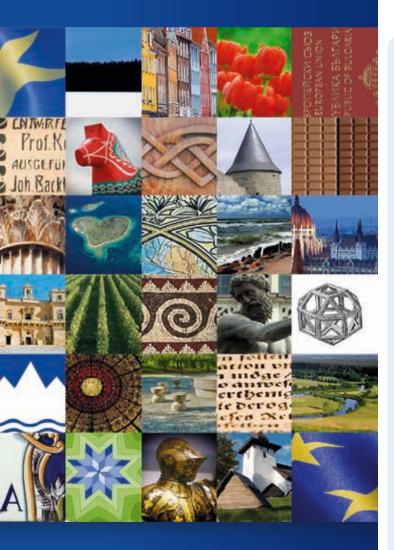
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EPP GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



# 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 215 Members the EPP Group is the largest political Group in the European Parliament. Its membership is made up of:

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

EPP Group:

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The major political force

in the European Parliament

**EPP**: Group of the European People's Party

**S&D:** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists

**ECR**: European Conservatives and Reformists Group

**GUE/NGL**: Confederal Group of the European United

**GREENS/EFA:** Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

**EFDD**: Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group

and Democrats in the European Parliament

**ALDE**: Group of the Alliance of Liberals

**ENF**: Europe of Nations and Freedom Group

and Democrats for Europe

Left/Nordic Green Left

NI: Non-attached

(Christian Democrats)

190

70

## THE BUREAU

The Bureau, the Group's political organ, consists of:

- > The Members of the Presidency
- > The Heads of National Delegations
- > The Vice-Presidents and Quaestors of the European Parliament belonging to the Group
- > The Chairmen of Parliamentary 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
- > One co-opted Member for every 10 Members of a national delegation

### 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 and of their respective Chair:

### Jacek Saryusz-Wolski Working Group "Foreign Affairs"

- > 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

The Presidency

Manfred Weber



Mariya Gabriel Vice-Chairwoman



Françoise Grossetête Vice-Chairwoman Working Group Economy and Environment



Lara Comi Vice-Chairwoman Communication Strategy, **EPP Youth Strategy** 



Esteban González Pons Vice-Chairman Working Group Legal and Home Affairs



Sandra Kalniete Neighbourhood Policy and Euronest,



Esther de Lange Vice-Chairwoman Relations with National Parliamen



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



Jószef Szájer Vice-Chairman Parliamentary Worl



Marian Jean Marinescu Vice-Chairman Working Group Budget and Structural Policies



Jacek Saryusz-Wolski Vice-Chairman Working Group Foreign Affairs



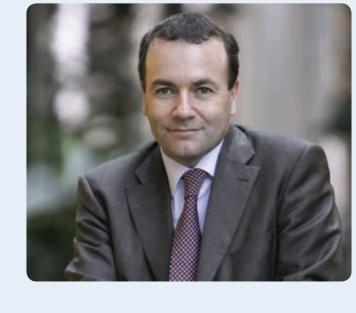
# How we work

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.

Strength of numbers also ensures that EPP Group Members hold a range of key positions within the Parliament - 6 of its Vice-Presidencies, Chairmanships of 8 of the EP's 22 Committees or Subcommittees, and 2 of its 5 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 on behalf of Europe's citizens.

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

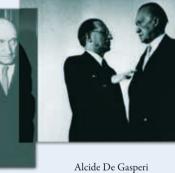




Salon de l'Horloge, Palais du Quai d'Orsay, Paris 09.05.1950



Jean Monnet and Robert Schumar



and Konrad Adenauer

European Union deals.



Winston Churchill and Robert Schuman

# Our political position

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

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.

The EPP Group has made the most of the growing political

role which the European Parliament has come to play in the

European Union.

With the Treaty of Lisbon, of which our Group was the main architect, the European Parliament has the power of codecision in all areas of European political life. The Group of the European People's Party (EPP Group) is

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

the most 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):



- > Christen-Democratisch & Vlaams (CD&V)
- > Centre Démocrate Humaniste (cdH)







**CZECH REPUBLIC** 

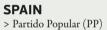
- > TOP 09 a Starostové (TOP 09/STAN) > Křesťanská a demokratická unie Československá strana lidová (KDU-ČSL)



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

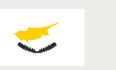








- > Hrvatska demokratska
- zajednica (HDZ)
- > Hrvatska seljačka stranka (HSS)



**KYΠPOΣ - CYPRUS** 

> Δημοκρατικός Συναγερμός (DI.SY.)



**LITHUANIA** 

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



**HUNGARY** 

> Fidesz-Magyar Polgári Szövetség-Keresztény Demokrata Néppárt (Fidesz-KDNP)



- > Граждани за европейско развитие на България (ГЕРБ)
- > Реформаторски блок (РБ)



> Det Konservative Folkeparti (C)



## **ESTONIA**

- ja Res Publica Liit (IRL)



**ΕΛΛΑΔΑ - GREECE** 

> Νέα Δημοκρατία (ND)





- **ITALY** > Forza Italia (FI)
- > Nuovo Centrodestra Unione di Centro (NCD-UDC)
- > Südtiroler Volkspartei (Partito popolare sudtirolese) (SVP)



> Partija "VIENOTĪBA" (V)



**LUXEMBOURG** 

> Parti chrétien social luxembourgeois (CSV)



## **MALTA**

> Partit Nazzjonalista (PN)



THE NETHERLANDS

PORTUGAL

ANDALUCÍA

> Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA)



**AUSTRIA** 

> Österreichische

Volkspartei (ÖVP)

ÉIRE

BISCAY



**POLAND** > Platforma Obywatelska (PO) > Polskie Stronnictwo

Ludowe (PSL)



OFNORWAY

NORTH

DEUTSCHLANDS

TYRRHENIAN

ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA

MAGYARORSZÁG

# **PORTUGAL**

- > Partido Social
- Democrata (PSD) > CDS - Partido Popular (CDS-PP)



## ROMANIA

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



IONIAN SEA

## **SLOVENIA**

stranka (SLS)

> Slovenska demokratska

S U O M

stranka (SDS) > Nova Slovenija – krščanski demokrati (NSi) > Slovenska ljudska



## **SLOVAKIA**

> MOST - HÍD

- > Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie (KDH) > Slovenská demokratická a kresťanská
- únia Demokratická strana (SDKÚ-DS) > Strana mad'arskej komunity- Magyar Közösség Pártja (SMK-MKP)



SOURIYA

**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 have stabilised Europe following the crisis: on this basis we now focus on increasing competitiveness,

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

> We have turned Europe into an area of freedom, security and justice. Now we have to uphold our humanitarian values and **defend Europe against crime and terror** 

> 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** 

> Through our support of the **European Fund for Strategic Investments** (EFSI) €315 billion is due to be invested in the real economy which will help SMEs to boost innovation and create growth and jobs.

> By working towards stability and growth, SME access to capital and a dynamic European Single Market, we ensure that a functioning **Social Market Economy** is the basis for any creation of new jobs

> We are working towards the completion of the **Digital Single Market** to deliver maximum benefits and

> The **Third Energy Package** satisfies our goal of providing EU consumers with secure, affordable and

> Under our leadership the **Erasmus+** programme for education, training, youth and sport will enable

> We are actively working to protect our external borders and the Schengen area. We support the creation of a European Border and Coast Guard to manage the migration crisis, protect Schengen and ensure our security

> We consider the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan key to resolving the migration crisis as it covers the short, medium and long-term responses available, disrupts the activities of the criminal networks

> We are strong advocates of an EU **Passenger Name Record** (PNR) system, a key instrument in tracking

> Transatlantic relations are a cornerstone of our external policy and must be strengthened. We strongly support the completion of the **Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership** (TTIP) to advance

a comprehensive trade and investment agreement with the United States, which will create new jobs and opportunities for individuals and businesses, particularly SMEs

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4 million Europeans the opportunity to study, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad

involved in human trafficking and improves the effectiveness of our return system

> We want to fight to keep the European social model sustainable in an ever changing world > We insist on the development of an improved and robust **Digital Economy** in Europe

> 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

sustainable growth and help in creating jobs, especially for young Europeans

**OUR IDENTITY** 

**OUR MISSION** 

OUR GOALS AND COMMITTMENTS

dealing with the migration crisis

**BRINGING RESULTS** 

Almost €80 billion has already been triggered

added value to our citizens and businesses

terrorist movements in Europe

ROSSIJSKAJA FE

UKRAÏ

ROMÂNIA

EAAAA-ELLADA VOREIC

CANARIAS (E)





**SWEDEN** 

> Moderaterna (M) > Kristdemokraterna (KD)



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