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In 2024, the European Greens ran on a message of courage. Because courage is exactly what our politics is about right now.

The world in 2024 is very different from 2019. The pandemic, the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, and deep democratic and social crises changed the world we live in. More than ever, we need ambitious answers that can meet the challenges of our times.

We fought the European election with our most far-reaching campaign ever, and we have not stopped since. Building up to the elections, we put more energy than ever before into expanding the Green family, seizing the green transition as a chance to build a more just society, and strengthening our alliances with movements and civil society.

The European election results were mixed for the Green family. Breakthroughs in many countries were tempered by major losses in others and rising far-right forces. But, looking beyond the numbers, the foundations for future green victories have been built. These advances are the starting points for the next five years:

- The Green family elected MEPs from more EU countries than ever before. The Greens are now far better represented in southern and eastern Europe, a development that strengthens and enriches us.

- Campaigning on a Green and Social Deal, we put forward our offer of a green transition based on social justice. Making the case that green policies improve lives and protect livelihoods can convince voters.

- While their gains are shocking, the far right is beatable. At the EU level, we exposed its agenda and applied the pressure necessary to keep Meloni's far right of the majority. In the Nordics, the Netherlands and Italy, we bounced back and showed that Greens and progressives can win.

- We have strong allies across society. We built close ties with civil society, from green and social NGOs to trade unions and green businesses. During the campaign, they recognised our platform's strength and strongly supported our priorities.

After the elections, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen achieved a majority with our support based on a clear promise to defend the EU European Green Deal and ensure a pro-European, democratic future for the EU. This promise must be upheld.

But the dangers of Conservative and far-right cooperation are growing. Part of the European People's Party is already working hand in hand with the far right to roll back green and social legislation, gambling with human rights and endangering self-determination. They will enable impunity for authoritarians like Viktor Orbán, normalize Giorgia Meloni's post-fascist government, and harden inhuman and failed migration policies. It is the same dangerous path that has brought the far right to power in several member states.

As Greens, our role in this mandate is to hold the political forces leading the European institutions to account and fight back against the right-wing drift. By taking responsibility in the election of the Commission president, we have shown ourselves ready to build bridges and compromise to realise our positive agenda.

Against the threat of far-right influence, we are prepared to support an alliance of the democratic centre but if and only if it can also advance our political priorities and deliver for people and planet. Throughout the mandate, we will fight for every opening to make progress on environmental protection, social justice and fundamental rights and democracy. Outside of the institutions, we will be building our movement at every level of power and in every European country.

Over the next five years, the key fights for the European Greens at all levels will be:

- Defending the European Green Deal and backing it with common European and national public investment that strengthens economic prosperity and protects our societies from the climate crisis

- Improving daily lives by strengthening green public services like social housing and public transport and European protections for social rights

- Standing up for fundamental rights and the rule of law wherever they are under threat: in the European Union, at our borders, and anywhere in the world

- Building long-term peace and security by welcoming new members and reforming the EU so it can take decisions effectively and become a credible international actor

Looking at the challenges ahead of us, we will need to fight more than ever for our green future. There is no ignoring the many crises European societies face. Many people are struggling to get by after hard years of the pandemic, energy crisis, and economic downturn. The severity of the climate and environmental crisis is unrelenting. 2024 has been the hottest year on record and this autumn has seen catastrophic flooding right across Europe, with an especially tragic loss of life in the Valencia region.

With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, war returned to Europe, threatening freedom and security across the continent. There can be no turning our backs on Ukraine. It is fighting for freedom and its future lies in the European Union. As Greens, we support continued economic and military aid to Ukraine and future EU membership. Our assistance to Ukraine must enable a climate-resilient reconstruction, built on renewable energy, modern infrastructure, and a sustainable and inclusive economy. Our support to Ukraine must ensure its future prosperity and should take the form of grants not loans.

The explosion of violence in the Middle East is a further reminder of the horror of war, the fragility of the international system and the need for the European Union to step up in world politics. After the re-election of Donald Trump, we stand in solidarity with everyone in the United States and globally threatened by his authoritarian agenda. In a world of fear, the European Union must become a beacon of hope and move forward towards more unity, ambition and alliances with other parts of the world.

For everybody who wants an ambitious European Union that answers these challenges and keeps the far right out of power, the European Greens are there to represent them. As a European political party, we will build on our achievements and set out a new vision for the future of our societies and the European project.

This effort will be built together with the many actors who are fighting to make a fair and just green transition a reality and defeat the rise of the far right. We will also strengthen our cooperation with youth movements and continue to invest in our networks connecting Greens at the local level.

As Greens, we believe that the just and fair green transition is our future. A greener society will be a more just society, with expanded public services, affordable energy bills, and healthier surroundings. We represent the conviction that it is not only possible but achievable and desirable. Step by step, a greener, fairer society that protects the rights of all can be built.

As the constructive pro-climate, pro-European democratic force, we are there to advance this green project, for the European Union as at every level of political power.

If we stand united with our partners, a majority for the green transition, social justice, and a united European future is achievable. It is achievable in society, in every member state, and in the European Union as a whole.

Over the next five years, we will not stop fighting for it. The future is green.

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