

More than Ever: Let's Make Our Future Green and Fair

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

4 The world in 2024 is very different from 2019. The pandemic, the wars in Ukraine
5 and the Middle East, and deep democratic and social crises changed the world we
6 live in. The green transition has accelerated significantly, both in Europe and globally. But the need
7 for a continued and strengthened fight for nature and climate is evident on the backdrop of
8 alarming reports from the IPCC record temperatures and accelerating natural disasters. More than
9 ever, we need ambitious answers that can meet the challenges
10 of our times.

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

16 The European election results were mixed for the Green family. Overall, the Green family
17 experienced a loss of seats in the European Parliament compared to the previous legislature,
18 largely due to significant setbacks in several countries. Additionally, far-right parties gained ground
19 in many EU member states. However, green parties made notable advances in countries where
20 they had previously been either underrepresented or largely absent. The past five years, along with
21 the 2024 campaign and election, offer valuable lessons and opportunities for progress for the
22 European Green Party and the future of our political project. Breakthroughs in
23 many countries were tempered by major losses in others and rising far-right
24 forces. But,

25 Looking beyond the numbers, the foundations for future green
26 victories have been built. These advances are the starting points for the next
27 five years:

28 While there are still inequalities in representation, the Green family elected MEPs from
29 more EU countries than ever before. The
30 Greens are now far better represented in southern and eastern Europe, and Baltics, a
31 development that strengthens and enriches us.

32 Campaigning on a Green and Social Deal, we put forward our offer of a
33 green transition based on social justice. Making Green parties across the case that green
34 policies improve livesEU have strengthened their narratives and raised awareness of the
35 inseparability of social and green policiesprotect livelihoods can convince voters.

36 The far right is beatable. At the EU level, we exposed far-right agenda and fought to to
37 keep them out of the majority~~While their gains are shocking, the far right is beatable. At the~~
38 EU
39 level, we exposed its agenda and applied the pressure necessary to keep
40 Meloni's far right of the majority. In the Nordics, the Netherlands and
41 Italy, we bounced back and showed that Greens and progressives can win.

42 We have strong allies across society. We built and maintained close ties with civil
43 society, from green and social NGOs to trade unions and businesses supporting the green
44 businesses transition.
45 During the campaign, they recognised our platform's strength and strongly
46 supported our priorities.

47 In the campaign leading up to the 2024 election, we faced several important challenges
48 that should serve as key areas for us to focus on in the years to come:

49 Unlike in 2019, setting the agenda on climate and environmental issues was less
50 prominent. Despite the urgency of climate disruption, there is no more mass mobilization in
51 the streets around environmental issues. Also, electoral debates were framed around
52 economic issues of immediate and individual concern, with purchasing power dominating
53 electoral discussions all over the EU.

54 At the same time, Green parties are no longer the sole advocates for environmental issues.
55 In many European countries, we now face competition from parties that have integrated
56 climate policies into their platforms. Greens must work to ensure that our message
57 remains distinct, relevant, and credible.

58 After the elections, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen achieved a
59 majority with our support based on a clear promise to defend the EU European
60 Green Deal and ensure a pro-European, democratic future for the EU. We urgently demand that the
61 European Commission upholds this decision.~~This promise~~
62 ~~must be upheld.~~ We strongly deplore that Ursula Von der Leyen offered the position of Vice-
63 president to a member of a post-facist party.

64 Unfortunately, we have already seen how many Conservatives in the European Parliament do not
65 share their own Commission President's line. They are playing a dangerous game flirting and
66 voting with the far right to form an alternative, illiberal majority. Their cooperation risks rolling
67 ~~But~~ the dangers of Conservative and far-right cooperation are growing. Part of
68 ~~the European People's Party is already working hand in hand with the far right~~
69 ~~to roll~~ back green and social legislation, gambling with human rights and
70 endangering self-determination. They will enable impunity for authoritarians
71 like Viktor Orbán, normalize Giorgia Meloni's post-fascist government, and
72 harden inhuman and failed migration policies. It is the same dangerous path that
73 has brought the far right to power in several member states.

74 As Greens, our role in this mandate is to hold the political forces leading the
75 European institutions to account and fight back against the right-wing drift embodied in the far

76 [right and parts of the European People's Party](#). By
77 taking responsibility in the election of the Commission president [Ursula von der Leyen](#), we have
78 ~~showed~~
79 ourselves ready to build bridges and compromise [to prevent far right ideology and discourses of](#)
80 [influencing EU politics as well as](#) to realise our positive agenda.

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82 [The fight to reinforce the green transition will not be easy – but we are ready to assume leadership](#)
83 [and further advance the transition towards climate neutrality and healthy nature and environment](#)

84 ~~Against the threat of far-right influence, we are prepared to support an~~
85 ~~alliance of the democratic centre but if and only if it can also advance our~~
86 ~~political priorities and deliver for people and planet.~~ Throughout the mandate,
87 we will fight for every opening to make progress on environmental protection,
88 social justice and fundamental rights and democracy, [guided by a postgrowth thinking, while](#)
89 [combating any backlash on the Green Deal and the rule of law achievements](#). Outside of the
90 institutions, we will be building our movement at every level of power and in
91 every European country.

92 [Lately, the international fora \(G20, COP29, Plastic Pollution Treaty\) have shown that, if international](#)
93 [diplomacy is still alive, the agreements tremendously lack ambition](#).

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

- 96 Defending [and developing](#) the European Green Deal and backing it with common European
97 and
98 national [regulation and](#) public investment that strengthens ~~economic~~ prosperity and
99 protects our societies. [from the climate crisis, the increasingly severe effects of the climate](#)
100 [and biodiversity crises](#). [We will support businesses to implement the Green Deal and](#)
101 [secure future investment and jobs](#).
- 102 [Fighting for ambitious international treaties that step up our actions against the climate,](#)
103 [biodiversity loss, pollution and resources crises](#).
- 104 [Ensuring the green transition in all aspects – including responsible and circular use of](#)
105 [resources, elimination of chemical pollution, healthy and sustainable agriculture and food](#)
106 [production, nature restoration and implementation of the Montreal protocol](#)
- 107 Improving daily lives by strengthening ~~green~~ public services like social
108 housing and public transport, [by ensuring affordable green energy](#) and European
109 protections for social rights
- 110 Standing up for fundamental rights and the rule of law wherever they are
111 under threat: in the European Union, at our borders, and anywhere in the
112 world
- 113 Building long-term peace and security by welcoming new members and
114 reforming the EU so it can take decisions effectively and become a

115 credible international actor

116 Looking at the challenges ahead of us, we will need ~~to fight~~ more courage than ever to fight for
117 our green future. There is no ignoring the many crises European societies face.

118 Many people are struggling to get by after hard years of the pandemic, energy
119 crisis, and economic downturn. The severity of the climate and environmental
120 crisis is unrelenting. 2024 has been the hottest year on record and this autumn
121 has seen catastrophic flooding right across Europe, with an especially tragic
122 loss of life in the Valencia region. This is why the agenda of the European Green Deal needs to be
123 strengthened in order to invest massively in renewable energy and energy infrastructure, the
124 circular economy, biodiversity and zero pollution solutions.

125 With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, war returned to Europe, threatening
126 freedom and security across the continent. There can be no turning our backs on
127 Ukraine. It is fighting for freedom and its future lies in the European Union. Russia is using ecocide
128 as a weapon of war and must bear full responsibility for that. To address this, we must urgently
129 develop scientifically grounded methods for calculating the damages caused by ecocide,
130 ensuring accountability and enabling effective restoration efforts.

131 As Greens, we support continued economic VOTE on AM 51: and military aid to Ukraine and
132 future

133 EU membership and long-term support for Ukraine's resilience, economic development, sustainable
134 reconstruction and the rule of law. Our assistance to Ukraine must enable a climate-resilient
135 reconstruction, built on renewable energy, modern infrastructure, and a
136 sustainable and inclusive economy. Our support to Ukraine must ensure its future
137 prosperity and should take the form of grants not loans. We must also support democratic forces
138 that are targeted by Russian propaganda outside of the EU, such as Georgia, Moldova and Serbia,
139 ensuring we do as much as we can for EU candidate countries.

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

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

153 This effort will be built together with the many actors who are fighting to make
154 a fair and just green transition a reality and defeat the rise of the far right.
155 We will also strengthen our cooperation with youth movements and continue to

156 invest in our networks connecting Greens at the local level.

157 As Greens, we believe that the just and fair green transition is our future. A
158 greener society will be a more just society, with expanded public services,
159 affordable energy bills, and healthier surroundings. We represent the conviction
160 that it is not only possible but achievable and desirable. Step by step, a
161 greener, fairer society that protects the rights of all can be built. [As Greens, we are calling for a just
162 transition.](#)

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

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

169 [\[VOTE AM 58 SMS : In addition to unity, achieving all the set goals requires a significant
170 improvement in internal democratic processes within the EGP itself, our transparency, and, above
171 all, honesty, because otherwise, we will not be able to sovereignly challenge authoritarian leaders
172 as long as our internal processes are similar to the processes against political opponents,
173 independent journalists, NGOs and others in countries where we accuse leaders of
174 authoritarianism.\]](#)

175 [We ran elections on courage, because we need courage to face the challenges of our times.](#) Over
176 the next five years, we will not stop fighting for it. The future is green [and fair](#).