains (LR)
- > Agir La Droite constructive



ITALY

- > Forza Italia (FI)
- > Alternativa Popolare (AP) > Unione di Centro (UDC)
- > Südtiroler Volkspartei (Partito popolare sudtirolese) (SVP)

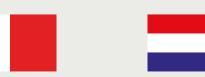


> Partija "VIENOTĪBA" (V)



LUXEMBOURG

> Parti chrétien social luxembourgeois (CSV)



MALTA

> Partit Nazzjonalista (PN)



Appèl (CDA)

ANDALUCÍA

PORTUGAL

THE NETHERLANDS > Christen-Democratisch

AUSTRIA > Österreichische Volkspartei (ÖVP)



> Polskie Stronnictwo

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> Platforma Obywatelska (PO)

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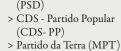
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> Partidul Mișcarea Populară (PMP) > Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România (UDMR) / Romániai Magyar Demokrata Szövetség (RMDSZ)



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SEA

stranka (SLS)





S U O M



> Strana mad'arskej komunity-

Magyar Közösség Pártja

(SMK-MKP)

> MOST - HÍD







FINLAND

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

THE EUROPEAN UNION

Member States and applicant countries

THE EPP GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:

> We pursue a **reform agenda** to enable the EU to improve security, competitiveness, growth and jobs.

> We want to fight to keep the **European social model** sustainable in an ever changing world.

> We have stabilised Europe following the crisis: on this basis we now focus on increasing competitiveness sustainable growth and help in creating jobs, especially for young Europeans.

> We advocate an all-encompassing strategy with cooperation and concrete solidarity at its centre in dealing

> We have turned Europe into an area of freedom, security and justice. Now we have to uphold our humanitarian

We insist on the development of an improved and robust Digital Economy in Europe.
 We want a true Energy Union that ensures the viable delivery of energy to European citizens and companies.
 We want to strengthen the EU's external dimension to ensure Europe remains an important global player.

> On the initiative of the EPP Group, the European Parliament stepped up its efforts in the **fight against global terrorism** by creating a Special Committee on Terrorism. In addition, the new electronic Entry-Exit System and the introduction

of the European Travel Information and authorisation System (ETIAS) help identify individuals who enter and leave the EU. The new Directive on terrorism makes it easier to classify the planning and financing of terrorist acts.

> The safety and security of our citizens is paramount. That is why the EPP Group insisted on increased EU funding for EU defence research - €90 million to fund research in innovative defence technologies and

products was secured in the 2018 EU Budget.

> The EPP Group helped secure the extension of the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI 2.0) until 2020, and reinforced its financial capacity from €315 billion to almost half a trillion euros.

> The EPP Group was instrumental in concluding the CETA Agreement between the EU and Canada - the most advanced trade deal to date - creating new jobs and opportunities for EU citizens and businesses, especially SMEs. In the following years, we hope to conclude similar free trade agreements with our long-time partners Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

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> Under the leadership of the EPP Group, significant progress was made on the completion of the Digital Single Market: we brought an end to roaming fees, ensured high-quality Wi-Fi access through the Wifi4EU initiative and ended unjustified geo-blocking - all to the benefit of European consumers.

> The EPP Group has been key in helping maintain unity in the European Parliament during the Brexit negotiations, and has had a major influence on the negotiating positions of the European Council.

> With the adoption of the renewed EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), the EPP Group has shown that the

EU is committed to **combatting climate change**. The overhaul of the ETS rules marks an important step forward in implementing the recommendations of the Paris Climate Agreements. > Thanks to measures aimed at improving the Security of Gas Supply, the EU is now better prepared to manage

possible gas shortages if a crisis occurs. The solidarity principle ensures that Member States will have to help their neighbours in the event of serious shortages, thus making Member States less dependable on gas supplies

> The EPP Group remains active in finding solutions to the migration crisis. Under our influence, the EP is

ready to establish a new permanent resettlement mechanism. Moreover, the 'country of entry' principle in the Dublin Regulation has been replaced with a new, fairer mechanism.

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> We are the largest political family in Europe, driven by a centre-right political vision.

> We are the Group of the European People's Party in the European Parliament.

OUR GOALS AND COMMITTMENTS

values and defend Europe against crime and terror.

OUR IDENTITY

with the migration crisis.

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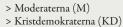
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