



STAND UP WITH US



FREEDOM, EDUCATION, PEACE AND SOLIDARITY



EUROPE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT ITS PEOPLE

Europe needs a clean break, a profound democratic radical reform. The people of Europe have been excluded from the vision and destiny of Europe.

Our European party wants and must inspire a new political constellation whose aim is to get Europe back on track. A more efficient Europe that means a budget tailored to needs as well as a sense of cooperation across all levels: local, national and European.

**IT'S A MAJOR
CHALLENGE,
A MATTER OF
URGENCY.**

FOR US, IT IS TIME TO REBUILD EUROPE



1 ON ESTABLISHING AN EFFICIENT EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY

- > Introducing transnational lists with the allocation of a significant number of seats
- > Fighting fake news with new regulations for both European and national legal systems and a network of courts that sanction abuses against campaigns of fake news
- > Defining a European defence strategy on cyber security towards cyber-attacks
- > Strengthening participatory democracy with a review of the European citizens' initiative and promotion of the right to petition the EP
- > Punishing authoritarian abuses by a Member state
- > Implementing a shared sovereignty through efficient subsidiarity and proportionality between the EU and member States and regions



2 ON REAFFIRMING SHARED VALUES – EMBODIED IN OUR SOCIETIES

- > Respect of human dignity
- > Rule of Law
- > Freedom
- > Equality
- > Solidarity
- > Responsibility





3 ON CREATING A EUROPEAN IDENTITY

- > Threefold increasing Erasmus
- > Extending the scope of Erasmus to young apprentices, artists and young entrepreneurs
- > Creating a European media dedicated to Youth



4 ON REACTIVATING THE EURO AREA

- > Starting a concerted convergence initiative by the pro-EU and proactive members of €-area
- > Developing own resources deducted from national taxes
- > Strengthening the governance of €-area



5 ON INVESTING IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- > Launching an ambitious programme to support the digital economy and artificial intelligence
- > Increasing the share devoted to R&I in the use of Structural funds
- > Focusing the ERDF funds mostly on knowledge infrastructure
- > Developing a European spatial industry strategy



6 ON FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

- > Reaffirming the transition to a green economy as the 3rd industrial revolution
- > Creating a European civil protection force
- > Preserving biodiversity



7 ON IMPLEMENTING A STRONG INDUSTRY POLICY

- > Developing and implementing a strategy for the Industry of the future: digital, AI, low-carbon technology, space
- > Not hindering the formation of European giants with too strict competition rules
- > Introducing a faster and more effective anti-dumping system to sanction imports that do not comply with the rules of fair competition



8 ON FACING SOCIAL CHALLENGES AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

- > Drafting a specific treaty on the Social Europe with notably the gradual implementation of a genuine convergence strategy regarding working conditions, minimum wages, the fight against social dumping, guaranteed minimum income and minimum pensions
- > Supporting the social economy and associative work models, such as collective cooperation, in order to counteract the negative effects of globalisation
- > Putting into law gender equity in terms of access to employment as well as equal wages
- > Promoting better social inclusion of young and older workers
- > Providing all Europeans with a decent life
- > Building a European health policy



9 ON SUPPORTING A NEW MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

- > Supporting a Common Agricultural Policy fair to all farmers
- > Encouraging the development of food quality schemes such as geographical indications
- > Investing in innovation, digitalisation, education and training
- > Promoting sustainable food production and consumption



10 ON CREATING AN INTEGRATED MOBILITY SYSTEM

- > Creating an integrated mobility system that offers users control in terms of prices and time, from the first to the last kilometre
- > Providing a homogeneous legal framework offering security
- > Reactivating an industrial policy with the decarbonisation of fuels in all modes and promotion of e-mobility



11 ON IMPLEMENTING A COHERENT AND ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY

- > Transforming the Union from a soft power to a global player
- > Promoting a genuine EU-African Union partnership
- > Pursuing our neighbourhood policy more vigorously



12 ON FIGHTING THE TERRORIST THREAT

- > Strengthening the control of external borders
- > Intensifying anti-radicalisation efforts
- > Exchanging information and increasing cooperation



13 ON DEVELOPING A GLOBAL AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO MIGRATION

- > Supporting the common management of external borders
- > Cooperating with countries of origin and transit
- > Harmonising the right of asylum
- > Fighting the illegal trafficking of immigrants
- > Promoting the return, readmission and reintegration policies



14 ON REINVENTING OUR TRADE POLICY

- > Reinventing a citizen re-appropriation of free trade
- > Promoting new generation agreements that are even more environmentally restrictive towards developed countries and allow Member States to speak with one voice to the main players on the international scene

The European Democratic Party founded by François Bayrou and Francesco Rutelli in 2004, is a centrist European political party that gathers political parties and MEPs who want a Union closer to the citizens who live in it. As a transnational political movement, the EDP intends to build a European democracy that is rooted in the shared values of peace, freedom, solidarity and education, having the ambition to proudly affirm its culture in the future world.



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