



# LEGISLATIVE TRACK RECORD OF ECR AND ID ANTI-EUROPEAN ANTI-DEMOCRATIC

**European conservatives of the European People's Party (EPP) have spent weeks laying the ground for alliances with the far-right European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) after the European elections 2024, claiming that its members, including Italian far-right Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni are “pro-democratic” and “pro-European”. Analysis revealed by the Greens shows that all far-right forces at the European level have remarkably similar stances, especially on rule of law issues.**

In turning to the far right, EPP lead candidate Ursula von der Leyen is walking into the same trap as many centre-right parties over the past decade. From Belgium to Italy, from Sweden to the Netherlands, centre-right parties have run after the far right.

At these elections, the European far right is working not to dismantle but undermine and subvert the European project. Cooperation with the centre right is key to their plan.

- On 23 May, Ursula von der Leyen [reiterates her openness](#) to working with the Giorgia Meloni's far-right ECR group at the Eurovision election debate.

- On 24 May, fresh from expelling Alternative für Deutschland from the Identity and Democracy (ID) group, French National Rally leader Marine Le Pen proposes forming a [grand far-right alliance](#) with Meloni.
- On 27<sup>th</sup> May, Meloni calls for a [right-wing majority](#) at the EU level without progressive forces.

**Von der Leyen has declared herself open to cooperation with the ECR, and in particular Giorgia Meloni, but not ID. The voting records of the ECR and ID shows us that the distinction drawn by Von der Leyen is a false one.** There are no pro-European or pro-rule of law alliances possible with the far right. The ECR and ID share a clear track record at EU and national level.

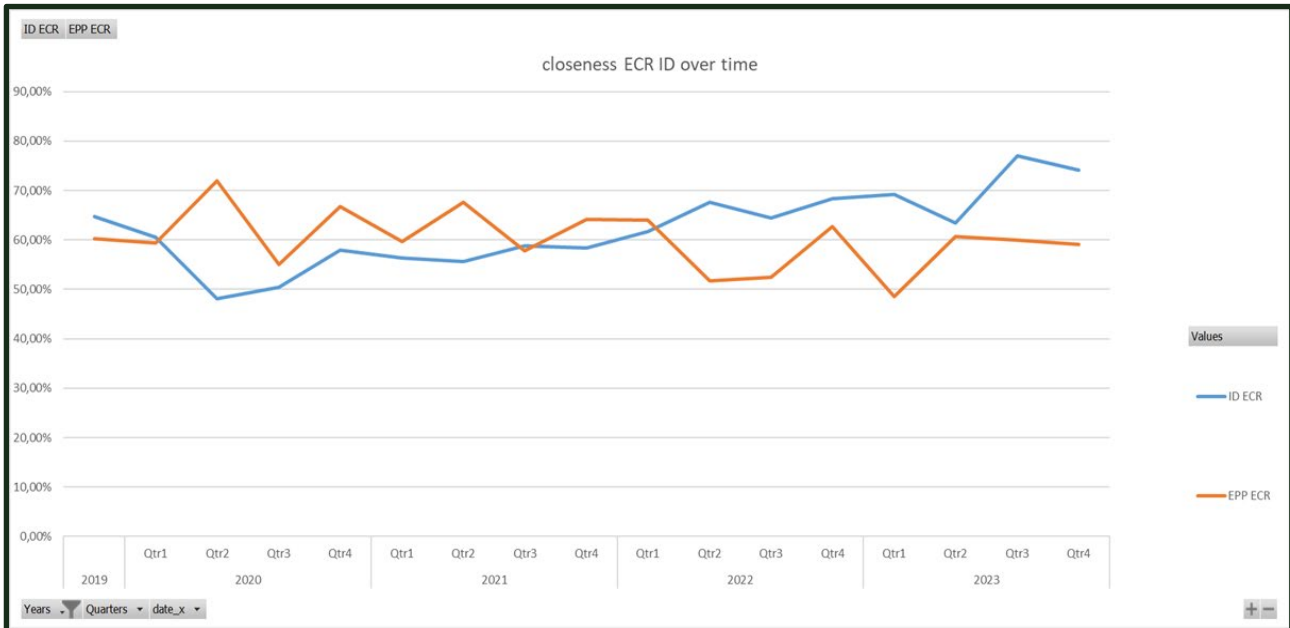
This background document provides clear evidence of two things:

- a) The voting records of ID and ECR in the European Parliament show that it is not possible to draw a distinction between the two political groups.
- b) At the national level, when in power, ECR member parties work to undermine the rule of law, dismantle climate policies, and subvert the European project.

## VOTING BEHAVIOUR IN THE EP – A FAR RIGHT UNITED AGAINST DEMOCRACY

Voting behaviour in the European Parliament shows that ECR has moved unambiguously to the far right since 2021. The following graph tracks EPP votes in the European Parliament (EP) alongside ECR and ID. It shows how ECR has moved from positioning itself somewhere between EPP and ID to striking proximity to ID. In 2023, ECR and ID voted together 70% of the time.

Over the past term, a majority of the ECR Group and a majority of the ID Group voted together on 11,200 occasions; almost 61% of the time. There are 3490 instances when only ECR and ID voted in the same anti-European, anti-democratic way, while all the other political groups took a more constructive line.



## KEY VOTES ON RULE OF LAW AND EUROPEAN VALUES

Date	Topic	Vote
05/05/2022	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Ongoing hearings under Article 7(1) TEU regarding Hungary to strengthen Rule of Law and its budgetary implications”	● ECR and ID vote against
20/10/2022	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Growing hate crimes against LGBTIQ people across Europe in light of the recent homophobic murder in Slovakia”	● ECR and ID vote against
24/11/2022	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Assessment of Hungary's compliance with the rule of law conditions under the Conditionality Regulation and state of play of the Hungarian RRP”	● ECR and ID vote against
15/02/2023	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women	● ECR and ID vote against

	and domestic violence: EU accession”		
17/01/2024	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Planned dissolution of key anti-corruption structures in Slovakia and its implications on the Rule of Law”	●	ECR abstain and ID vote against
18/01/2024	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Extending the list of EU crimes to hate speech and hate crime”	●	ECR and ID vote against
18/01/2024	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Situation in Hungary and frozen EU funds”	● ●	ECR and ID vote against or abstain
07/02/2024	<a href="#">Resolution</a> on “Rule of Law and media freedom in Greece”	●	ECR, ID and EPP vote against
13/03/2024	<a href="#">Provisional agreement</a> of European Media Freedom Act	●	ECR and ID vote against
<b>KEY VOTES ON THE GREEN AGENDA</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
12/09/2024	<a href="#">Provisional agreement</a> of the Renewable Energy Directive	●	ECR and ID vote against
27/02/2024	<a href="#">Provisional agreement</a> of the Nature Restoration Law	●	ECR, ID and EPP vote against

## **RECORD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL – UNDERMINING DEMOCRACY AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND TRASHING THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **Against the rule of law**

- The Law and Justice party systematically undermined the integrity of Polish democracy and rights and freedoms, removing democratic checks and balances through reforms that increased [political influence over the judiciary](#) and [curtailing media freedoms](#). It removed the [right to abortion](#) for millions of Polish women and its leaders stigmatised

LGBTI+ people, announcing “[LGBT-free zones](#)” in some regions.

- The ECR provided consistent political cover for the shameful actions of the former Polish government and the Orbán regime in Hungary. Meloni has consistently supported Orbán (see [2022](#) and [2024](#)).
- In Italy, Meloni’s right-wing government has [moved against media freedom](#), interfering with the public broadcaster RAI, cancelling certain broadcasts, appointing loyalists, and using legal threats against journalists. Meloni’s government has also proposed constitutional reform that would give the largest party a two-thirds majority in Parliament, denounced by [civil liberties groups](#) as a move echoing Benito Mussolini’s 1923 Acerbo Law.
- In Spain, ECR member Vox has moved to [ban LGBTI+ books](#) from public libraries, campaigned on curtailing [gender-based violence legislation](#), and proposed [repealing same-sex marriage](#).

### Far-right united in their anti-European stances

- In an attempt to build a broader far-right alliance, Le Pen has rallied around an upcoming liberation of Europe’s nations and the [concept of a “Europe of nations”](#) as a counter to a more integrated EU.
- Orbán has [stated](#): “Our plan is not to leave the EU. Our plan is to conquer it.” His tactics in the European Council that blocked support for Ukraine are textbook examples that show how far-right forces in the EU can disrupt decision-making and undermine European integration, as well as support for countries threatened by Russia.
- Showing the unity of the global far right, in February 2024, [CPAC](#) hosted Donald Trump and Steve Bannon alongside ECR figures such as Vox leader Santiago Abascal and British right-wingers such as Nigel Farage. In April, the [CPAC Hungary](#) conference brought together ECR figures like former Polish prime minister Mateusz Morawiecki and ECR Secretary-General Antonio Giordano with Orbán and ID leaders such as Geert Wilders from the Netherlands and Tom Van Grieken from Belgium.

- In May 2024, Spanish far right party Vox brought Giorgia Meloni (via video) and Marine Le Pen to their [far-right electoral rally, alongside Abascal and far-right President of Argentina Javier Milei](#).
- Before and after the national elections in Italy, [Fratelli d'Italia have questioned the prevalence of EU law](#) over national law.

### Against the green agenda

- With the backing of the far-right ECR Sweden Democrats, the [Swedish government has abandoned climate targets](#), slashing the government climate and environment budget, cutting pollution taxes, and subsidising airports.
- Pushed by the far-right ECR Finns Party, the [Finnish government](#) has also abandoned climate objectives, opposing nature restoration measures and cutting support for green mobility.