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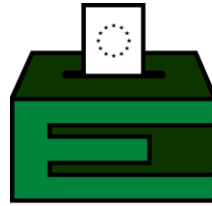
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## Treaty Change

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| <p>We are in favour of a thorough public debate on the future of the EU, involving national parliaments, the European Parliament and civil society.</p> <p>The recent 'Conference on the Future of Europe' concluded its work with a call for a revision of the European Treaty in the direction of democratic participation,</p> | <p>To face the great challenges of our century, from the green transition to fighting growing inequalities and protecting democracy, the European Union needs to reform its treaties and move forward towards a federal Europe able to act and welcome new members.</p> <p>We stand for a federal Europe, for a fully fledged</p> | <p>EFA welcomes for a convention on changing the EU treaties. We want a reformed EU democracy where the regions and territories have a direct voice.</p> <p>EFA Members of the European Parliament have been among those who have worked on and presented a legislative proposal for an EU regulation for exactly this. It provides a</p> | <p>Enlargement must go hand in hand with a serious assessment of what reforms of the EU architecture are needed, for a more efficient and democratic Europe that is more transparent and closer to its citizens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On this basis, we will use the next parliamentary term to strengthen the EU's capacity to act in an enlarged Union, with targeted Treaty changes.</li> </ul> | <p>We like the EU, but we know it's not perfect. Some say get rid of it then.</p> <p>We say: let's make it even better. We want to reform the EU's treaties to make sure citizens feel better involved.</p> | <p>In order to tackle the enormous challenges in a world in turmoil, the EU must also improve its institutions. We want to make the EU more capable of acting, more efficient, stronger and more democratic. At the same time, the Member States will continue to have the right to decide which competences the EU should have, and which ones could possibly be</p> | No mention | No mention |



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| <p>transparency, accountability and social cohesion.<br/>           ...<br/>           We therefore call for an independent, solidarity-based, participatory and democratic re-founding of the EU. The new treaties must define anti-fascist and anti-Nazi values as the foundations of the Union;</p> | <p>supranational democracy able to deliver.<br/><br/>           For Europe to take this much needed step, a democratic mandate from citizens is vital.<br/><br/>           That is why an EU-wide inclusive constituent process should lead to these treaty changes. Treaty changes should then be ratified through a Europe-wide referendum according to a double majority system of votes cast: Europe-wide and in a majority of member states.</p> | <p>blueprint for how the EU can mediate to ensure the rights of peoples to decide their own future can be exercised, even when the state is opposed. It proves that it is possible within the current EU competences: no Treaty Change is necessary</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to empower the European Parliament and the European Commission with tools to safeguard our democracy, strengthen our economy, protect our environment and our social model.</li> </ul> |              | <p>transferred back. To this end, we want to have a European Convention in the coming years to discuss and decide on possible improvements to the Treaties. We will also keep developing strategies to improve the proximity of the EU to its citizens, involving civil society in this process.</p> |     |    |



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| <p>Essential reforms without totems nor taboos are necessary to meet these challenges. We must reorganise the European continent and, to cite only the main reforms, we must establish a defence union and an energy union by eliminating the right of veto, facilitating the initiatives of peoples and states who wish to accelerate their political union, creating new own resources and strengthening the European Parliament while reducing the number of Commissioners. Reforming the treaties to achieve these essential changes and move forward with continental unification is imperative. We must aim for a sovereign Europe that will truly allow us to regain control of our destiny.</p> <p>“The current European treaties mark more than 15 years of progress for Europe. However, the European Union now faces a unique opportunity to strengthen its institutional structure and become a sovereign and democratic Europe. To go even further, we can work to create a genuine political union based on solidarity. We, the European Democrats, call on Europe to take back control of its destiny by strengthening the continent’s sovereignty and autonomy. Building a united political community will ensure a positive future for Europe, meeting the challenges of populism and violations of international law with constructive and inclusive solutions.”</p> <p><b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish a treaty revision convention to abolish unanimous voting in the Council.</li> <li>- Implement the proposals of the Conference on the Future of Europe to meet the demands of European citizens in this field.</li> </ul> | <p>Reform the EU treaties to strengthen your active participation and increase transparency and accountability for the EU to meet your needs and key concerns. Open the European Commission consultation process to encourage more citizen engagement, your engagement, including by better integrating local communities and subnational governments such as local and regional authorities. They are responsible for executing most EU laws and managing half of the EU’s public investment and are crucial for providing feedback on EU operations at the grassroots level.</p> |



Empower European government and Unity: the extension of competences and thus the possibility of political autonomy for the Union

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| <p>Although we are fighting for reforms within the legal framework of the EU, we believe that it is the current EU treaties that stand in the way of radical social and ecological transformation and the effective and democratic sovereignty of the people.</p> | <p>The need for unanimity between European member states on matters from tax and foreign policy to anti-discrimination and Article 7 procedures to protect democracy prevents the EU from taking decisions for the common good.</p> <p>At the Conference on the Future of Europe, European</p> |                        | <p>The EU must speak with one voice in foreign policy matters and move towards more majority decisions in certain policy matters.</p> <p>...</p> <p>On this basis, we will use the next parliamentary term to strengthen the EU's capacity to act in an enlarged Union, with targeted Treaty</p> | <p>We want to get rid of the vetoes. Reform needs to happen and needs to happen now.</p> | <p>Our ability to react to global events will determine our success. Europe has to become ready to act in foreign policy. We, therefore, advocate for moving away from the unanimity principle in the field of EU sanctions towards totalitarian regimes around the world and of the Single Market for Defence.</p> | <p>No mention</p> | <p>No mention</p> |



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|          | <p>citizens gave a clear message that they support new treaties giving the EU greater competences. They called for deepened European democracy, with more power for the European Parliament, an end to national vetoes, a larger EU budget, and stronger EU competences on key issues such as health, tax, and social protection. As Greens, we stand behind their proposals.</p> |                        | <p>changes.</p> |              | <p>We need to establish three steps for European defence. First, we must ramp up our defence industrial base through more investments.</p> <p>...</p> <p>We, therefore, advocate for moving away from the unanimity principle in the field of EU sanctions towards totalitarian regimes around the world and of the Single Market for Defence.</p> |     |    |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Strengthen the role of the European Union in areas such as health, education and energy.</li><li>- Introduce an emergency clause to authorise the European Union to act with extraordinary powers in a major crisis</li><li>- Activate the clauses allowing qualified majority voting for certain EU decisions. This will avoid the blockages that can occur with the current unanimity system.</li><li>- Implement temporary passerelle clauses to allow for significant legal and institutional changes using simplified procedures.</li></ul> | Do away with politically-driven vetoes and fearmongering using migration, and approve full accession to the Schengen Area to all Member States that meet the required criteria. |



Strengthening Democratic Processes: new electoral law approved by the European Parliament in May 2022

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|                 | Transnational lists for the European Parliament should be introduced alongside national lists, creating an additional single EU-wide constituency to which citizens elect a large number of MEPs. |                               |            |                     |            |            | The ID Group wants to tackle the democratic deficit of the EU. The national Parliaments should have a greater say in EU decision making, and the results of democratically held referendums should be respected. |

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| Include transnational lists in European Parliament elections. | Reform the EU elections. Give you the choice to vote for any European representative who best represents your ideals, also if they have another nationality. ALDE Party continues to fight for transnational voting lists |





Strengthening the European Parliament and Commission and rule of law: giving direct powers to the European Parliament and the European Commission under control of the EP. Furthermore, the Court of Justice under these proposals would have its supervisory powers over the Member States increased.

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| The directly-elected European Parliament must have the right to initiate legislation, to propose laws, to elect the European Commission, to propose and decide on the EU budget and to control the activities of the European Central Bank; | The European Parliament must have the right to propose legislation and equal budgetary power.<br><br>The Council of the European Union should act as a second chamber for EU law-making, not the venue for late-night haggling over inter-governmental deals. | The European Parliament must also have the right to initiate legislation. Currently, only the European Commission has this right, with the result that many proposals are based on technocratic centralism rather than the needs and wishes of Europe's regions and peoples | We need to empower the European Parliament and the European Commission with tools to safeguard our democracy, strengthen our economy, protect our environment and our social model. | We want to increase the efficiency, transparency and accountability of EU institutions -- the gatherings where national ministers meet are too opaque. We want to transform the Commission into a proper democratic government, with only one president at the helm of the EU's |            | We do not accept the fake choice between more Europe and no Europe. Instead we believe that, while valuing cooperation among European nations, limiting any undue interference is essential for maintaining the unique cultural and historical identities of our Member | Each European nation should have the right to determine its own policies, according to its own needs. The EU should stop interfering in the internal affairs of its Member States.<br><br>The group opposes any attempt to impose a Eurozone budget and direct |



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| <p>While the European Parliament has no competence in Common Foreign and Security Policy, we reject the abolition of the unanimity principle in the European Council in these matters;</p> | <p>The President of the European Commission should be proposed by the European Parliament.</p> <p>The current EU budget is patently insufficient to address the challenges Europe faces. Supported by its own resources, such as EU-level fossil and wealth taxes, the EU budget should be raised significantly with an expanded role of the European Parliament and civil society in monitoring EU spending.</p> | <p>The President of the European Commission must be democratically elected, on the basis of a proposal by the European Parliament</p> |     | <p>executive so the world finally knows whom to call. We want to strengthen the role of the European Parliament, so the voices of the citizens resonate even stronger than today.</p> |     | <p>States and guaranteeing national sovereignty.</p> | <p>EU taxes.</p> |

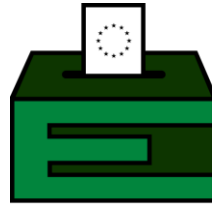


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Establish the possibility of electing a president of the European Union from electoral lists common to all European countries (merging the President of the Commission and the President of the European Council).</li><li>- Grant Parliament a genuine right of a legislative initiative to complement the European Citizens' Initiative.</li><li>- Provide the European Parliament with legislative co-decision rights when it plays an advisory role and co-decision rights on the budget, including revenue.</li></ul> | Advocate for a single seat for the European Parliament, with right to initiate legislation and power to cast a no-confidence vote against any member of the European Commission. |



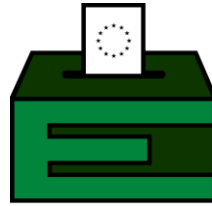
## The necessity of deepening in relation with enlargement in relation with enlargement

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| <p>The EU has set clear criteria for its enlargement policy, which must not be watered down: States can only become members of the EU if they respect human rights, the rule of law and the social and political rights of their populations, including minorities. Enlargement must not be an instrument for deepening rifts</p> | <p>The European Union must keep its promises to candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine and Georgia. We support Kosovo's efforts to become a candidate for EU membership.</p> <p>Welcoming new members must serve as a vital push for internal reforms to make it easier for the</p> | <p>We support Ukraine's path towards EU accession, as well as that of the Western Balkans and Moldova. There are many reasons – historical, economic, and strategic - why these territories belong in the EU, and meaningful progress should be made towards their accession. But that process will also require genuine commitment to reform and meeting</p> | <p>We welcome the start of EU membership negotiations with Ukraine, Moldova, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and we support the European aspirations of Georgia.</p> <p>We regret that the EU accession process of Turkey has stalled for several years because of the Turkish government. In the absence of a drastic change of</p> | <p>Especially as new members are getting ready to join the family and are on their way to fulfil the Copenhagen criteria. In the same vein, those who meet the relevant criteria should join the free-movement Schengen area without further delay. Ukrainians are spilling their blood to defend our democratic freedom. Ukraine must join and it will join. But we need to be able to welcome it, like</p> | <p>The war in Ukraine is directly linked to European security. Ukraine should become a member of the EU and NATO as soon as it fulfils all criteria. The European Union has to be ready to enlarge.</p> <p>...</p> <p>We stand by the EU's accession promises and a forward-looking enlargement strategy for Ukraine, the Western Balkans, Moldova and</p> | <p>No mention</p> | <p>For the ID Group, national identities should be embraced, respected and preserved. That's why it opposes uncontrolled mass immigration and the possible EU accession of a non-European country like Turkey.</p> |



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| <p>within Europe and increasing military tensions. It must not assign the accession countries the role of suppliers of cheap raw materials, agricultural products, and cheap labour as it is doing already now. This is good neither for the working people of the accession countries nor for those of Member States. In contrast, it must focus on safeguarding democracy and the rule of law and boosting social cohesion in</p> | <p>EU to make decisions efficiently and effectively. Each candidate country should be able to follow its own path into the EU independently of the progress of other candidate countries.</p> | <p>European standards among the new members: there can be no compromises on EU values and democracy, not least regarding minority rights. Current stateless nations in the EU which become independent in a democratic manner will also automatically become members of the European Union.</p> | <p>course, the accession process cannot be resumed in the current circumstances.</p> <p>We will implement an effective enlargement policy, starting with the Western Balkans, insisting that all candidate countries meet all accession criteria.</p> <p>Enlargement must go hand in hand with a serious assessment of what reforms of the EU architecture are needed</p> | <p>other candidates. Without deep reforms, enlargement risks turning into a failure for all. The continent is about to unite, once more. This is good news. The more the mightier. But the governance of a whole continent is no trivial matter. It's time to reopen the treaties.</p> | <p>Georgia. Every candidate country must also be ready for membership: we should take intermediate steps and closer cooperation in the meantime to put candidates in the best position to join.</p> |     |    |



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| candidate and Member States. |            |                        |     |              |     |     |    |

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| <p>In this context, it is evident that the European Union, as it currently exists with its institutional structure, is not ready to play this new geopolitical role nor to welcome new members</p> <p><b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate the faster political integration of groups of countries and peoples who demonstrate the political will to do so without the possibility of blocking by others.</li> </ul> | <p>Prepare the EU for further enlargement. Reform the EU decision-making procedure to ensure efficiency also with a larger number of Member States and diverging views. Reform the EU budget so it is ready to absorb financial consequences of enlargement</p> |