

**Dear voters,**

In May 2019 (23-26) there will be  
the European elections.

European citizens vote for European policies.

The elections are important for the future of Europe.

**Greens are for Europe**

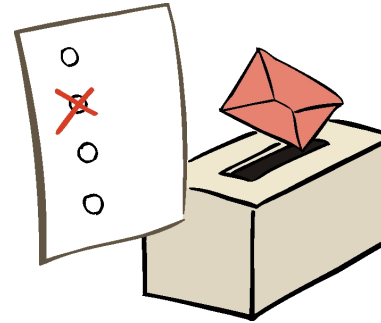
Lots of things in Europe should be much better.

We can do this.

But politics has to work fast.

Because life in this world goes on fast.

We want a good future for our children and for all in  
the world.





**That's why Greens say:**

Now we must stop climate change.

We have to keep air and water clean.

Now we have to protect democracy.

Citizens should live freely throughout Europe.

Everyone has to follow the law.

Now we must ensure peace.

We are against hate.

We want understanding among people.

Now we must fight for social justice: a fair life for all.

So people can live well everywhere in Europe.

Now we need a modern Europe.

Europe should fulfill the wishes of the citizens.

## Greens dream of a modern Europe

The Green Europe makes citizens strong.

In the Green Europe people like to live together.

The Green Europe protects nature.

The Green Europe promotes peace in Europe and global peace.



## This is the Europe of our dreams

- Our economy protects the environment.
- We create many good jobs.
- We create social justice everywhere.
- Old and young people can live well in Europe.
- Women and men have equal rights.
- Everyone will have their say in all things.
- All citizens will make the decisions.
- All people stick together.

## Europe is special in the history of our world

Europe is the common home for many different people.

We in Europe have become a good community.

28 countries in Europe are in the **European Union**.

Union means: a bloc of countries.

In Europe we are a community.

EU is short for European Union.

In the EU we work on common policies for all countries.

The countries of the EU have many contracts with each other.





Together we work

- for the worldwide economy
- for human rights
- for nature
- for peace.

**Europeans benefit greatly  
from the European community**

Europe as a whole is stronger.

We love Europe.

This means we must do something for Europe.

This is what we want to do together  
with all Europeans:

## Empowering Europe

The EU is a democracy.

But we must make it an even better democracy.

People must know more about European policies.

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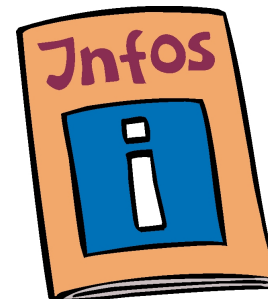
How do European Members of Parliament  
make decisions?

Voters must be informed about it.

**Everyone** must know about **lobbying**.

Lobbying means: Telling decision-makers what they  
should do.

Then **all** people can be part of European politics.



Some parts of the business world have grown fast.

These businesses have become very rich.

Other businesses have grown only a little.

Rules for businesses are rather old.

We need new rules.

So life can be made better for all.

**Greens invite everyone:**

Vote in the European elections!

Vote for the European community.

So all people in Europe will have a better future.



**12 goals are important for European Greens**

## **These are the 12 goals of European Greens**

### **1. We want to fight climate change**

Climate change means:

New weather patterns for a long time.

When climate changes too much, many places on the world will be not suitable for living at all.

We have to avoid that.

We must use electricity more efficiently.

Electricity must be clean.

Renewable energy is clean energy  
coming from nature, not from smoking chimneys.

Example: Energy from wind parks and the sun.





## 2. We want a fair business world and we want to protect nature

We can achieve both goals.

This is why we must boost modern knowledge.

All people must have the same good opportunities in our business world.

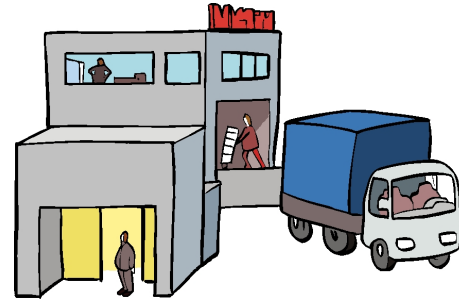
## 3. We want a minimum income and good jobs everywhere in Europe

Minimum income means:

To have at least **enough money** to live decently.

With minimum income we can fight poverty.

We want to strengthen workers' rights.



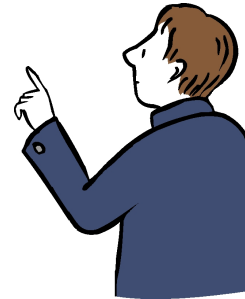
#### **4. We must defend human rights and democracy.**

Democracy belongs to Europe.

This should stay that way.

Citizens must get all important information.

Everyone should be able to take part  
in political decisions.



#### **5. We must help refugees**

We must make fair decisions about  
the future of refugees.

Every human being has a right to good treatment.

Many refugees come from dangerous places.

We need better rules in Europe for refugees.



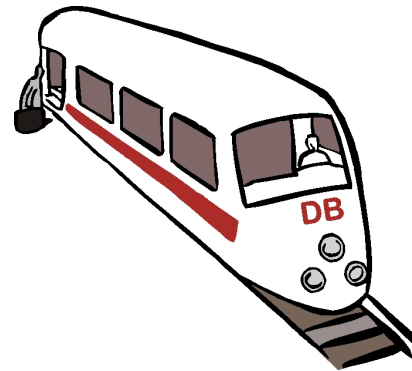
## 6. We want to ensure good rail traffic

Many cars and planes make our air dirty.

We say: They **pollute** it.

Rail traffic is more friendly to nature.

This is why we must offer better rail traffic.



## 7. We must do more for a clean nature

We must have better protection for air and water.

We must stop plastic waste.

We must care for a healthy lifestyle.



## 8. We need healthy food

European politicians must care for this.

We must ban poisonous substances in farming.

Greens are for animal protection.



## 9. We want good opportunities for young people and the right to a job

All young people must have the right to

- good job training
- fair work
- minimum income
- life-long learning.



## 10. We want to fight for fair taxes

Up to today big companies have paid very low taxes.

Many small companies must pay more taxes.

And many countries have different laws for taxes.

So living conditions for people are not the same.

This is not fair.

Greens fight for fair taxes in all European countries.

All people must get the same income  
for the same work.

All people in Europe must have the same rights.

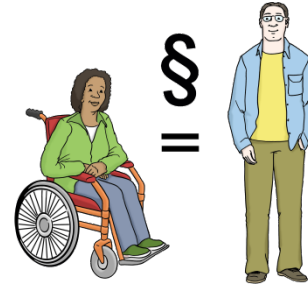


## 11. We want the same rights for women and men

There must not be any violence against women.

Birth control must be possible for all.

Abortion must be a fundamental right.



## 12. We want worldwide peace

Europe must fight for peace together.

Arms made in Europe are a threat to people  
in other countries.

This must not happen.

We don't want bad arms deals.



## 1. We want to fight climate change

Our climate changes very fast.

Thunderstorms destroy many parts of our earth.

Other parts of the earth have no rain.

People and animals **cannot live without water.**

We must stop climate change.

This is possible!

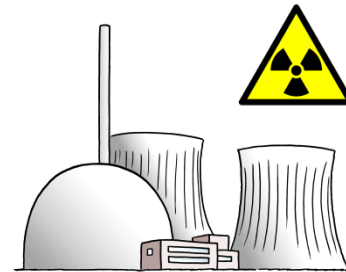
### **Ban electricity from coal and atomic energy**

Coal is poisoning the air.

Coal is harmful to our health.

Electricity from atomic energy is very dangerous.

So we want to ban electricity  
from coal and atomic energy.





Governments should give no money  
for such power stations.

We want to close down all coal-fired power-stations  
by 2030.

### **Renewable energy**

We get renewable energy from nature.

Example:

Renewable sources of energy are the sun and wind.

Nature provides sun and wind again and again.

We can produce electricity from sunshine and wind.

We can use renewable energy for cars, too.

Greens want to use renewable energy only.



## New jobs

We want to use more renewable energy.

Research must find better ways all the time.

Example:

New companies produce material for wind parks and sun roofs.

So we get new jobs.

So renewable energy benefits companies, too.

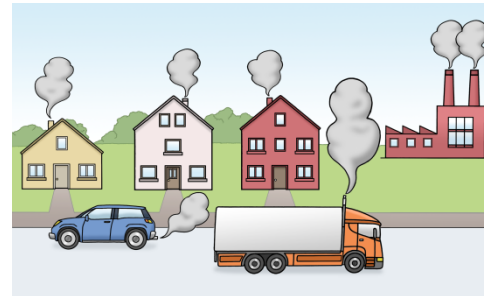
## We must use new solutions for clean air

**Carbon dioxide** is a harmful gas.

Example: It comes from burning coal.

CO<sup>2</sup> is short for carbon dioxide.

Industry and cars discharge a lot of CO<sup>2</sup> into the air.



We want to change this.

But we need new technology first.

Companies and politics need time for change.

Example:

A lot of people work in coal mines and coal-fired power stations.

First of all, they need new jobs.

Then we can close down the coal mines and power stations.

How can we keep our air clean more quickly?

We can plant many more trees.

Trees store CO<sup>2</sup>.

Trees can produce new substances with CO<sup>2</sup>.

So trees can use CO<sup>2</sup>.

So CO<sup>2</sup> does not get into the air.

We call it **zero net emissions**.

This means: In the end, **nothing** is left of CO<sup>2</sup>.

### **Minimum price for CO<sup>2</sup>**

Industry and coal-fired power stations discharge CO<sup>2</sup> into the air.

We call it emission.

Companies must pay for CO<sup>2</sup> emission.

We say: Companies must buy **emissions rights**.

Every company must at least pay a certain sum of money.

This sum is called **CO<sup>2</sup> minimum price**.

Does a company discharge more CO<sup>2</sup>?

Then this company must buy more emission rights.

Buying and selling emission rights is called  
emission trade.

Greens demand:

The European Union must make good rules for  
emission trade.

There should be a strong CO<sup>2</sup> minimum price.

The CO<sup>2</sup> minimum price should be the same  
all over Europe.



## **We want to meet the rules of the Climate Protection Treaty**

A **treaty** is a contract between countries.

Almost all countries worldwide have signed an agreement in Paris:

The **Paris Climate Protection Treaty**.

Many countries in Europe have signed it, too.

The treaty sets goals for climate protection.

We must achieve these goals if we want to save the earth.

By 2030 Europe must meet the first goal.

We must work hard.

So this is important:

- We must all take part in nature protection.
- We must close down coal-fired and atomic power stations.
- We must use renewable energy only.
- We must plant many trees and grasses.
- We need the CO<sup>2</sup> minimum price all over Europe.

## 2. We want a fair business world and we want to protect nature

We want a new European policy.

We want a good business world in Europe.

We want social security for people in Europe.

We can be leading in a nature-friendly  
world-wide business and life.

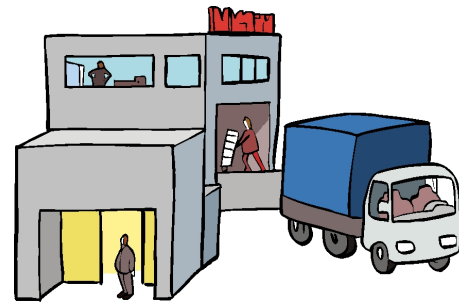
### How can we achieve all these goals?

The protection of our nature is important.

For this we must spend money.

Business interests **must not** damage nature.

In spite of this companies can be successful.



## **We need a modern business world**

Businesses need modern technology.

With good ideas we can make companies stronger.

Good achievements lead to success.

## **Companies must act in an nature-friendly and climate-friendly way.**

We can use many things more than once.

Let's just do it.

Example:

We demolish older houses.

Then we can use many building materials again.

We can build new wooden houses.

In nature, new trees and wood will grow all the time.







Another example:

We throw a lot of plastic in the garbage.

But some plastic parts can be used again.

Other plastic products we just don't need.

Example: Plastic bags.

People and shops give up the use of plastic bags.

Companies can produce textile bags.

**We must spend money on research**

Human beings can invent useful things.

Then we can develop new technologies.

New technologies must be friendly to environment and climate.

Example: We must build more electric cars.

**We must spend money on digital technology.**

Computer and the internet are important today.

This field of technology is called digital technology.

Digital technology is developing fast.

Digital technology can make a lot of work much easier.

Example:

Computers can be helpful in medical operations.

We must promote digital technology, too.

Big digital companies have a lot of power in the business world.

This is harmful to small businesses.

Greens want to change this.



Greens want to set up a new agency  
in the European Union.

This agency will make sure that digital activities  
follow the rules.

**All employees must have  
good working conditions.**

New technology creates new jobs.

We want an inclusive job market.

We want equally good pay for equally good work.

Everyone must be able to make a living from his work.

Everyone should have a chance to find a job.

**We want to talk to each other.**

Greens want to talk to employees and employers.

Employees should have their say in all decisions.

**We need a Green financial policy.**

Many people want to save money.

Example:

We save for old age.

How can we save our money well?

There are enough ways to save money  
in a nature-friendly way.

Greens want more information about saving money  
this way for all people.

All savers should know how to do this.



European politics must ensure that we get good information.

Do companies act in a nature-friendly way?

Then they should get money from the European Union.

Do companies act in a way that is good for people?

Then politics should support them.

### **3. We want a minimum income and good jobs throughout Europe**

**Europe must be a good community.**

Living conditions in each European country are different.

But people in Europe must stick together.

So the European Union must support all people in Europe.



We want **social justice** everywhere in Europe:

- People should have similar living conditions everywhere.
- All people must be able to live decently on their income.
- Employers should pay equally good wages for equally good work throughout the European Union.
- Employees should have rights everywhere.
- Employees should have a say in decisions.
- We want shorter working hours for employees.
- Sick people should be paid fairly.
- Parents must have a right to parental leave.

The countries in Europe have different laws.

Some countries are cheaper for companies.

We call these countries low-income countries.



Some countries have lower taxes.

The incomes are lower.

Businesses pay lower social security money.

Example:

Employers **need not** pay

for health insurance.

Employees have fewer rights.

Some companies are taking advantage of this.

These companies work in low-income countries.

Companies get rich there.

Employees are not doing so well.

We call such behaviour of companies social dumping.

Greens want to fight social dumping.





Social dumping is bad for many countries, too.

Some companies register in low-income countries.

Because they have to pay lower taxes there.

But they sell their products in rich countries.

So they earn more money.

And the rich countries don't get the taxes.

Taxes are important for the community.

Example:

Countries use taxes to pay for

- new roads
- schools and kindergartens
- money to help people in need

Rules for companies must be the same everywhere.



Employees need social rights everywhere.

**Greens demand minimum income  
in all European Union countries**

Employees must be able to make a living  
from their incomes.

Not all employers want to pay fair incomes.

So there is a law in some countries:

Employers must at least pay a certain income.

We call it the minimum income.

A minimum income must be enough to make a living.

Example:

Food prices change.



So politicians must set new minimum incomes from time to time.

There is no law on minimum incomes in all countries.

Some companies take advantage of this.

Greens want a minimum income all over Europe.

Costs of living are different everywhere.

So minimum income must meet the costs.

The European Parliament must decide the rules.

Minimum income must be just everywhere.

### **Greens demand a basic income**

Some people cannot make a living from their own work.

They don't even get a minimum income.



Perhaps these people are old or sick.

And they have got a low pension.

Many children are living in poverty.

These people must have a **minimum income**.

The government must give this money to help these people.

Each country in Europe must set rules for a minimum income.

## 4. We want to defend human rights and democracy

### Democracy belongs to Europe

Democracy means freedom and  
having a say in decisions.

Democratic laws are the rules of our community.

We must be watchful:

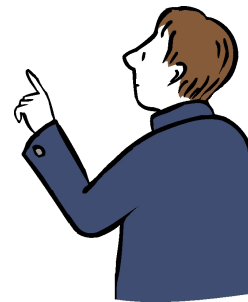
There are enough people worldwide against  
democracy.

These people want **authoritarian** governments.

Authoritarian means strict.

An authoritarian government takes power and control.

Citizens can decide less and less.



Citizens have few rights.

We do **not** want authoritarian governments in Europe.

We must defend democracy!

**The European Union must protect democracy**

So this is important:

- May anyone have his own opinion?
- Has the government of a country got a different opinion?  
Then we must listen.  
We must talk to each other.  
The government must be willing to listen, too.
- All governments must follow the laws.  
**Nobody** may change laws himself.
- Each government must respect human rights.
- Newspapers must be able to report freely.



Governments **must not** tell newspapers what to report.

Do all these things fail?

Then the European Union must act quickly.

An authoritarian government must feel penalties.

A penalty may be: Stop trading with them.

We call it: **Impose sanctions.**

We must protect democracy.

And we must protect people.

So we need good rules in the European Union:

### **Open politics in the European Union**

Citizens want to understand politics.

So everyone must be well informed.

European politics must offer better information.

## **The European Union is a place for a lot of people**

People are different.

All people have rights and values.

The European Union must protect all people.

Example:

- People from foreign countries
- People with different religions
- People with different sexual needs
- People with disabilities
- People with different opinions



## **Protection of free speech**

People have different opinions.

This is important for a democratic community.

Everyone may give his opinion.

Example:

Newspapers must be able to report freely.

We must protect free speech.

Some people have important information for the public.

We call these people: informants.

Informants must be allowed to tell what they know.



Some lobby groups want to stop them.

Examples:

- Authoritarian governments
- Lobby groups in the business world.

The European Union must protect informants.

**Everyone must follow the European Union laws.**

The European Union pays out money  
for certain purposes.

Example:

Money for nature-friendly farming.

Everyone must use European Union money  
for these purposes correctly.

The government must pass on this money.

People who get it must meet the conditions.

Example:

Farmers must really follow the rules of nature-friendly farming.

The governments must check this.

Does a government not follow European Union rules?

Does a government keep the money for other purposes?

Then we must take away their right to check this.

And the European Union must check the way the money has been used itself.

## 5. We must help refugees

### All people must be able to live in security

In the history of Europe there have been a lot of wars.

So people had to leave their home countries.

During the Second World War people had to flee  
Germany and other countries.

Many others have come from Eastern Europe.

We must always remember this.

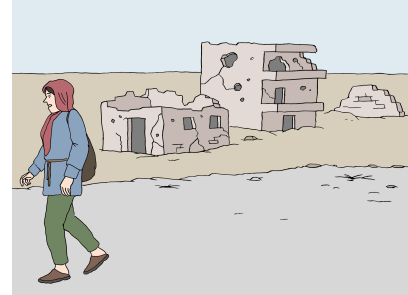
Europe's past tells us:

It is our duty to offer new security to refugees.

We must think and act as fellow humans.

Human beings must stick together.

Refugees are in distress.





Refugees must have a right to protection.

We call this: **Asylum**.

### **We must have rules for asylum**

The right to asylum is important.

But we must have good rules for the right to asylum.

All countries in the European Union must do this together.

Each country must take part.

All of them are responsible for help.

### **People flee for different reasons**

Many of them flee because of a war.

Many of them flee because there is no food.

Many of them have been in distress at sea.



We must offer security to these people.

The European Union must agree on common rules.

All European Union countries must take responsibility.

Responsibility must be shared fairly.

People also flee for economic reasons:

People have **no jobs**.

They earn little money only.

These people want a better life.

Some people are coming for a short time only.

They save some money here.

They then return to their home country with this money.

We call this: **Labour mobility**.



The European Union must set up rules for labour mobility.

Then all European Union countries must follow these rules.

Rules are important!

But the right to asylum must remain.

We must never punish asylum seekers.

A lot of people are helpful.

Example:

Helpers save refugees in the Mediterranean.

We must never punish these helpers.



**The European Union must give money  
support for asylum policies**

All European Union countries must accept refugees.

Towns and villages must integrate refugees.

This means: Accept refugees in their communities.

Refugees need rooms and flats to live in.

Many of them will have to learn our languages.

Refugees must learn about our rules.

Children must go to school.

And a lot of other things, too.

For all these things money is needed.

So towns and villages need help from the government.

The European Union should give some money, too.



## 6. We must ensure good rail traffic

Cars and planes are harmful to our climate.

Cars and planes discharge a lot of CO<sup>2</sup> into the air.

CO<sup>2</sup> is poisonous.

Rail traffic is better for our climate.

So Greens want more rail traffic.

Greens want better rail offers.

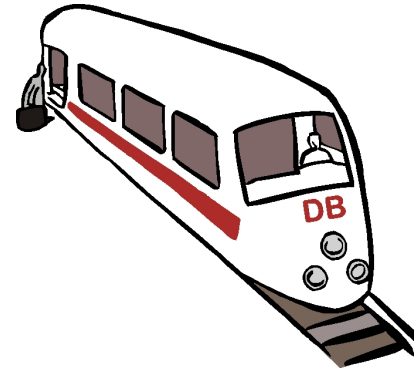
There should be more fast trains all over Europe.

Fast trains should pass borders without delays.

There should be more local and commuter trains, too.

And there should be more trains at night.

Trains and planes belong to companies.



All companies must have the same chances.

This means the same taxes, too.

## **7. We must do more for a clean nature**

**We must protect our nature much better.**

A dirty nature has made millions of people ill.

Our air is bad.

We are breathing poisonous substances.

Our drinking water is dirty.

Example:

Cars discharge poisonous carbon dioxide.

Plastic is poisoning air and water, too.



Example:

Very small plastic parts are

- In liquid soap
- In many wrappings
- In plastic waste

Plastic waste is often not cleared for many years.

We want to protect our health.

Then we must do more for a clean environment.

We must act quickly.

**We must avoid plastic.**

We can use some plastic parts / some sorts of plastic again.

We call it recycling plastic.

We must **recycle** more plastic.



Maybe we cannot recycle plastic?

Then we must ban plastic.

Or the government must tax plastic.

The European Union must set common rules.

Protecting the environment is important for all!

### **A dirty environment is harmful to our food**

We eat animals and plants.

Animals take in harmful substances from the nature.

Example:

Cows eat grass.

Grass contains poisonous substances from the air.

We eat the meat of these cows.

We cook with cow milk.

Then the poisonous substances are in our food.

So food can make ill.

**We must eat better food.**

There are many harmful substances in our food.

These substances can make us ill.

Some examples:

- Industry wants our food to last longer.
- So they put chemicals in our food.
- Food should look good.  
So we find chemical colourings in our food.
- There is a lot of salt and sugar in some foods. This is bad.
- Many foods contain very small plastic parts, too.
- These plastic parts may come from wrappings.
- Human beings and animals take medicine.



Example: **Not** all drugs are helpful for animals to grow in a healthy way.

We eat the meat of these animals.

The drugs may be in the meat.

A lot of people don't know much about harmful foods.

People must get better information.

European Union politics must care about this.

Are people well informed?

Then they can all avoid harmful foods.

### **We want more nature reserves**

Plants and animals are parts of our nature.

Many plants and animals need each other to live.

Example:

- Bees need flowers to live.
- Bees drink juice from flower blossoms.
- Flowers need bees.
- Bees cast seeds for new flowers.

A life community of plants and animals  
is called eco-system.

In an eco-system the one needs the other.

Eco-systems are important for our climate.

Example: Flowers and trees store carbon dioxide.

Nature gives us pleasure, too.

Sadly,

more and more plants and animals are dying.

So we must protect the eco-systems.



This is the reason for nature reserves.

In nature reserves humans must obey rules.

Nobody may harm nature here.

Damage to nature will be punished.

Our nature is in danger.

Example: There are fewer and fewer birds.

So Greens want to protect more parts of nature.

There must be many more nature reserves in Europe.

The oceans are eco-systems, too.

More and more fish are dying.

We must also protect the oceans much better.





## **Businesses and industry must protect nature**

The European Union must set the rules.

Is a company harmful to nature?

Then the European Union must not help them by giving money.

Example:

Companies must avoid harmful waste.

## 8. We need healthy food

**The European Union should promote healthy food only**

The European Union supports a lot of companies with money.

Among them are

- Companies in the food industry  
Example: meat factories  
Or manufacturers of frozen pizza
- Farms

Greens demand:

All companies must follow nature rules.

They **must not** use harmful substances.





They must keep soil and water clean.

Industry **must not** leave harmful waste in our nature.

Farmers may only use natural substances in the soil.

Does a company follow the rules?

**Only then** the company may get money  
from the European Union.

### **Ban poisonous substances in farming**

Many farmers use pesticides in their fields.

Pesticides are poisonous.

They kill insects living on the plants.

So farmers want to boost their harvests.

Insects are important for nature.

Example: Birds feed on insects.



Bees are killed by pesticides, too.

And pesticides get into our air.

So we must ban pesticides quickly.

### **Support nature-friendly companies**

Industry can produce large amounts of food.

So companies can earn a lot of money quickly.

And the companies get bigger and bigger.

But a lot of foods contain harmful substances.

Animals get drugs.

So animals grow more quickly.

A lot of animals are treated badly.

We strongly dislike this.

Fruits and vegetables contain chemical substances.



So farmers can have an early harvest.

Frozen food is expected to last longer.

So industry adds chemical substances to our food.

So big companies can work fast.

So they get bigger and bigger.

But our food is often worse.

There are harmful substances in most foods.

Only a few big companies protect nature.

Good food is grown without harmful substances.

But it needs more time to grow.

More insects and flowers can live.

Water can remain clean.

Nature in rural areas is not destroyed.



So we must promote good food.

Only good food may get money support.

### **Our responsibility for poorer countries**

Companies in Europe produce a lot of foods fast.

In Europe we have more than enough food.

So companies sell it to poorer countries.

People in poorer countries get our leftovers cheaply.

This is bad:

Companies in poorer countries want to sell food themselves.

We **must not** interfere!

## **9. We want good opportunities for young people and the right to a job**

### **Young people are the future of Europe**

Young people create our future.

So all young people must have good opportunities.

These opportunities must be available all over Europe.

All European Union countries must support young people.



These are our demands for young people in Europe:

- Everybody should have a right to good education.
- Everybody should get good job qualifications.
- Everybody should have the opportunity to seek university training.
- Everybody should have fair chance for a good job.
- There should be a minimum income for young people.  
All young people should have enough money to make a living.
- All young people should have a right to life-long learning.



## **New opportunities in our lives**

For different reasons, people don't work for some time.

Some people must change their jobs.

Then they must get new opportunities.

Example: Further education or new training.

European politics must support this.

## **Exchange with young people from other countries**

Youth exchange must be possible for all.

Education does not matter.

Does a young person need money  
for an exchange programme?

Then he or she must get it.



The European Union must support exchange programmes.

The European Union must give ten times more money for exchange programmes.

### **Voluntary work in the European community**

We have a **European Solidarity Corps**.

**Corps** means: a community of people working for a certain goal.

**Solidarity** means sticking together and help others.

The European Solidarity Corps belongs to the European Union.

Young people up to the age of 30 can apply.

These young people help in all countries of Europe.



Two examples of what they may do:

Nursing or helping refugees

These young people get pocket money only.

But helping others makes people stronger.

Greens want more money

for the European Solidarity Corps.

## 10. We want to fight for just taxes

**Taxes are important for every country**

Examples:

A country pays with tax money for

- help for people in need
- roads
- schools and kindergartens.

**European Union countries have different tax laws**

Up to now these are the facts:

Each European Union country sets the rules for tax policies for itself.

Some countries take low taxes from companies.

We call these countries: **Low-tax countries.**



A lot of big companies do it this way:

A company has got workshops in rich countries.

They can earn more money in these countries.

But they must also pay higher taxes there.

The management **doesn't like this at all.**

So this company builds a new workshop.

The new workshop is in a low-tax country.

The management of this company  
goes to this country.

And now the company pays low taxes  
for all workshops.

So big companies save a lot of money.



The companies get richer and richer.

Small companies **cannot** act this way.

Example:

A bakeshop is in a rich country.

The bakeshop is a small business.

The baker earns little money.

But he must pay higher taxes.

This is **not** just.

So rich people get richer and richer.

And people who are not as rich  
do not have the same chances.

It is even bad for the rich countries.



They also need tax money from big companies.

And this is bad for democracy.

Money means power.

Rich people can do much more to achieve their goals.

Rich people can pay for support.

It is really sad: Some people accept money.

And they help rich people against the law.

### **Greens want to change tax policies**

Tax policies should be fairer.

Greens have some ideas:

Example:

Does a company sell in different European countries?

Then this company should pay taxes  
in all these countries, too.

Big companies shouldn't get advantages any longer.

Rich people should pay higher taxes,  
poorer people should pay lower taxes.

Companies should pay a minimum tax all over Europe.

European Union countries should seek to agree  
on a minimum tax.

The European Union should then set the rules.



## Greens want a digital tax

**Digital companies** produce computer services or work on the internet.

Many digital companies are very successful.

They earn a lot of money.

Digital companies pay **almost no** taxes.

This is **not** just.

Greens want a **digital tax** all over Europe.

The European Union should make laws for a digital tax.



## **11. We want equal rights for women and men**

Greens have always demanded:

Equal rights for women and men are important.

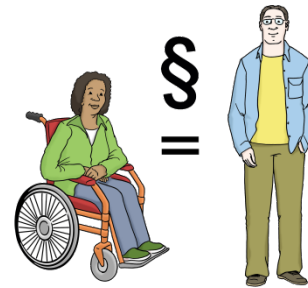
### **Choose ways of family planning yourself**

Every woman should be free  
to make decisions about her body.

Every woman should make a decision  
about her pregnancy herself.

Does a woman want to protect herself  
against pregnancy?

This should be allowed all over Europe.





This must always be possible.

Women must get means to protect themselves  
against pregnancy free of charge.

## **Right to abortion**

### **Abortion should be a human right in Europe**

26 countries have signed a human rights treaty.

We call this treaty: **Charter of Fundamental Rights  
of the European Union.**

The Charter contains important human rights.

All people in the European Union must have  
these rights.

Greens demand:

The Charter must contain the right to abortion.

## Fight violence against women

Sadly, there is still violence against women in Europe.

All this can be violence against women:

- Domestic violence by a trusted person
- Sexual violence
- Injure female sexual organs because of religion
- Mental violence
- Rejection by other people

Violence against women must be punished.

46 countries in Europe have signed a treaty:

We call the treaty: **Istanbul Convention.**

**The 46 countries have promised:**

Women and men should have equal rights.

This should be in all laws.





Violence against women is punished everywhere.

Does a woman face violence?

Then she has a right to be helped.

Greens demand:

All countries in the European Union must follow the Istanbul Convention.

The European Union must insist on this.

### **Equal pay for equal work**

Everyone must get equally good pay for equally good work.

This is the same for women and men.

Greens demand:

The same number of women and men must share power.



So big companies must set such rules.

In European Union politics the same number of women and men should have important jobs.

**There are many different people in Europe.**

**This is a good thing.**

Everyone should be able to live freely in Europe.

All people should have human rights in Europe.

Some people come from foreign countries.

People have different religions.

People have different sexual orientations.

Some people have disabilities.

**No** human being must be treated badly.



There must not be any form of hate and hostility.

Politics must defend our free Europe.

## 12. We want peace worldwide

### The European Union is for peace

We want to go on living in peace.

We want to live in security.

The European Union as a whole must defend peace.

So we need a common defence policy.

As a community we are stronger.

As a community we have more opportunities.

### No bad arms deals

Companies in Europe are selling arms  
to other countries.

They make deals.







Greens demand:

Companies from Europe **must not** sell arms to countries at war and to authoritarian persons.

The European Union must set strict rules for arms deals.

### **Promote working together in peace**

We **cannot** defend peace with arms only.

Rich and poorer countries must work together.

We must support poorer countries much better.

We must talk with each other worldwide.

The European Union must be a good representative for Europe worldwide.

Countries worldwide must work together fairly.

All of them must respect the laws.



People must have their human rights all over the world.



**Dear voters,**

Europe has achieved a lot together.

**We** can make Europe even better.

How good is Europe now?

Greens will have a close look.

What do we want to change?

And what is possible?

Then we must decide quickly:

We must have our future in mind.

Because life in the world goes on.

We Greens fight for our goals.

We have put down more ideas about these goals in 12 points.



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