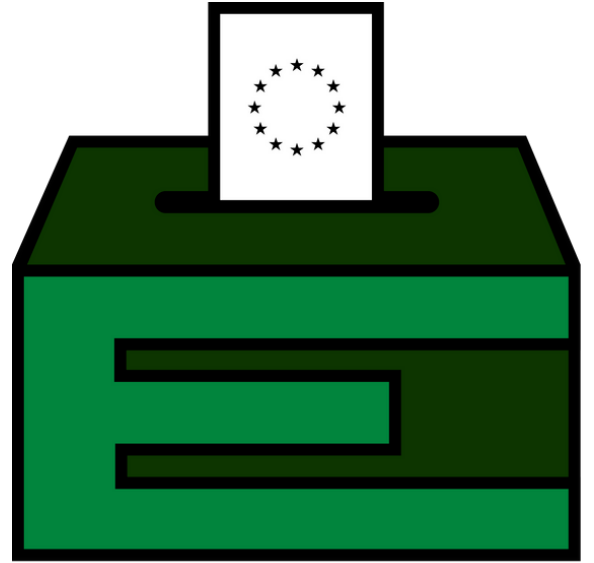


EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2024

FOR A **FEDERAL EUROPE** WHICH ACTS AND PROTECTS

The urgency of overcoming
the actual Treaties



Pledge for candidates to the European Parliament

These European elections are destined to be of extraordinary importance for the European Union and its citizens. At stake is the direction to be given to the unification process, and thus our future.

Most European governments and all democratic political forces agree that we urgently need to become capable of acting united at the European level in an effective way: against the return of imperial powers, in order to be able to influence the international arena and autonomously guarantee our security, to face the challenges of climate change, wars, the competitiveness of our economy, financial instability and massive migration flows.

At the same time, building this capacity to act united requires some crucial reforms of the European Union: with regard to the decision-making system, the budget, the competences, the powers of the European Parliament, the role and training of the European Commission, also in order to adjust the current imbalance in favour of the intergovernmental method that do not allow the common interest to emerge. The qualitative leap in European policies, the defence of our freedom and the rule of law, the strength of our democracy depend on this revision of the current European political-institutional system.

The outgoing European Parliament, in continuity with the Conference on the Future of Europe (in which the citizens' representatives, in agreement with the representatives of the European and national institutions, had identified a number of improvements and reforms needed to make Europe more capable to act and more democratic), approved a Report on the reform of the Treaties on 22 November, which is now in the hands of the governments. It is up to them to decide whether to launch the Convention process envisaged in the current Treaties, as requested and prepared by the European Parliament. A simple majority in the European Council is sufficient for this. The opening of a Convention is the only concrete and effective proposal to discuss a comprehensive reform capable of creating all those European instruments that the governments themselves demand, but then refuse to build. A proposal that the new enlargement makes even more mandatory, given that there is unanimous agreement in Europe on the need to proceed in parallel with enlargement and institutional and political deepening.

Within this framework, the next European Parliament will have to pick up the baton of the outgoing Assembly and strive to keep alive the demand for a Convention as an instrument to open the debate on the reform of the Treaties.

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As a candidate for the European Parliament, I therefore declare that I firmly support:

- the need to equip the European Union with the appropriate competences, autonomous resources and powers (starting with budgetary power) to implement the common policies necessary to defend security, the rule of law, and the social sustainability of the inescapable green and digital transitions, guaranteeing a future of progress for European citizens;
- the overcoming of unanimity and the right of veto through the extension of the ordinary legislative procedure (which implies the strengthening of the European Parliament and the European Commission);
- the need to open a Convention in continuity with what the outgoing European Parliament called for in order to reform the Treaties.

I also declare my willingness, if elected,

- to join the **Spinelli Group**, which in the outgoing legislature animated the political debate on the construction of a more capable and democratic Europe and the work on the drafting of proposals for reforming the Treaties

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