

# UNDERSTANDING NATIONAL PARTY SYSTEMS

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT GROUPS AS A 'SHORTHAND'

Groups require minimum 23 members from ¼ member-states

<i>Left-wing</i>	<i>Social Democrats</i>	<i>Greens and regionalists</i>	<i>Liberals and centrists</i>	<i>Christian democrats and conservatives</i>	<i>Eurosceptic Conservatives</i>	<i>Far-right Nationalists</i>
GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN UNITED LEFT -NORDIC GREEN LEFT (GUE-NGL)	GROUP OF THE PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE OF SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (S&D)	GROUP OF THE GREENS/EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE (Greens-EFA)	RENEW EUROPE GROUP (Renew)	GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) (EPP)	EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVES AND REFORMISTS GROUP (ECR)	IDENTITY AND DEMOCRACY GROUP (ID)

# EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY

Christian Democrats / centre-right  
Pro-European

- 1 of original EP groups (as Christian Democrats)
- Acronym: EPP
- 177 MEPs from 27 member-states (October 2023)
- Member parties include:
  - CDU / CSU (Germany=30)
  - Partido Popular (Spain=13)
  - Forza Italia (Italy=11)
  - Civic Platform (Poland=11)
  - National Liberal Party (Romania=10)
  - People's Party (Austria=7)
  - Nea Demokratia (Greece=7)
  - Les Républicains (France=6)
  - CDA (Netherlands=6)
  - Social Democratic Party (Portugal=6)
  - Fine Gael (Ireland=5)
  - Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (5)



# GROUP OF THE PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE OF SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS

Social democrats / centre-left, Pro-European

- Acronym: S&D
- 143 MEPs from 26 countries (September 2022)
  - Not represented: Ireland
- Member parties include:
  - PSOE (Spain = 21)
  - SDP (Germany=16)
  - Partito Democratico (Italy=15)
  - Social Democratic Party (Romania=9)
  - Labour Party (Netherlands=6)
  - Bulgarian Socialist Party (5)
  - Socialist Party (France=3/7 French)
  - PASOK (Greece=1)

LATEST NEWS

Suspension of SMER,  
Oct 2022  
3 MEPs



Group of the Progressive Alliance of  
**Socialists & Democrats**  
in the European Parliament

# RENEW EUROPE

Liberals / centre  
Pro-European

- Acronym: Renew (former Liberal Group acronym: ALDE)
- 101 MEPs from 24 countries (Oct 2023)
  - Not represented: Cyprus, Malta, Portugal
- Member parties include:
  - Liste Renaissance (total France=23)
  - FDP (Germany=5)
  - Ciudadanos (Spain=6)
  - VVD (Netherlands)
  - United Salvation Front (Romania)
  - Centre Party (Sweden)
  - Movement for Rights and Freedoms (Bulgaria)
  - Fianna Fail (Ireland)

The logo for Renew Europe, featuring the words "renew" and "europe." in a bold, blue, lowercase sans-serif font. The word "renew" is on the top line and "europe." is on the bottom line, with a period at the end of "europe".

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# GROUP OF THE GREENS / EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE

Greens, some regional parties, Pirate parties

- Acronym: Greens-EFA
- 72 MEPs from 18 countries (October 2021)
  - Not Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Malta, Slovenia, Slovakia
- Member parties include:
  - Greens (Germany)
  - Europe Ecologie (France)
  - 2 Catalan pro-independence parties (Spain)
  - Groenlinks (Netherlands)
  - Greens (Austria)
  - Pirate Party (Czech Republic)
  - Pirate Party (Germany)



# EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVES AND REFORMISTS GROUP

Conservative right / eurosceptic

- Acronym: ECR
- 66 Members from 17 member-states (October 2023)
- Member parties include
  - Law and Justice (Poland) (27)
  - Brothers of Italy (9)
  - Vox (Spain)
  - Sweden Democrats
  - NVA (Belgium)
  - ODS (Czech Republic)
  - VMRO (Bulgaria)
  - Greek Solution
  - Homeland Movement (Croatia)
  - + parties from several CEECs



# IDENTITY AND DEMOCRACY GROUP

Radical right  
Eurosceptic

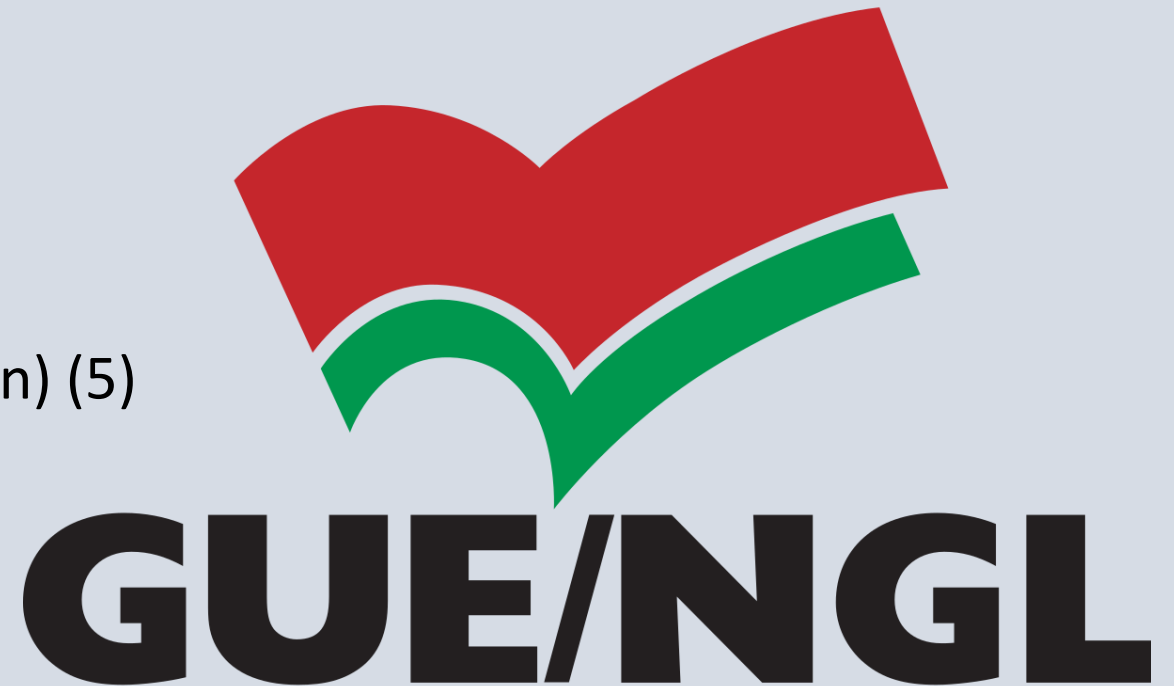
- Acronym: ID
- 60 MEPs from 8 countries (October 2023)
- Parties include:
  - Rassemblement National (France) (18)
  - Lega (Italy) (23)
  - Alternative für Deutschland (Germany) (9)
  - Vlaams Belang (Belgium)
  - Freedom Party (Austria)
  - Danish Peoples' Party (Denmark)
  - Svoboda (Czech Republic)
  - Conservative People's Party of Estonia



# GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN UNITED LEFT – NORDIC GREEN LEFT

Radical left – for ‘Another Europe’

- Acronym: GUE-NGL
- 37 MEPs from 13 member-states (October 2023)
- Member parties include:
  - SYRIZA (Greece) (5)
  - Die Linke (Germany) (5)
  - La France Insoumise (6)
  - Podemos, IU, Anticapitalistas (Spain) (5)
  - Sinn Fein (Ireland) (4)
  - AKEL (Cyprus) (2)
  - Workers’ Party of Belgium (1)





# 'Non-inscrits' (Non-attached)

- 49 Members from 12 member-states (in October 2023)
- Significant parties:
  - Fidesz (Hungary) (9)
  - Five Star Movement (Italy) (6)
  - Junts per Catalunya (Spain) 3
  - Communist Party of Greece (2)
  - former members of Golden Dawn (Greece) 2
  - Jobbik (Hungary) 1
- Former EP vice-president, Eva Kaili