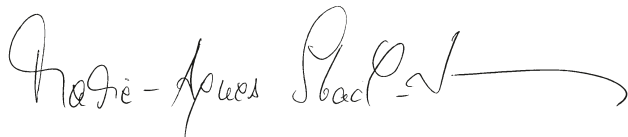


# Fighting for Europe

Dear Europeans,

The fundamental values of the European Union – democracy, the rule of law and human rights – are the essence of our community. They guarantee us prosperity and security in peace. A common single market, unrestricted travel and cultural diversity have become a matter of course for us. But our liberal union of economics and peace is under massive threat from destabilisation efforts internally by extremist forces and external attacks by autocratic states. We must resolutely defend our values more than ever before. We Liberal Democrats stand ready. Our mission is to preserve freedom and prosperity for coming generations. We strengthen Europe's economy, security and independence, because Europe is our future.

Yours sincerely,



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## Combatting monstrous bureaucracy.

Ever-increasing bureaucracy is a burden on people and businesses in Germany. Many of these regulations come from Europe under the supervision of EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (CDU). We want to radically reduce bureaucracy by striking down two old regulations for every new one that's introduced by Brussels, because dismantling bureaucracy brings growth and costs nothing.

## Administration that also speaks English.

Communicating with official authorities should be easier for everyone in Europe. This is why we want communication in administrative processes to be possible in English in every EU country. This will make life simpler for EU citizens and companies.

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## Prosperity through more free trade.

We want to preserve our prosperity. Food must remain affordable, and our economy must return to growth. To achieve this, we want to reinforce trade with other countries with the aim of creating a global free trade zone of the world's democracies.

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## More skilled personnel for our economy.

The shortage of skilled workers weakens the economy and leads to rising prices, so we want to further expand the European single market for work, energy, capital and digital services.

## Simplify working anywhere.

Every door has to be open to motivated people. Anyone wanting to work in another country should be able to start their new job without unnecessary complications. And any employers looking to hire citizens from another EU country shouldn't be drowned in bureaucracy.

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## Defending Europe together.

We must defend our freedom, and we can only do that together. As such, we want to build up a European defence union as quickly as possible and develop it into a European army over time.

## The ability to act in times of crisis.

Europe must be able to act quickly. At present however, individual countries can block important foreign policy and security policy decisions. Doing away with this veto right will increase the European Union's capacity for effective action.

## An unassailable Europe.

The technologies developed in Europe for our continent's defence must be bolstered. We want to achieve this by expanding the European Defence Fund and joint armament acquisition. In addition, we need uniform regulations in every EU country for exporting arms.

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## Climate protection via the market economy.

We want to protect our climate using instruments of the market economy. The European Union Emissions Trading System's receding greenhouse gas limit guarantees effectiveness and efficiency. We also want to enable CO2 storage technologies.

## Invention over prohibition.

We need a secure energy supply and climate-friendly mobility, so we endorse an open-minded attitude toward technology and human inventiveness. E-fuels, fusion technology and other innovations can help us master the challenges of our time.

## Artificial Intelligence "Made in Europe".

We want to take advantage of the opportunities AI provides in every sector. We therefore need clear, simple regulations that promote innovation while ensuring the protection of civil rights to make Europe an AI hotspot.

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## Combatting inflation.

We view battling inflation as the top priority for preserving our prosperity, so we stand for financial stability in the EU. Government spending cannot be permitted to grow without limits. With us, there will be no joining in on mutual debt with other countries.

## Career development opportunities through education.

Career development opportunities and attractive jobs come only through education and training. We want to open up new perspectives for young people in dual vocational training professions with Erasmus+. Educational access and mobility should become a new basic right.

## Order and control in migration.

We stand for a new pragmatic political approach to irregular migration. We can reduce irregular migration with faster asylum procedures at asylum centres located at the EU's external borders or in third countries. Deportation must be conducted consistently when asylum applications are rejected.

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## 5 reasons to vote for the FDP:

### 1. A vote for more prosperity

We want to enhance the single market, strengthen the social market economy in Europe and enter into free trade agreements with our partners.

### 2. A vote for more security

We want to increase Europe's defensive capabilities, expand arms acquisition and accelerate decision-making in the EU's joint foreign and security policy.

### 3. A vote for more educational and career development opportunities

We want to simplify the process of taking advantage of opportunities to study abroad, to participate in vocational training throughout Europe and to accept job offers in the EU.

### 4. A vote for more innovation

We want Europe to become an innovation champion through an openness toward technology instead of bans, and through better terms for private investments and the foundation of new companies.

### 5. A vote for less bureaucracy

We want to liberate the economy and the people in Europe from paralysing bureaucratic red tape, thereby providing new impulses for growth and progress.



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