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# Section

**THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY**

# 1,



## The EPP today

The European People's Party (EPP) is the political family of the centre-right, whose roots run deep in the history and civilisation of the European continent and has pioneered the European project from its inception. Tracing back its roots to Europe's Founding Fathers – Robert SCHUMAN, Alcide DE GASPERI, and Konrad ADENAUER - the EPP is committed to a strong Europe, based on a federal model that relies on the principle of subsidiarity.

Founded in 1976, the EPP is a party of values, based on the Christian view of mankind and the Christian democratic concept of society. The EPP strives for a democratic, transparent and efficient Europe that is close to its citizens. Through the promotion of the social market economy, the EPP aspires to achieve a prosperous Europe. The EPP is the largest political party in Europe with 74 member-parties from 40 countries, 23 heads of state and government (16 EU and 7 non-EU), 13 European Commissioners, and the largest group in the European Parliament with 271 members.



The EPP leads the European Commission with José Manuel BARROSO and the European Council with Herman VAN ROMPUY, who was re-elected on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 for another 2½ year mandate.

The EPP is governed under the 2003 “EU Regulation on political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding”. In late 2007, this Regulation was revised in order to allow European level political parties to campaign for the European Parliament elections. As a result of this mandate, the EPP conducted – in close cooperation with its national member-parties - its first European-wide campaign for the June 2009 elections and reinforced its leading position in the European Parliament.

On 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> October 2012, at the invitation of the Democratic Liberal Party (PD-L) and the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Romania (UDMR) as well as Romanian President Traian BĂSESCU, the EPP will hold its XXI Congress in Bucharest, Romania. The Congress will renew the party's Basic Programme and will elect its leadership.



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## EPP History

Political formations of the centre-right can be traced back to the early 1920s. Unlike the case of the Socialists, Christian Democratic and Conservative pan-European cooperation was the child of national parties and derived from a federal tradition.

The experiences of the First World War and the threat of fascism led to the conviction among leaders that overcoming nationalism was a precondition for preserving peace. The first attempt at cooperation between like-minded Christian Democrats was made in 1926, when the International Secretariat of Democratic Parties of Christian Inspiration (Secrétariat international des partis démocratiques d'inspiration chrétienne, SIPDIC) was founded.

However, fascism increased tensions between European governments, and the spirit of revenge and the dictators' obsession with power all eventually brought to an end cooperation among the Christian Democratic parties and led finally to the outbreak of the Second World War.

The lessons and experiences of cooperation between 1925 and 1939 were key when leaders of the re-established or newly founded Christian Democratic parties in Europe formed the *Nouvelles équipes internationales* (NEI) in 1946. The ecumenical elements were decisive: reconstruction and reconciliation were born amidst the ruins of the nation states, as was the vision of a united continent in the future.

Christian Democratic parties were banned in Central and Eastern Europe once communist rule was imposed. In July 1950, the exiled representatives of these parties established the Christian Democratic Union of Central Europe (CDUCE). Their political, journalistic and lobbying activity was focused mainly on fighting Communism, attacking the Soviet Union and eventually liberating and democratising their countries. Moreover, political refugees in Latin

America contributed to the establishment of the intercontinental network.

From the middle of the 1950s onwards the NEI lost its relevance. With the European Coal and Steel Community and the establishment of the European Economic Community (EEC), practical cooperation among Christian democrats gradually shifted in favour of the framework presented by the Common Assembly and the European Parliament. The organisation revitalised itself by changing its name to the European Union of Christian Democrats (EUCD) and revising the key aims of the organisation. The EUCD forged a closer relationship with the parliamentary group of European Christian Democrats and national member parties, and steadily grew more ambitious in its vision for Europe.

With the decision to organise direct elections for the European Parliament in 1979, the need for a truly European party became evident. The formal establishment of the European People's Party (EPP) took place in 1976 in Luxembourg, with member parties from the following EEC countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The platform was the result of considerable consensus and expressed a common intention to promote integration in the context of the European Community, leading to a political union equipped with federal and democratic institutions.

Once the EPP was founded, pressure to establish formal links between Christian Democratic and Conservative forces was exerted by EUCD parties in countries that were not European Community members. Yet the EPP's strong insistence on the federal model of European integration led to the formation of the European Democratic Union (EDU), a broader pan-European organisation. Thus, three parallel political organisations of Christian Democrats and Conservatives were now in place.

However, the EPP soon politically outweighed the EUCD, and the members who also belonged to the EPP concentrated more and more



on the work of the latter organisation. The issue of merging the two organisations resurfaced when Spain and Portugal joined the European Community in 1986, but the revolutionary events which took place in Moscow and in other Eastern European capitals delayed the idea of a “big” EPP. Moreover, the EUCD’s loose framework was better suited to deal with totalitarianism in Eastern Europe; in fact, the organisation played an important role in supporting democratic activism and shaping the political landscape in the post-communist countries.

The political upheavals in 1989 meant that previous positions taken by the EPP had to be rethought and reformulated. The international context had been altered with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the ideological conflict between East and West. And it was clear that the population of the German Democratic Republic wanted unification with the Federal Republic, as well as democracy. At the same time public opinion had shifted: the change enshrined in the Maastricht Treaty meant a political redefinition of Europe.

In April 1991, party and government leaders of the EPP decided that, while the Party would be open to the British and Nordic Conservative parties, Christian Democracy would be preserved as the cornerstone of EPP identity. The EPP needed to integrate like-minded forces in order to achieve the majority needed to make its policies a reality. Although Greece’s Nea Demokratia had already been admitted in 1983, in the early 1990s like-minded parties from Spain and the Nordic countries were included under the committed leadership of EPP President Wilfried Martens.

With the prospect of Central and Eastern European countries joining the European Union (EU), the previous arguments for preserving the EUCD membership lost relevance – this led to the merger of the EUCD with the EPP in 1999. And since the EPP had accepted most European Conservative parties from the EU and beyond, the EDU also lost relevance, leading to its merger with the EPP in 2002. The enlargement of the EPP reflected that of the EU itself;

the inclusion of centre-right parties from accession countries in Central and Eastern Europe proved to be particularly successful. The new members brought an additional political dimension to the EPP and consolidated it as the pre-eminent European force of the centre-right.

## Chronology

### 1925 – 1975

**1925** First international congress of Christian (Catholic) people’s parties (December, Paris). It was agreed to hold further meetings and to establish the “*Secrétariat international des partis démocratiques d’inspiration chrétienne*” (SIPDIC) in Paris; the Secretariat continued to exist until 1939. Parties from Belgium, Germany, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Spain, Portugal and Lithuania were involved in its activities.

**1946** Following the Second World War, cooperation between political parties at a European level was renewed. An initiative by the Swiss Christian Democrats led to the establishment of the “*Nouvelles équipes internationales*” (NEI).

**1947** Constituent Congress of the NEI in Chaudfontaine (Belgium). The NEI pledged to cooperate actively in the reshaping of Europe at state, social and economic levels for peaceful coexistence and respect for human rights, liberty and social progress.

**1948** As an active element of the European movement, the NEI participated in the preparations for the organisation of the famous “*Congress of Europe*” in The Hague.

**1953** The Christian Democrat members of parliament of the six member states founded the first European Group of Christian Democrats within the parliamentary assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community.

**1965** The NEI became the European Union of Christian Democrats (EUCD). Mariano Rumor (DC) was elected President. Leo Tindemans (CVP) was appointed Secretary-General.

**1970** Establishment of a permanent conference within the EUCD of the Presidents and Secretaries-General of the Christian Democratic Parties of the Member States of the European Communities.

**1972** Establishment of the “Political Committee” of the Christian Democratic Parties of the European Community with the aim of improving the coordination of European policy and cooperation.

**1973–1974** Change of leadership in the EUCD: Kai-Uwe von Hassel (CDU) appointed President and Arnaldo Forlani (DC) Secretary General.

**1975** Establishment of a “European Party” working group with the task of drawing up a draft Statute for a European union of parties. Wilfried Martens, Chairman of the CVP, and Hans-August Lückner, Chairman of the Christian Democratic Group in the European Parliament were appointed as rapporteurs.

## **1976 – 2003**

**1976** The “Political Committee” unanimously approved the statutes of the European People’s Party (EPP) on 8 July in Luxembourg. Leo Tindemans was elected President of the EPP. The following parties were the founding members: CDU and CSU (Germany), PSC and CVP (Belgium), CDS (France), Fine Gael (Ireland), DC (Italy), CSV (Luxembourg), KPV, CHU, and ARP (Netherlands).

**1978** Congress I in Brussels adopted the political programme of the EPP.

**1979** Congress II decided on the electoral platform for the first direct elections to the European Parliament. The EPP won 107 of the 419 seats in the elections.

**1980** Congress III of the EPP in Cologne.

**1981** As a result of the accession of Greece to the European Community, the number of seats in the European Parliament increased to 434. The EPP Group’s share was 109 seats.

**1982** Following the elections in Greece in June 1982, the number of MEPs in the EPP increased to 117. Congress IV of the EPP in Paris.

**1983** Merger of the EUCD Secretariat (hitherto in Rome) and the EPP Secretariat in Brussels. Thomas Jansen appointed Secretary-General of the EPP and EUCD. Greece’s Nea Demokratia joins the EPP.

**1984** Congress V of the EPP in Rome adopted an action programme for the second electoral term of the European Parliament. The EPP won 110 seats at the second direct elections to the European Parliament.

**1985** Piet Bukman (CDA) elected President. Thomas Jansen elected Secretary-General.

**1986** Congress VI of the EPP at The Hague. As a result of the accession of Spain and Portugal, the number of seats in the European Parliament increased to a total of 518. The Portuguese CDS, the Spanish PDP (later renamed Democracia Cristiana), the Catalan UDC and the Basque PNV join the EPP. The size of the EPP Group increases by nine MEPs to 119.

**1987** Jacques Santer elected President. Thomas Jansen re-elected Secretary General for a second term.

**1988** EPP Congress VII in Luxembourg. Adoption of the working programme “On the People’s Side”.

**1989** After the third direct election for the European Parliament of June, the Spanish MEPs of the Partido Popular join the EPP Group.

**1990** Wilfried Martens elected President. Thomas Jansen re-elected Secretary-General for a third term. EPP Congress VIII in Dublin: adoption of the EPP programme for the European Union.

**1991** The Spanish Partido Popular joins the EPP. Christian Democrat parties from Austria (ÖVP), Sweden (KDS) and Malta (PN) are admitted as associate members of the EPP.

**1992** The British and Danish Conservative MEPs (together with some French UDF MEPs) join the EPP Group as allied members, bringing the total to 162 Members. The EPP Basic Programme is adopted at the EPP Congress IX in Athens.

**1993** Nordic conservative parties are admitted to the EPP as permanent observers. The CDS of Portugal was expelled. Wilfried Martens re-elected President. Thomas Jansen re-elected Secretary-General for a fourth term. The EPP Congress X meeting in Brussels adopts the Action Programme "Europe 2000 – Unity in diversity" for the fourth parliamentary term of the European Parliament.

**1994** Following the establishment of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) as a new consultative body of the European Union, the EPP Group was formed in the CoR with approximately 85 Members under the chairmanship of Jos Chabert, (CVP-B). The Christlichdemokratische Volkspartei (CVP) of Switzerland and the Democratic Rally (DISY) of Cyprus are admitted to the EPP as associate members. The EPP member-parties win 125 seats in the fourth European elections of June. The incorporation of like-minded MEPs (British and Danish conservatives and French liberals) bring the total number of EPP MEPs to 157. Klaus Welle elected Secretary-General of the EPP.

**1995** The MEPs of the Kristdemokratiska Samhällspartiet and Moderata Samling (Sweden), Kansallinen Kokoomus (Finland) and the Österreichische Volkspartei (Austria) join the EPP Group. Kansallinen Kokoomus (Finland), Moderata Samlingspartiet and Kristdemokratiska Samhällspartiet (Sweden), Det Konservative Folkeparti (Denmark) and the Österreichische Volkspartei (Austria) become full members of the EPP. Høyre (Norway) accorded associate member status. Centro Cristiano Democratico (CCD) and Cristiani Democratici Uniti (CDU) be-

come full members of the EPP. Congress XI in Madrid "EPP- Force of the Union". Wilfried Martens re-elected President, Klaus Welle elected Secretary-General. Foundation of the European Senior Citizens Union (ESCU).

**1996** Foundation of the Small and Medium Enterprises Union of the EPP or SME-Union. In February seven parties in the prospective member-countries in Central and Eastern Europe are candidates for EPP observer status: KDU/ČSL and ODS (Czech Republic), KDH and MKDM (Slovakia), KDNP and MDF (Hungary), PNȚCD (Romania).

**1997** EPP Congress XII in Toulouse – "We are all Part of One World". EPP's youth organisation, YEPP, established.

**1999** Congress XIII in Brussels – 1999–2004 Action Programme – "On the Way to the Twenty-First Century". The congress re-elects President Wilfried Martens for another term and elects Alejandro Agag as Secretary-General, succeeding Klaus Welle who, in turn, is appointed Secretary-General of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament. Merger of the EUCD in the EPP formally concluded – EPP recognised as a regional organisation of the Christian Democrat International (CDI).

**2000** EPP associate member status awarded to Tautas Partija (Latvia), SMK-MKP (Slovakia), US (Czech Republic), FKGP and FIDESZ – MPP (Hungary). Merger of the Secretariat of the European Democrat Union (EDU, until then in Vienna) with the EPP Secretariat in Brussels.

**2001** EPP Congress XIV in Berlin. Basic document approved: "A Union of Values". EPP associate member status awarded to MDF, Hungary. Full member status awarded to UDEUR, Italy and RPR, France.

**2002** Political Bureau accepted, by acclamation, a proposal to replace Secretary-General Alejandro Agag by Antonio López Istúriz. EPP Convention Group established, following an initiative by President Martens. EPP associate member status awarded to EVP (Switzerland)

and KDH (Slovakia). EPP observer member status awarded to SDKU (Slovakia). October: Congress XV in Estoril, Portugal. Congress approves "A Constitution for a Strong Europe". Merger of the EDU in the EPP formally concluded.

## 2003 – 2012

**2003** In November, the EPP, as well as other European level parties, receive formal recognition by the European institutions, following the approval of "EU Regulation governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding".

**2004** XVI Congress in Brussels where the "Action Programme 2004–2009" for the June 2004 elections is approved. Following the accession of ten new EU Member States, all EPP associate member-parties from these countries become full members. In the first European elections, the EPP is victorious. The EPP-ED Group is, once again, the largest in the European Parliament with 268 MEPs. As a result of this victory, the EPP succeeds in the nomination of José Manuel Barroso by the European Council as the new President of the European Commission. HDZ of Croatia upgraded from observer to associate member. Observer membership granted to three Bosnian parties: the PDP, the SDA, and the HDZBiH.

**2005** Observer membership granted to the Turkish AK Party, and to Ukraine's "Our Ukraine" bloc. EPP President Wilfried Martens receives from the former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl the "Helmut-Kohl-Ehrennadel in Gold" distinction (Helmut-Kohl-honorary golden needle) for his exceptional services to Europe. EPP launches its academic journal *European View*. Observer membership is granted to PD Romania.

**2006** XVII Congress in Rome on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March – EPP adopts manifesto "The Citizens and Europe: Clear Priorities for a Better Europe". President Wilfried Martens and Secretary General Antonio López Istúriz are re-elected. In September, the EPP moved to its new headquarters, which better suited the Party's needs and

objectives. US Senator John McCain addresses EPP event in Brussels on transatlantic relations. Two Belarusian parties are granted observer membership – the Belarusian Popular Front and the United Civil Party. Romanian PD is upgraded from observer to associate member.

**2007** With the accession of Romania and Bulgaria, the respective parties are upgraded to full member status: PD, RMDSZ and PNȚCD (Romania) and DSB, UDF, BANU-PU and DP (Bulgaria). The Hungarian KDNP becomes a full member, and the VMRO-DPMNE from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), becomes an observer. HSS of Croatia upgraded from observer to associate member. Amendment of the "EU Regulation governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding", mandates the EPP and all European parties to campaign for the European elections. It also allows the creation of political foundations linked to political parties. The Centre for European Studies (CES) established as the official think-tank/foundation of the EPP.

**2008** GERB, Bulgaria becomes a full member, Batkivshchyna, Ukraine becomes an observer member. EPP recognised as a regional union by the International Democrat Union (IDU). UNM Georgia accepted as observer member.

**2009** XVIII Congress in Warsaw adopted the Manifesto "Strong for the People". EPP emerged as the strongest political party after the European Parliament Elections. José Manuel Barroso is re-elected for a second term as Commission President. CDS-PP Portugal and PdL Italy became full members. MDF Hungary membership suspended. XIX Congress in Bonn approved the document "The Social Market Economy in a globalised world" and re-elected Wilfried Martens as President and Antonio López-Istúriz as Secretary General.

**2010** On 1<sup>st</sup> January former Belgian Prime Minister and EPP candidate, Herman Van Rompuy, becomes the first President of the European Council. Civic Union of Latvia is granted full membership. VMRO-DPMNE upgraded to associate member.

**2011** In February, TOP09 party from the Czech Republic granted full membership and Moldova's PLDM party granted observer membership. In April, Marietta Giannakou's Report on improving the legal status of EU-level political parties, approved in the European Parliament. On the sidelines of the June EPP Summit, the EPP hosted a special event to celebrate its 35th anniversary. The XX Congress in Marseille approved the document "Moving Europe Forward".

**2012** On 4th February the EPP Honorary President, Sauli Niinistö, is elected President of Finland. In February three Armenian parties, the Republican Party, Rule of Law and Heritage are granted observer member status. On March 1st Herman Van Rompuy was re-elected President of the European Council for another 2.5 year mandate. On 16th -18th October 2012 the EPP will hold its XXI Congress in Bucharest, Romania.

## EPP Presidents

- **TINDEMANS**, Leo 1976-1985
- **BUCKMAN**, Piet 1985-1987
- **SANTER**, Jacques 1987-1990
- **MARTENS**, Wilfried 1990-

## Honorary Presidents

- **NIINISTÖ**, Sauli
- **TINDEMANS**, Leo

## EPP Congresses

**1978 Congress I** held in Brussels adopted the EPP's political program.

**1979 Congress II** also in Brussels, decided the electoral platform for the first direct elections to the European Parliament.

**1980 Congress III** in Cologne discussed the overall theme "The Christian democrats in the Eighties – Securing Freedom and Peace Completing Europe".

**1982 Congress IV** took place in Paris under the slogan "Preserve Peace – Create Peace – Unite Europe".

**1984 Congress V** in Rome formulated the EPP Action Program

**1986 Congress VI** in the Hague focused on Economic Development and Environmental Problems.

**1988 Congress VII** in Luxembourg prepared for another European Election and approved the document "On the Side of the Citizens".

**1990 Congress VIII** in Dublin faced a new political landscape and published "A Federal Constitution for the European Union".

**1992 Congress IX** in Athens discussed, drafted, and approved the EPP "Basic Programme".

**1993 Congress X** was held in Brussels and adopted the action program, "Europe 2000: Unity in Diversity".

**1995 Congress XI** in Madrid was hosted under the thematic slogan "EPP- Force of the Union".

**1997 Congress XII** in Toulouse approved the document "We are all Part of One World".

**1999 Congress XIII** in Brussels outlined its new vision for Europe, "On the Way to the 21st Century". EUCD formally merged with EPP.

**2001 Congress XIV** in Berlin revisited its roots, and adopted the working document "A Union of Values".

**2002 Congress XV** in Estoril prepared for the Constitution process, and declared that EU needed "A Constitution for a Strong Europe". EDU formally merged with EPP.

**2004 Congress XVI** in Brussels where the main objective was to prepare for the European Elections. The “Action Program 2004-2009” was approved.

**2006 Congress XVII** in Rome approved the “Rome Manifesto” document.

**2009 Congress XVIII** in Warsaw approved the “Strong for the People” EPP Election Manifesto.

**2009 Congress XIX** in Bonn approved the document “The Social Market Economy in a Globalised World”.

**2011 Congress XX** in Marseille approved the document “Moving Europe Forward”.

**2012 Congress XXI** to be held in Bucharest, Romania on 16th-18th October.



## EPP Structure

### Presidency, Political Assembly and Congress

The EPP is led by President **Wilfried MARTENS**, former Prime Minister of Belgium, the Secretary General, 10 Vice Presidents and the Treasurer. The Secretary General **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ** runs the day to day operations of the Party.

The EPP has three levels of decision-making: Presidency, Political Assembly and Congress. EPP heads of state and government can give policy recommendations at the level of the EPP Summit, whereas EPP Working Groups perform preparatory political work.

The **Presidency** decides on the general political guidelines and presides over the Political Assembly. The Presidency is composed of the President, the Secretary General, 10 Vice-Presidents, and the Treasurer. The Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament is *ex officio* Vice President of the EPP. Currently, the Presidents of the European Commission and European Council are also *ex officio* members of the EPP Presidency.

The **Political Assembly** defines the political positions of the Party between Congresses, decides on membership applications and final political guidelines. The Political Assembly also decides on the budget and safeguards the political presence of the EPP between the Congress meetings. The Political Assembly is composed of the designated delegates of the EPP member-parties, associated member-parties, parliamentary groups and member-associations of the EPP.

The number of delegates for each party is linked to the election result in the last European elections so that parties are weighted according to their strength. This allows for taking decisions by majority. The Political Assembly meets three to four times a year. The Political Assembly defines the mandate of the **Working Groups** which

prepare the Party's policy documents and recommendations. All member-parties and associated member-parties and members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament can participate in the Working Groups.

The **Congress** is the highest decision-making body of the Party. It is composed of delegates from EPP member-parties, associate member-parties, member associations, and parliamentary groups. The EPP Congress meets at least once every three years. It elects the EPP Presidency and decides on the main policy documents, electoral programmes and hosts the EPP heads of state and government and party leaders.

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## EPP Working Groups

Working Groups are the backbone of the EPP's political work, where high-profile representatives from the EPP member-parties develop common positions and strategies on major policy areas and submit specific recommendations to the Political Assembly for final approval. A Working Group can be given a specific mandate for preparatory work for EPP Summits and the EPP Congress. Working Groups are also responsible for organising conferences, roundtable discussions and other events.

### European Policy

Chaired by the EPP President **Wilfried MARTENS** together with EPP Vice President **Peter HINTZE**, the Working Group has the task of preparing the EPP's most vital policy papers and Congress documents.

### Economic and Social Policy

The working group, co-chaired by **Gunnar HÖKMARK** and **Rumiana JELEVA**, EPP Vice-President, is focused on responding to the current economic and financial crisis, the Lisbon process, demographic issues, and research and development.

### EPP Membership

Chaired by **Corien WORTMANN-KOOL**, EPP Vice President, this Working Group is respon-

sible for promoting, facilitating and incorporating new EPP members, associate members, and observers throughout the continent. When a party is accepted into the EPP, its elected representatives automatically join the EPP Group in the European Parliament, and all other EPP Groups in other institutional and organisational formations.

### Ad hoc Working Groups

- 1) Common Agricultural Policy
- 2) Climate Change

### Campaign Managers Meeting

The EPP organises meetings twice a year with the campaign managers of member-parties to review national and regional election campaigns and in order to exchange experiences, develop different strategies and analyse communication tactics.

## EPP in the European Council – EPP Summit

At the Summit of the EPP, heads of state and government, party leaders in coalition governments and in opposition, the EPP Presidency and the Presidents of the European Council and Commission, meet regularly prior to the European Council Summit. These important sessions offer EPP leaders - in an informal and confidential setting - the opportunity to air differences and seek consensus within the EPP family in an effort to formulate common positions at the European Council.

The EPP has 16 out of the 27 heads of state and government in the European Council as well as seven non-EU heads of state and government that participate as guests at the enlarged EPP Summit. It also has seven heads of state and government who originate from EPP member-parties and do not normally take part in the European Council:

**Aníbal CAVACO SILVA** (Portugal, PSD), **Bronisław KOMOROWSKI** (Poland, PO), **Sauli NIINISTÖ** (Finland, KOK), **Rosen PLEVNELIEV** (Bulgaria, GERB), and **François FILLON** (France, UMP). On the 19th November 2009 the European Council decided unanimously to appoint the then Belgian Prime Minister **Herman VAN ROMPUY** as the first ever President of the European Council. He was re-elected on 1st March 2012.

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## **EPP in the Council of the EU** – EPP Ministerial Meetings

The European People's Party organises and coordinates a total of twelve Ministerial meetings ahead of the Council meetings from its Brussels headquarters.

The EPP Ministerial meetings underpin the horizontal activity of the Party with all the main EU institutions including the Council of the EU.

## Economic and Financial Affairs

Since February 2008, this political coordination meeting has quickly become a valuable discussion forum for our EPP Ministers, especially in view of the difficult decisions that were needed in the Eurozone member countries in the aftermath of the financial crisis. Under the leadership of **Christine LAGARDE** (France), **Jyrki KATAINEN** (Finland), and **Giulio TREMONTI** (Italy) to begin with, and subsequently under the guidance of **Luc FRIEDEN** (Luxemburg) and **Anders BORG** (Sweden), the ministers discussed measures to safeguard financial stability in the Euro area, the future of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), the legislative package on strengthened economic governance ("six pack"), the fiscal compact and possible Treaty changes to strengthen the Stability and Growth Pact.

## Home Affairs

The EPP Ministerial Meetings on Home Affairs are chaired by the German Minister of Interior **Hans-Peter FRIEDRICH** and **Manfred WEBER**, MEP. In September 2011 the Ministers adopted the EPP position on Cyber Security and, furthermore, prepared the resolution on "Immigration and Integration", which was adopted at the EPP Congress in Marseille in December 2011. In addition, the Arab Spring and

related migration flows, as well as the Schengen enlargement to Bulgaria and Romania, were high on the agenda during these meetings.

## Justice

The EPP Justice Ministers Meetings were organised for the first time in spring 2011. These meetings were chaired by the Vice President of the European Commission, **Viviane REDING** and **Angelino ALFANO** from Italy, followed later by **Beatrice ASK** from Sweden. During these meetings the Ministers adopted positions on European Contract Law, Data Protection, Collective Redress and EU Criminal Law. The focus was on “justice for growth” in order to abolish barriers and to achieve the full potential of the internal market.

## Foreign Affairs

EPP Foreign Ministers convene on a regular basis and discuss issues such as the Western Balkans, the Eastern Partnership, Mediterranean Union, Middle East, Iran and Afghanistan. In 2011, under the co-chairmanships of **Elmar BROK** and **Franco FRATTINI**, the EPP organised two seminars in Sarajevo (17<sup>th</sup> March) and in Bordeaux (30<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> September) with its Foreign Ministers and with the participation of EPP and like-minded non-EU Foreign Ministers. A position paper on EU-Russia relations was approved by the EPP Foreign Ministers and introduced to the EPP Political Assembly with the aim of contributing to a new and enhanced strategic partnership between the EU and Russia.

## Environment

The EPP Environment Ministers Meeting is chaired by the Irish Minister **Phil HOGAN**. The focus of these meetings in 2011 was on the Global Climate Change negotiations, which took place in December in Durban, South Africa. Other important topics were the EU Biodiversity Strategy, the EU Roadmap to a low carbon eco-

nomy by 2050 and the water policy for the EU.

## Agriculture

The EPP Agriculture Ministers Meeting is chaired by **Niki BERLAKOVICH**, the Austrian Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management. During the course of the year the Agriculture Ministers had a very dynamic and constructive debate on the future of the Common Agriculture Policy. EU Commissioner for Agriculture, **Dacian CIOLOȘ**, actively participated in the discussions and during the October 2011 meeting presented new proposals to the Ministers on the CAP reform, which dominated the agenda at the end of 2011 and will remain the main topic for 2012.

## Energy

The EPP Energy Ministers Meeting is chaired by EPP Vice President and MEP, **Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI**. In September 2011, EU Commissioner **Günther OETTINGER**, who actively participates in the EPP meetings, launched new initiatives on the external energy policy as well as on infrastructure. During the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, EU Commissioner **Janusz LEWANDOWSKI** was invited as the special guest and informed Ministers about the financing of the EU’s energy infrastructure.

## Defense

The EPP Defence Ministers’ Meetings, chaired by Belgian Minister of Defence **Pieter DE CREM** and launched in 2009, continued successfully in 2011 (23<sup>rd</sup> May in Brussels and 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Wrocław, Poland). On the one hand, the meetings were important as a useful forum to discuss the EU’s engagement in Libya. Whilst on the other hand, the Ministers were able to use the meetings to concentrate on pooling and sharing expertise in the field of military capabilities as well as CSDP

Operations (i.e. EUNAVFOR Atalanta, EUFOR Althea in BiH).

## **Employment**

As a natural reaction to the economic and social effects of the financial crisis in Europe, the Ministers of Employment and Social Affairs of the EPP member parties started to meet in March 2010, under the chairmanship of **Enda KENNY** (Ireland) and **Maurizio SACCONI** (Italy). During 2011, as unemployment levels in Europe continued to rise in many countries, the EPP Ministers focused their discussions on the EU2020 Strategy for growth and employment, on the preparations of the social agenda of the G-20, and on the Working Time Directive and the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund. In September 2011, **Xavier BERTRAND** (France) took over leadership and during the French G-20 Presidency organised a meeting with EPP and like-minded Employment Ministers in Paris. Moreover, the EPP Employment Ministers drafted a resolution on “Job Creation: A Priority for Growth Policies”, which was approved in Marseille during the EPP Political Assembly (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December). In early 2012, **Ursula von der LEYEN** (Germany) agreed to co-chair the EPP Employment Ministers’ group.

## **Industry**

Under the continued chairmanship of **Antonio TAJANI**, Vice President of the European Commission and the EPP, the Ministers worked to find common solutions on topics such as the current competitiveness levels of industrial output across the EU and how to increase it. Furthermore, they focused on the mid-term review of the Small Business Act in order to improve conditions for the small and medium enterprises in Europe. Finally, they also had extensive exchanges of views on the Annual Growth Survey and the Europe 2020 Strategy, assessing the contribution of the industrial sector to the EU Semester.

## **Transport**

2011 was a particularly important year to discuss the state-of-play of the transport sector in Europe. Under the chairmanship of **Anca BOAGIU** (Romania), many issues were analysed and discussed, such as the revision of the TEN-T policies (financing and methodology), the establishment of a truly European maritime Safety Agency and the Commission White Paper on the future of the EU transport policy until 2020. Finally, the issue of public-private partnerships (PPPs) was debated extensively by the EPP Transport Ministers, resulting in the drafting of a resolution on how to improve access to financing for PPP projects in the transport sector. In November 2011, the EPP Political Assembly adopted the PPP resolution. Finally, in 2012, **Alexandru NAZARE** (Romania) took over the leadership of this Ministerial group.

## **General Affairs**

The EPP General Affairs Ministers’ meeting is co-chaired by **Lucinda CREIGHTON**, Minister of State for European Affairs and TD (Ireland), and **Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI**, EPP Vice President and MEP (Poland). This Ministerial meeting provides a platform for EPP Ministers to discuss upfront the issues on the EU General Affairs Council, formulate priorities and develop an EPP common approach. 13 European and Foreign Affairs Ministers met for the first time in February 2012 and discussed a series of measures that will enable economic growth and jobs’ creation.

# EPP in the European Commission

The European People's Party has always played an important role in the European Commission, the executive arm of the EU that implements the Union's policies. With **José Manuel BARROSO** – a long-standing leader of the EPP family – at the helm, the Barroso II Commission brings vitality and dynamism to EU policy making.

The Commission has a total of 13 Members that are affiliated to the EPP. The EPP Commissioners meet on an ad hoc basis in the Party headquarters and many Commissioners participate regularly in the EPP Ministerial meetings. President **José Manuel BARROSO**, an *ex officio* member of the EPP Presidency, also participates at the EPP Summit meetings.

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## EPP in the European Parliament

The EPP Group has been the largest political group in the European Parliament since July 1999. 271 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) sit in the EPP Group, representing some 36 per cent of the total. The Group is led by French politician **Joseph DAUL** who is *ex officio* member of the EPP Presidency and participates regularly at the EPP Summit meetings. The Group strives to advance the goal of a more competitive and democratic Europe, closer to its citizens and to resist the political priorities of the left.

Originally founded in June 1953 as the Christian Democrat Group in the embryonic Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community (comprised of nominated members of national parliaments), the EPP Group has been involved at every stage in the history of the European Union, from its earliest beginnings until the present.

As the largest political group in the European Parliament, the EPP Group is in a stronger position than any other to set that body's political agenda and to win its most critical votes. In seeking to maximise its influence, the EPP Group has been able to draw on the fact that the European Parliament has become increasingly influential within the European Union. In July 2009 the European Parliament overwhelmingly elected as its President the former Polish Prime Minister and EPP candidate Jerzy Buzek for a 2½ year term. He completed his term in January 2012.

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The EPP Group in the CoR cooperates closely with the European Commission by organising high level meetings with Commissioners on topical EU issues such as energy policy, the new transport policy and the future EU maritime policy. On the other hand, the EPP Group in the CoR has continued to strengthen its cooperation with the European Parliament and most notably with the Committee for Regional Affairs for the promotion of local and regional interests in Europe.

## The Presidency

The Presidency is made up of the President and Vice-Presidents. It's responsible for the implementation of the duties designated by the Group Bureau, it represents the Group inside and outside the CoR, it supports the President on Group matters, and in the event of an emergency, it is responsible for taking decisions on behalf of the competent bodies. Currently, the Presidency is composed of the following

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- the nine Group Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as treasurer
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EDS is the official students' organisation of the EPP. Since its foundation in 1961, EDS has brought together students and young political leaders from all over Europe to promote a political pro-European exchange. Although being a students' organisation and, therefore, taking a special interest in topics like the Bologna Process, the organisation is especially aware of the importance of promoting values like freedom, democracy and human rights. Led by its Chairman Juraj Antal, it has 43 member organisations from 36 countries, representing over 1,600,000 students and youngsters. EDS publishes its magazine the BullsEye four times a year.

Chairman: **Juraj ANTAL**

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## **European Senior Citizen's Union (ESCU)**

With more than 1 million members, the European Senior Citizens' Union is the largest political senior citizens' organisation in Europe. Represented in 27 countries with 41 organisations, the ESCU is dedicated to advancing the rights of European senior citizens and promoting issues such as the role of the elderly in ageing European societies, discrimination against the elderly, European pension systems, volunteering and seniors active commitment in society.

At its regional conferences and through its Summer Academy in Vienna in 2011, the ESCU supported the concerns expressed by the 2011 European Year of Volunteering. It turned out that senior citizens adhered to the existing palette of proven forms of volunteering for the common good while at the same time exploring new fields of activity that representatives of different generations can tap into.

President: **Bernhard WORMS**

For more information please visit:  
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## **European Union of Christian Democratic Workers (EUCDW)**

The European Union of Christian Democratic Workers is the workers' association of the European People's Party (EPP) with 24 member organisations from 17 different European countries. As the official EPP representative for wage-earners, the EUCDW supports all related work carried out by the EPP and pro-

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President: **Elmar BROK**

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## **Small and Medium Entrepreneurs Union (SME UNION)**

The SME UNION is the business organisation of the EPP and network of pro-business Christian democrat, conservative and centre-right politicians and political organisations. As an officially recognised EPP Association, its main objective is to shape EU policy in a more SME friendly way. Its top priority is to reform the legal framework for SMEs throughout Europe and to promote and support the interests of small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the engine of the European economy; thereby contributing to eradicating unemployment and promoting economic growth in Europe.

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President: **Doris PACK**

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# Section 2,

**EU and NON-EU COUNTRIES**

# EUROPEAN UNION



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	4 324 782 sq km
Population:	502 503 966
Seat:	Brussels (primary) / Strasbourg / Luxembourg
Political system:	Hybrid intergovernmental and supranational entity
GDP:	€13,540.56 trillion

**Member States:** 27: Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Italy and Germany (founding members); Denmark, Ireland and United Kingdom (1973); Greece (1981); Portugal and Spain (1986); Austria, Finland and Sweden (1995); Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia (2004); Bulgaria and Romania (2007)

**Established:** 9 May 1950 originally as the European Coal and Steel Community

**European day:** Europe Day 9 May (1950), the day that Robert SCHUMAN proposed the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community

**Legislative branch:** The European Parliament (751 members allocated to Member States in relative proportionality, according to the Lisbon Treaty, but currently with 754 members until next elections as part of a transitional provision. Members are elected for five-year terms by direct universal suffrage.)

**Elections:** last held on 4-7 June 2009 (next to be held in June 2014).

**Election results:** percent of vote for Europarties and alliances and seats (out of 736 at the time)- EPP 36%, PES 25%, ELDR 11.4%, Greens/EFA 7.5%, AECR 7.3%, GUE/NGL 4.8%, EFD 4.3%, independents 3.7%; current seats for each Group - EPP 264, S&D (PES+) 185, ALDE (ELDR+) 85, Greens/EFA 56, ECR 56, GUE/NGL 34, EFD 27, non-attached 29.

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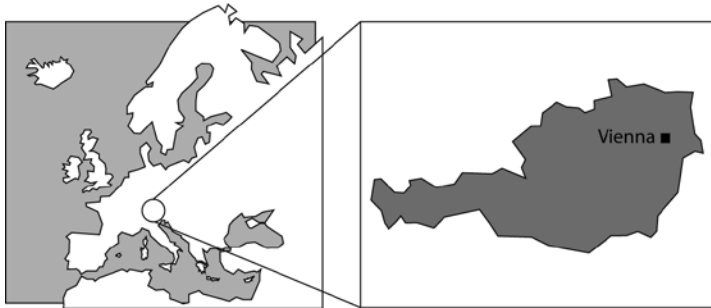
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# AUSTRIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	82 444 sq km
Population:	8 419 776 (Jul. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Vienna
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	1995
Date of entry in Euro Zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 300.86 billion (2010 est.)
Seats in European Parliament:	19
Administrative divisions:	9 states

Independence: 12 November 1918 (republic proclaimed)

National holiday: 26 October (1955)

Constitution: Came into force in 1920; revised in 1929; abolished in 1934; reinstated in 1945

Legislative branch: Bicameral Parliament, consists of an upper house, the Federal Council – Bundesrat - (variable membership, currently 62 seats; members chosen by state parliaments with each state receiving 3 to 12 members in proportion to its population; members serve five- or six-year terms) and a lower house, the National Council - Nationalrat - (183 seats; members elected by direct popular vote to serve five-year terms).

Elections: National Council - last held on 28 September 2008 (next to be held by September 2013).

Election results: National Council - percent of vote by party - SPÖ 29.3%, ÖVP 26%, FPÖ 17.5%, BZÖ 10.7%, Greens 10.4%, other 6.1%.

Election results – EU elections 2009: ÖVP 29.98%, SPÖ 23.74%, Independent list Dr. Martin 17,67%, FPÖ 12,71%, Greens 9,93%, BZÖ 4.58%



# Österreichische Volkspartei | ÖVP

In English: Austrian People's Party



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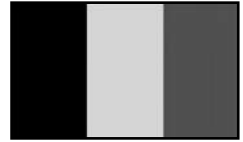
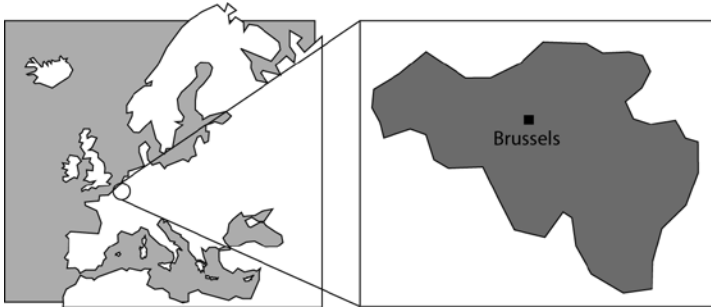
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## QUICK FACTS:

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Population:	10 951 665 (2011 est.)
Capital:	Brussels
Political system:	Parliamentary Monarchy
Date of entry in EU:	1957-founding member
Date of entry in Euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 374.44 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	22
Administrative divisions:	3 regions and 3 linguistic communities   note: as a result of the 1993 constitutional revision that furthered devolution into a federal state, there are now three levels of government (federal, regional, and linguistic community) with a complex division of responsibilities; this reality leaves six governments, each with its own legislative assembly.
Independence:	21 July 1831 (King LEOPOLD I ascended to the throne)
National holiday:	21 July (1831)
Constitution:	Came into force in 1831; revised in 1993 to create a federal state; amended several times
Legislative branch:	Bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house the Senate - Senaat / Senat - (71 seats; 40 members directly elected by popular vote, 31 indirectly elected; members serve four-year terms) and a lower house the Chamber of Deputies - Kamer van Volksvertegenwoordigers / Chambre des Représentants - (150 seats; members directly elected by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation to serve four-year terms).  Elections: last held on 13 June 2010 (next to be held no later than June 2014).  Election results: Chamber of Deputies - percent of vote by party - N-VA 17.4%, PS 13.7%, CD&V 10.9%, MR 9.3%, sp.a 9.2%, Open VLD 8.6%, VB 7.8%, cdH 5.5%, Ecolo 4.8%, Groen! 4.4%, other 8.4%. Senate - percent of vote by party - N-VA 19.6%, PS 13.6%, CD&V 10%, sp.a 9.5%, MR 9.3%, Open VLD 8.2%, VB 7.6%, Ecolo 5.5%, cdH 5.1% Groen! 3.9%, other 7.7%;
Election results – EU elections 2009:	CD&V 14.43%, Open VLD 12,75%, PS 10.88%, VB 9.85%, MR 9.74%, ECOLO 8.55%, sp.a 8.21%, N-VA 6.13%, cdH 4.99%, Groen! 4.9%, LDD 4.51%, CSP 0.19%.

# Christen-Democratisch en Vlaams | CD&V

In English: Christian-Democratic and Flemish



BEKE, Wouter

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· Membership status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	BEKE, Wouter voorzitter@cdenv.be
· Secretary General:	CARDOEN, Jonathan jcardoen@cdenv.be
· International Secretary:	VAN ROMPUY, Peter pvanrompuy@cdenv.be
· Government status:	In government as junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 17 / 150; Upper House 4 / 71
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	3
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	7
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional information:	Herman Van Rompuy is the President of the European Council. Steven Vanackere is Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Sustainable Development, in charge of the Public Service. Wilfried Martens is EPP President.

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# Centre Démocrate Humaniste | cdH

In English: Humanist Democratic Centre



LUTGEN, Benoît

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· Secretary General:	PONCIN, Eric poncin@lecdh.be
· International Secretary:	DALLEMAGNE, Georges dallemagne@lecdh.be
· Government status:	In government as junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 8 /150; Upper House 4 / 71
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	Joëlle Milquet is Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Employment and Equal Opportunities of Belgium.

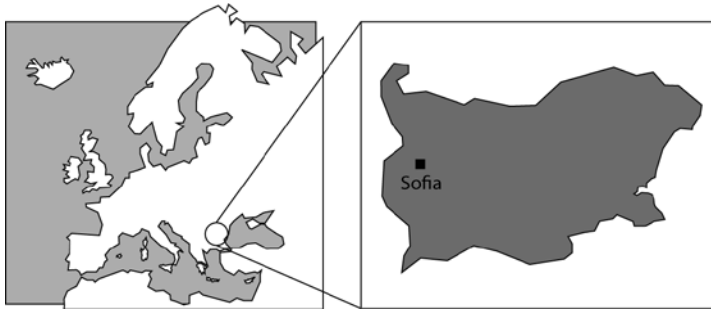
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# BULGARIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	110 910 sq km
Population:	7 364 570 (Census, Feb. 2011)
Capital:	Sofia
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2007
Currency:	1.96 Bulgarian leva (BGN) = 1 Euro
GDP:	€ 38.37 billion (2010 est.)
Seats in European Parliament:	18
Administrative divisions:	28 provinces
Independence:	3 March 1878: from the Ottoman Empire
National holiday:	3 March (1878)
Constitution:	Effective since 1991
Legislative branch:	Unicameral Parliament, the National Assembly - Narodno Sabranie (240 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms).
	Elections: last held on 5 July 2009 (next to be held in mid-2013)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - GERB 39.7%, BSP 17.7%, MRF 14.4%, ATAKA 9.4%, Blue Coalition (UDF, DSB) 6.8%, RZS 4.1%, other 7.9%.
Election results – EU elections 2009:	GERB 24.36%, BSP 18.5%, DPS 14.14%, ATAKA 11.96%, NDSV 7.96%, UDF-DSB 7.95%

# Graždani za Evropeško Razvitie na Bălgarija | GERB

In English: Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria



BORISOV, Boyko

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· Membership Status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	BORISOV, Boyko boyko.borisov@gerb.bg
· Secretary General:	PAUNOV, Tsvetomir paunov@gerb.bg
· International Secretary:	PANAYOTOVA, Monika and BAYCHEVA, Pavlina international@gerb.bg
· Government status:	Single party government
· Seats in national Parliament:	117 / 240
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	5
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	6
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	4
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional information:	Rosen Plevneliev is the President of Bulgaria. Boyko Borisov is the Prime Minister of Bulgaria. Rumiana Jeleva is EPP Vice-President.

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# Sājuz Na Demokratičnite Sili | UDF

In English: Union of Democratic Forces



DIMITROV, Martin

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· Membership Status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	DIMITROV, Martin m.dimitrov@sds.bg
· Secretary General:	IVANOV, Dimitar dimitar@sds.bg
· International Secretary:	HRISTOVA, Antoaneta ahristova@sds.bg
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	Seats elected in the political block "The Blue Coalition" 10 / 240
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
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# Demokrati za Silna Bălgarija | DSB

In English: Democrats for a Strong Bulgaria



KOSTOV, Ivan

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· Membership Status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	KOSTOV, Ivan ikostov@dsb.bg
· Secretary General:	DOBREVA, Svetla sdobreva@dsb.bg
· International Secretary:	MAVROV, Borislav bmavrov@dsb.bg
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	Seats elected in the political block "The Blue Coalition" 5 / 240
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	–
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# Demokratska Partija | DP

In English: Democratic Party



PRAMATARSKI, Alexander

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· Membership Status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	PRAMATARSKI, Alexander a.pramatarski@parti.eu
· Secretary General:	IVANOVA, Lili liliivanova@abz.bg
· International Secretary:	GENCHEV, Dimitrov
· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	0 / 240
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	0
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
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# Zemеделски Народен Саяуз | ZNS

In English: Agrarian People's Union



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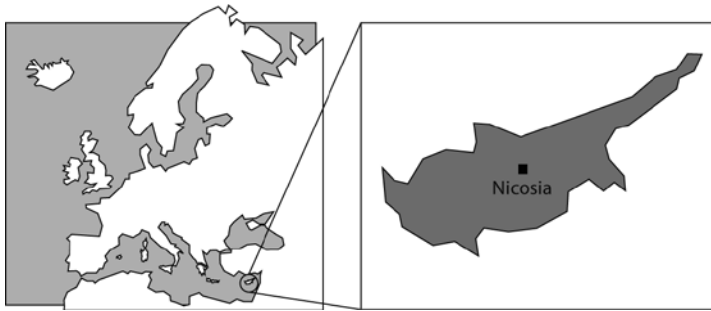
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· International Secretary:	IONTCHEV, Roumen r.iontchev@gmail.com
· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	0 / 240
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	0
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
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# CYPRUS



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	9 250 sq km
Population:	838 897 (Census, Dec. 2011)
Capital:	Nicosia
Political system:	Presidential
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Date of entry in Euro zone:	2008
GDP:	€ 18.16 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	6
Administrative divisions:	6 districts
Independence:	16 August 1960: from the UK
National holiday:	1 October (1960)
Constitution:	Came into force in 1960
Legislative branch:	House of Representatives - Vouli ton Antiprosópon - 56 seats; last held on 22 May 2011 (next to be held in May 2016)
	Election results: House of Representatives - percent of vote by party - DISY 34.28%, AKEL 32.67%, DIKO 15.76%, EDEK 8.93%, EVROKO 3,88%, ECOLO 2,21%
	Election results – EU elections 2009: DISY 35.65%, AKEL 34.9%, DIKO 12.28%, EDEK 9.85%, EVROKO 4.12%

# Dimokratikos Synagermos | DISY

In English: Democratic Rally



ANASTASIADES, Nicos

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· International Secretary:	SINKA, Alexandros a.sinka@btinternet.com
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	20 / 56
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	4
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
· Additional Information:	–

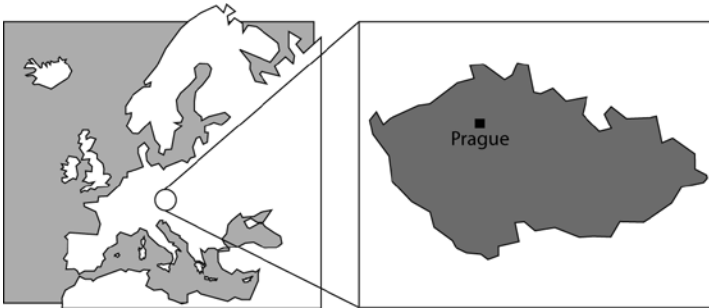
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# CZECH REPUBLIC



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	78 876 sq km
Population:	10 562 214 (Census, Mar. 2011)
Capital:	Prague
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Currency:	25.29 koruny (CZK) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 149.89 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	22
Administrative divisions:	13 regions and 1 capital city

Independence: 1 January 1993: split of Czechoslovakia

National holiday: 28 October (1918)

Constitution: Came into force in 1993; amended five times

Legislative branch: Bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house the Senate - Senat (81 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve six-year terms; one-third elected every two years) and a lower house the Chamber of Deputies - Poslanecká sněmovna - (200 seats; members are elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms)

Elections: Senate - last held in two rounds on 15-16 and 22-23 October 2010 (next to be held by October 2012); Chamber of Deputies - last held on 28-29 May 2010 (next to be held by 2014)

Election results: Senate - percent of vote by party - NA; Chamber of Deputies - percent of vote by party - CSSD 22.1%, ODS 20.2%, TOP09 16.7%, KSCM 11.3%, VV 10.9%

Election results – EU elections 2009: ODS 31.45%, CSSD 22.38%, KSCM 14.18%, KDU-ČSL 7.64%

## TOP 09

In English: TOP 09



SCHWARZENBERG, Karel

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· International Secretary:	ŽENÍŠEK, Marek international@top09.cz
· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 41 / 200; Upper House 5 / 81
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	0
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	–
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# Křesťanská a Demokratická Unie – Československá Strana Lidová | KDU-ČSL

In English: The Christian and Democratic Union-Czechoslovak People's Party



BĚLOBRÁDEK, Pavel

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· Membership Status:	Full Member
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· Secretary General:	HOŘAVA, Pavel gs@kdu.cz
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· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 0 / 200; Upper House 6 / 81
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	3
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	–

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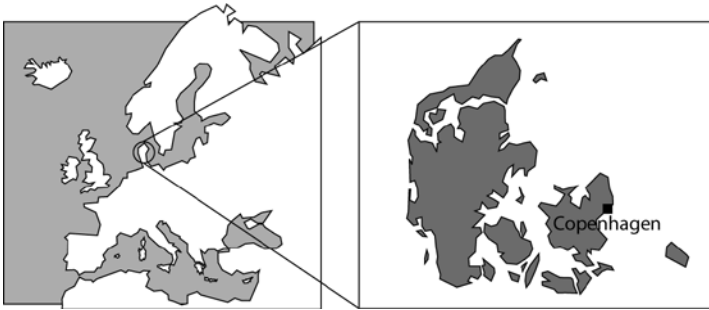
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# DENMARK



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	43 094 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	5 579 204 (Oct. 2011 est.)
<b>Capital:</b>	Copenhagen
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Monarchy
<b>Date of entry in EU:</b>	1973
<b>Currency:</b>	7.43 kroner (DKK) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 247.76 billion
<b>Seats in European Parliament:</b>	13
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	5 regions. Besides the self-governing territories of Greenland and the Faroe Islands, which hold different status towards the EU.
<b>Independence:</b>	First organised as a unified state in 10th century; in 1849 became a constitutional monarchy
<b>National holiday:</b>	None designated; Constitution Day, 5 June (1849) is generally viewed as the National Day
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1849; amended four times, last time in 1953
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament, the People's Assembly - Folketing - (179 seats, including 2 from Greenland and 2 from the Faroe Islands; members elected by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation to serve four-year terms)  Elections: Last held on 15 September 2011. (Next to be held in September 2015 the latest)  Election results: Percent of vote by party – Venstre 26,7%; SD 24,8%; DF 12,3%; Radikale Venstre 9,5%; SF 9,2%; Enhl 6,7%; Ny Alliance 5,0%; DKF 4,9%
<b>Election results – EU elections 2009:</b>	SD 21,5%; Venstre 20,2%; SF 15,9%; DF 15,3%; DKF 12,7%; N 7,2%

# Det Konservative Folkeparti | DKF

In English: Conservative People's Party



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· Membership status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	BARFOED, Lars
· Secretary General:	DAHL, Martin md@konservative.dk
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· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	8 / 179
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	4
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# Kristendemokraterne | KD

In English: Christian Democrats



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· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	0 / 179
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	0
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	–

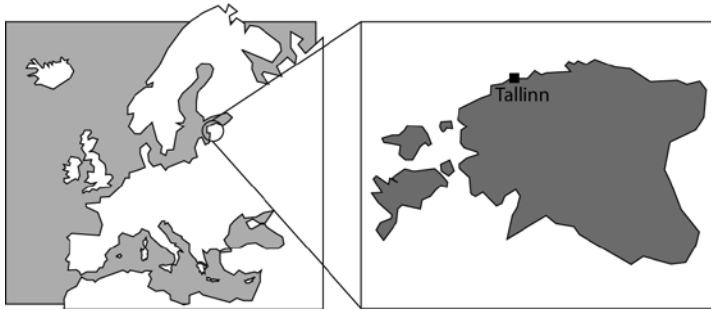
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# ESTONIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	45 226 sq km
Population:	1 340 194 (Jan. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Tallinn
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Date of entry in the Euro zone:	2011
GDP:	€ 15.95 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	6
Administrative divisions:	15 counties

**Independence:** 24 February 1918 (independence from Soviet Russia); 20 August 1991 (independence from Soviet Union)

**National holiday:** 24 February (1918)

**Constitution:** Came into force in 1992

**Legislative branch:** Unicameral Parliament – Riigikogu – (101 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms)

**Elections:** last held on 6 March 2011 (next to be held in March 2015)

**Election results:** percent of vote by party - ER 28.6%, KE 23.3%, IRL 20.5%, SDE 17.1%

**Election results – EU elections 2009:** KE 26.07%, I. Tarand (Ind) 25.81%, ER 15.34%, IRL 12.21%, SDE 8.7%

# Isamaa ja Res Publica Liit | IRL

In English: Pro Patria and Res Publica Union



REINSALU, Urmas

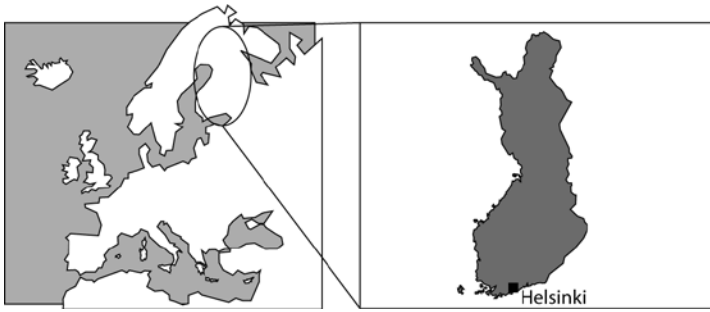
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· Seats in national Parliament:	23 / 101
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	3
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional Information:	–

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# FINLAND



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	338 145 sq km
Population:	5 404 100 (Feb. 2012 est.)
Capital:	Helsinki
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	1995
Date of entry in Euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 191.49 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	13
Administrative divisions:	18 regions. (+ Åland)
Independence:	6 December 1917
National holiday:	6 December (1917)
Constitution:	Effective since 2000
Legislative branch:	Unicameral Parliament - Eduskunta - (200 seats; members elected by popular vote on a proportional basis to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: last held on 17 April 2011 (next to be held by April 2015)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - KOK 20.4%, SDP 19.1%, True Finns 19.0%, KESK 15.8%, VAS 8.1%, VIHR 7.2%, SFP 4.3%, KD 4.0%, + Åland 1 representative
	Election results – EU elections 2009: KOK 23.2%, KESK 19%, SDP 17.5%, KD-PS 14%, VIHR 12.4%, SFP (RKP) 6.1%



# Kansallinen Kokoomus | KOK

In English: The National Coalition Party



KATAINEN, Jyrki

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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	44 / 200
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	3
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	3
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	4
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional information:	Sauli Niinistö is the President of Finland.  Jyrki Katainen is the Prime Minister of Finland and EPP Vice President.

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# Kristillisdemokraatit | KD

In English: Christian Democrats



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· International Secretary:	ÖSTMAN, Peter peter.ostman@kd.fi
· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	6 / 200
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non-voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional information:	Päivi Räsänen is the Minister of Interior of Finland.

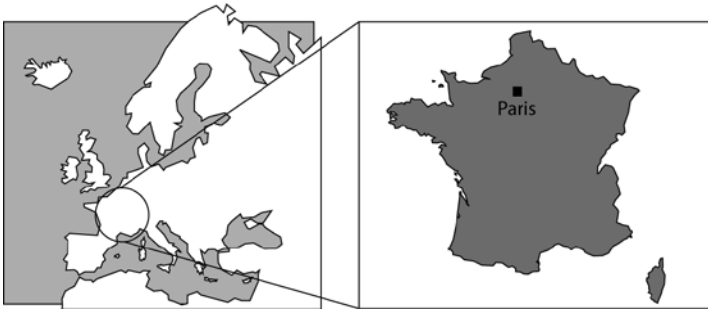
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# FRANCE



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	643 427 sq kms
<b>Population:</b>	65 350 000 (Jan. 2012 est.)
<b>Capital:</b>	Paris
<b>Political system:</b>	Semi-presidential
<b>Date of entry in EU:</b>	1957-founding member
<b>Date of entry in Euro zone:</b>	1999
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 1,987.58 billion
<b>Seats in European Parliament:</b>	74
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	22 metropolitan regions and 5 overseas regions for a total of 27. Besides there are several territories and collectivities with different status.
<b>Independence:</b>	486 (Frankish tribes unified); 843 (Western Francia established from the division of the Carolingian Empire); 5 October 1958 Fifth Republic constitution
<b>National holiday:</b>	14 July (1790)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1958; amended several times
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	<p>Bicameral Parliament – Parlement – consists of an upper house, the Senate – Senat (348 members indirectly elected by an electoral college to serve six-year terms; one half elected every three years); and a lower house, the National Assembly – Assemblée nationale – 577 members elected by popular vote under a single-member majority system to serve five-year terms</p> <p>Elections: Senate – last held on 25 September 2011 for half of the seats. Next to be held in September 2014.</p> <p>National Assembly – last held on 10 and 17 June 2007. Next to be held on 10 and 17 June 2012.</p> <p>Election results: Senate - percent of vote by party - NA; National Assembly - percent of vote by party - UMP 46.4%, PS 42.2%</p>
<b>Election results – EU elections 2009:</b>	UMP 27.8%, PS 16.48%, Europe ecologie 16.28%, MoDem 8.4%, FN 6.3%, FG 6%, NPA 4.9%, Libertas (MPF-CPTN) 4.6%

# Union pour un Mouvement Populaire | UMP

In English: Union for a Popular Movement



COPÉ, Jean-François

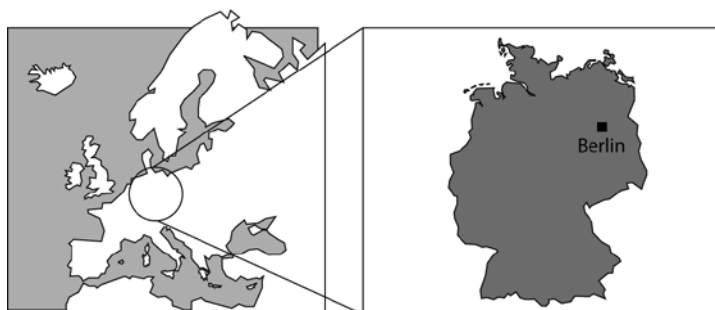
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· Membership Status:	Full Member
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· Secretary for Foreign Affairs:	MARIANI, Thierry tmariani@u-m-p.org
· Government status:	Single party government
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 305 / 577, Upper House 132 / 343
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	24 (plus 6 allied members elected on UMP list)
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	16
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	16
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
· Additional information:	Nicolas Sarkozy is the President of France. François Fillon is the Prime Minister of France. Michel Barnier is the European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, and EPP Vice President. Joseph Daul is the Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.

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# GERMANY



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	357 021 sq km
Population:	81 768 000 (Jun. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Berlin
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	1957-founding member
Date of entry in Euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 2,568.19 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	99
Administrative divisions:	16 states

**Note:** Bavaria, Saxony, and Thuringia refer to themselves as Free states.

**Independence:** West Germany and East Germany unified 3 October 1990

**National holiday:** 3 October (1990)

**Constitution:** Came into force in 1949; amended many times including in 1990 as part of the reunification process

**Legislative branch:** Bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house the Federal Council - Bundesrat - (69 votes; representatives of state governments sit in the Council; each has three to six votes in proportion to population and are required to vote as a block) and a lower house the Federal Assembly - Bundestag - (622 seats; members elected by popular vote for a four-year term under a system of personalised proportional representation).

**Elections:** Bundestag - last held on 27 September 2009 (next to be held no later than autumn 2013); note - there are no elections for the Bundesrat; composition is determined by the composition of the state-level governments, and has the potential to change any time one of the 16 states holds an election.

**Election results:** Bundestag - percent of vote by party - CDU/CSU 33.8%, SPD 23%, FDP 14.6%, Left 11.9%, Greens 10.7%, other 6%

**Election results – EU elections 2009:** CDU 30.7%, SPD 20.8%, Greens 12.1%, FDP 11%, Left 7.5%, CSU 7.2%

# Christlich Demokratische Union | CDU

In English: Christian Democratic Union



MERKEL, Angela

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· Secretary General:	GRÖHE, Hermann hermann.groehe@cdu.de
· International Secretary:	WENGER, Bertil bab@cdu.de
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	193 / 620
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	34
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	12
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	19
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
· Additional information:	Angela Merkel is the Chancellor of Germany. Günther Oettinger is the European Commissioner for Energy. Peter Hintze is EPP Vice President.

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# Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern | CSU

In English: Christian-Social Union of Bavaria



SEEHOFER, Horst

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· Secretary General:	DOBRINDT, Alexander alexander.dobrindt@csu-bayern.de
· International Secretary:	LUTHER, Susanne susanne.luther@csu.de
· Government status:	In federal government as a coalition partner In government in Bavaria
· Seats in national Parliament:	44 / 620
· Seats in Bavarian Parliament:	92 / 187
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	8
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	8
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional information:	Horst Seehofer is the Minister-President of Bavaria. Ingo Friedrich is EPP Treasurer.

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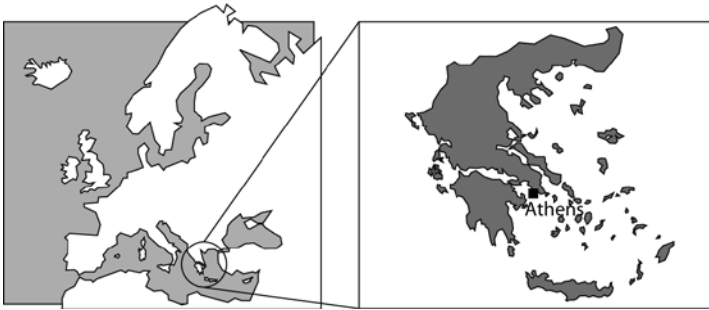
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# GREECE



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	131.940 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	10 787 690 (Census, Jun. 2011)
<b>Capital:</b>	Athens
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Date of entry in EU:</b>	1981
<b>Date of entry in Euro zone:</b>	2001
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 220.85 billion
<b>Seats in European Parliament:</b>	22
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	7 decentralised administrations besides the self-governing territory of Mount Athos
<b>Independence:</b>	25 March 1821
<b>National holiday:</b>	25 March (1821)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1975; revised three times, last time in 2008
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament - Vouli ton Ellinon - (300 seats; members elected by direct popular vote to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: Last held on 4 October 2009. Snap elections expected by May 2012.
	Election results: percent of vote by party - PASOK 43.9%, ND 33.5%, KKE 7.5%, LAOS 5.6%, SYRIZA 4.6%, other 4.9%
<b>Election results – EU elections 2009:</b>	PASOK 36.65%, ND 32.29%, KKE 8.35%, LAOS 7.15%, SYRIZA 4.7%

# Nea Demokratia | ND

In English: New Democracy



SAMARAS, Antonis

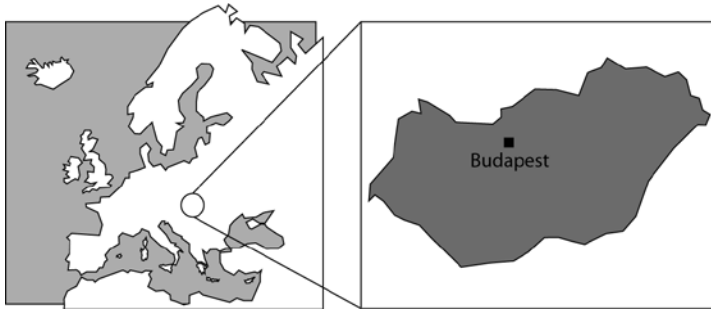
· Date of Entry in the EPP:	1983
· Membership status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	SAMARAS, Antonis proedros@nd.gr
· Secretary of the Central Committee:	LYKOYRENTZOS, Andreas lykouren@otenet.gr
· International Secretary:	PAPASTAVROU, Stavros ir@nd.gr
· Government status:	Junior partner in transition government
· Seats in national Parliament:	67 / 300
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	7
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	4
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	7
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
· Additional Information:	Stavros Dimas is Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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# HUNGARY



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	89 608 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	9 985 722 (Jan. 2011 est.)
<b>Capital:</b>	Budapest
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Date of entry in EU:</b>	2004
<b>Currency:</b>	293.69 forint (HUF) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 96.39 billion
<b>Seats in European Parliament:</b>	22
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	19 counties, 23 urban counties and 1 capital city
<b>Independence:</b>	25 December 1000 (crowning of King STEPHEN I, traditional founding date)
<b>National holiday:</b>	20 August / 15 March (1848) / 23 October (1956)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Effective since 2012
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament the National Assembly - Országgyűlés (386 seats; members elected by popular vote under a system of proportional and direct representation to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: last held on 11 and 25 April 2010 (next to be held in April 2014)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - FIDESZ-KDNP 52.7%, MSZP 19.3%, JOBBIK 16.67%, LMP 7.47%
<b>Election results – EU elections 2009:</b>	FIDESZ-KDNP 56.36%, MSZP 17.37%, JOBBIK 14.77%, MDF 5.31%

# Fidesz- Magyar Polgári Szövetség | FIDESZ

In English: Fidesz-Hungarian Civic Union



ORBÁN, Viktor

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· Membership status:	Full Member
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· International Secretary:	PERENYI, Zsigmond zsigmond.perenyi@parlament.hu
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in the national Parliament:	226 / 386
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	13
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	7
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	10
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
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# Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt | KDNP

In English: Christian Democratic People's Party



SEMJÉN, Zsolt

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· President of the Party:	SEMJÉN, Zsolt zsolt.semjen@me.gov.hu
· Secretary General:	CSORBA, Béla bela.csorba@gmail.com
· International Secretary:	NAGY, Andor andor.nagy@parlament.hu
· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	37 / 386 (elected on a coalition list with Fidesz)
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1 (elected on a coalition list with Fidesz)
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional information:	Zsolt Semjén is the Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary.

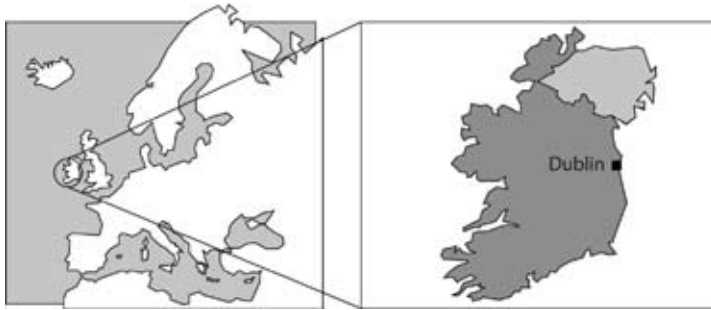
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# IRELAND



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	70 280 sq km
Population:	4 581 269 (Census, Apr. 2011)
Capital:	Dublin
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	1973
Date of entry in Euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 157.31 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	12
Administrative divisions:	29 counties and 5 cities

Independence: 6 December 1921

National holiday: 17 March

Constitution: Came into force in 1937; revised several times

Legislative branch: Bicameral Parliament - Oireachtas - consists of an upper house the Senate - Seanad Éireann - (60 seats; 49 members elected by the universities and from candidates put forward by five vocational panels, 11 are nominated by the Taoiseach; members serve five-year terms) and a lower house the House of Representatives - Dáil Éireann - (166 seats; members elected by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation to serve five-year terms)

Elections: Senate - last held in 2011 (next to be held in 2016); House of Representatives - last held on 25 February 2011 (next to be held by May 2016)

Election results: Senate - percent of vote by party - NA; House of Representatives - percent of vote by party - FG 36.1%, Lab. 20.5%, FF 15.1%, SF 10.1%, Independents 15.5%

Election results – EU elections 2009: FG 29.13%, FF 24.08%, Lab. 13.92%, SF 11.24%, M. Harkin (Ind) 4.63%, SP 2.76%



In English: Family of the Irish



KENNY, Enda

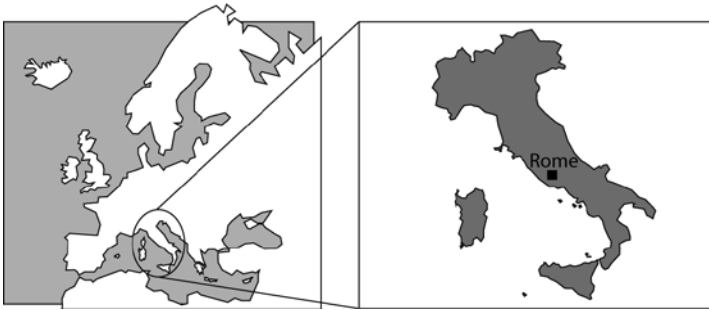
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· Membership status:	Full Member
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· Secretary General:	CURRAN, Tom tom@finegael.com
· International Secretary:	KENNELLY, Mark mark.kennelly@taoiseach.gov.ie
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 76 / 166; Upper House 18 / 60
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	4
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	4
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	5
· International Affiliation:	CDI
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# ITALY



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	301 230 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	60 757 278 (Aug. 2011 est.)
<b>Capital:</b>	Rome
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Date of entry in EU:</b>	1957-founding member
<b>Date of entry in Euro zone:</b>	1999
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 1,589.42 billion
<b>Seats in European Parliament:</b>	73
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	15 regions and 5 autonomous regions
<b>Independence:</b>	17 March 1861 (Kingdom of Italy proclaimed; Italy was not finally unified until 1870)
<b>National holiday:</b>	25 April (1945) / 2 June (1946)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1948; amended many times, last one in 2007
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	<p>Bicameral Parliament -Parlamento - consists of an upper house the Senate - Senato della Repubblica - (315 seats; members elected by proportional vote with the winning coalition in each region receiving 55% of seats from that region; members to serve five-year terms; and up to 5 senators for life appointed by the president of the Republic; and former Presidents of the Republic) and a lower house the Chamber of Deputies - Camera dei Deputati - (630 seats; members elected by popular vote with the winning national coalition receiving 54% of chamber seats; members to serve five-year terms).</p> <p>Elections: Senate - last held on 13-14 April 2008 (next to be held in April 2013); Chamber of Deputies - last held on 13-14 April 2008 (next to be held in April 2013).</p> <p>Election results: Senate - percent of vote by party - S. Berlusconi coalition 47.3%, W. Veltroni coalition 38%, UDC 5.7%; Chamber of Deputies - percent of vote by party - S. Berlusconi coalition 46.8%, W. Veltroni coalition 37.5 %, UDC 5.6 %, SVP 0.4%</p>
<b>Election results – EU elections 2009:</b>	PdL 35.26%, PD 26.13%, LN 10.2%, IdV- Lista Di Pietro 8%, UDC 6.51%, SVP 0.46%

# Popolo della Libertá | PdL

In English: People of Freedom



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· Government status:	Supporting government
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 210 / 630; Upper House 131 / 315
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	28
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	12
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	17
· International Affiliation:	–
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# Unione di Centro | UDC

In English: Union of the Centre



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· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 38/ 630; Upper House 5/ 315
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	6
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	4
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# UDEUR Popolari per il Sud | UDEUR

In English: People for the South



MASTELLA, Clemente

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· Seats in national Parliament:	–
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1 (elected on PdL list)
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
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# Südtiroler Volkspartei | SVP

In English: South Tyrolean People's Party



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· International Secretary:	WIDMANN, Thomas thomas.widmann@svp.eu
· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 2 / 630; Upper House 2 / 315
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional information:	–

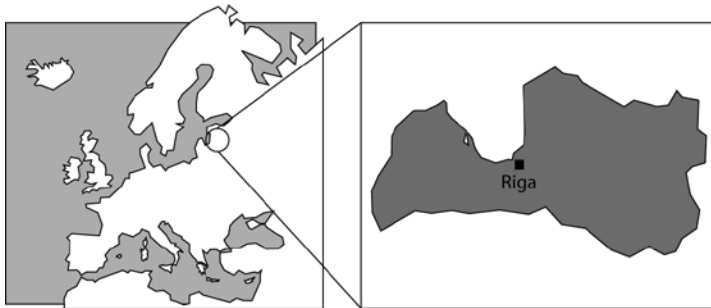
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# LATVIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	64 589 sq km
Population:	2 067 887 (Census, Mar. 2011)
Capital:	Riga
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Currency:	0.70 lati (LVL) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 19.47 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	9
Administrative divisions:	110 municipalities and 9 republican cities
Independence:	18 November 1918 (independent from Soviet Russia); 21 August 1991 (independence from the Soviet Union)
National holiday:	18 November (1918)
Constitution:	Came into force in 1922; abolished only de facto in 1934; reinforced in 1993; amended in several occasions, last time in 2009
Legislative branch:	Unicameral Parliament - Saeima - (100 seats; members elected by proportional representation from party lists by popular vote to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: Last held on 17 September 2011. Next to be held on 2015 the latest.
	Election results: Percent of vote by party/coalition – SC 28,4%; ZRP 20,8%; Vienotiba 18,8%; LNNK 13,9%; ZSS 12,2%; LPP/LC 2,41%
Election results – EU elections 2009:	PS 24.32%, SC 19.57%, PCTVL 9.66%, LPP/LC 7.49%, TB/LNKK 7.45%, JL 6.66%



In English: Unity



ĀBOLTIŅA, Solvita

· Date of Entry in the EPP:	2003 / March 2011
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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	20 / 100
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	4
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	5
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional information:	Valdis Dombrovskis is the Prime Minister of Latvia.

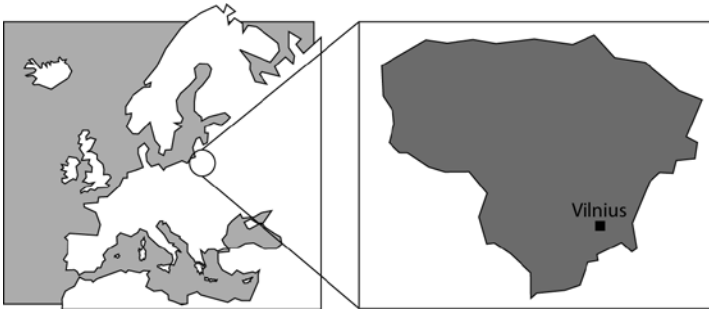
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# LITHUANIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	65 200 sq km
Population:	3 199 300 (Jan. 2012 est.)
Capital:	Vilnius
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Currency:	3.45 litai (LTL) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 30.58 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	12
Administrative divisions:	10 counties

**Independence:** 16 February 1918 (independence from Soviet Russia);  
6 September 1991 (independence from the Soviet Union)

**National holiday:** 16 February (1918)

**Constitution:** Effective since 1992; amended in 2004

**Legislative branch:** Unicameral Parliament – Seimas – (141 seats; 71 members elected by plurality in single-member constituencies and 70 elected by proportional representation; members to serve four-year terms)

**Elections:** last held on 12 and 26 October 2008 (next to be held in October 2012)

**Election results:** percent of vote by party - TS-LKD 19.7%, TPP 15.1%, TT 12.7%, LSDP 11.7%, KDP+J 9%, LRLS 5.7%, LCS 5.3%, LLRA 4.8%, LVLS 3.7%, NS 3.6%, other 8.7%

**Election results – EU elections 2009:** TS-LKD 26.86%, LSDP 18.61%, TT 12.22%, DP 8.79%, LLRA (AWPL) 8.42%, LRLS 7.36%

# Tėvynės Sąjunga – Lietuvos Krikščionys Demokratai | TS-LKD

In English: Homeland Union - Lithuanian Christian Democrats



KUBILIUS, Andrius

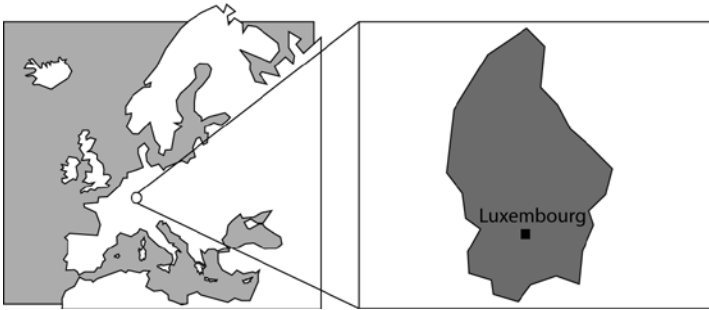
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· President of the Party:	KUBILIUS, Andrius andrius.kubilius@lrs.lt
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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in the Parliament:	46 / 141
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	4
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	5
· International Affiliation:	IDU
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# LUXEMBOURG



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	2 586 sq km
Population:	511 840 (Jan. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Luxembourg
Political system:	Parliamentary Monarchy
Date of entry in EU:	1957-founding member
Date of entry in Euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 44.54 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	6
Administrative divisions:	3 districts

Independence: 1839

National holiday: 23 June

Constitution: Came into force 1868; amended many times

Legislative branch: Unicameral Parliament, the Chamber of Deputies – *Chambre des députés* / *Abgeordneten-kammer* – (60 members elected by popular vote under proportional representation to serve five year terms)

Elections: last held on 7 June 2009 (next to be held by June 2014)

Election results: percent of vote by party - CSV 38%, LSAP 21.6%, DP 15%, Green Party 11.7%, ADR 8.1%, The Left 3.3%, other 2.3%

note: there is also a Council of State that serves as an advisory body to the Chamber of Deputies; the Council of State has 21 members appointed by the Grand Duke on the advice of the prime minister

Election results – EU elections 2009: CSV 31.33%, LSAP 19.42%, DP 18.71%, Green Party 16.84%, ADR 7.37%

# Chrëschtlech Sozial Vollekspartei | CSV

In English: Christian Social People's Party



WOLTER, Michel

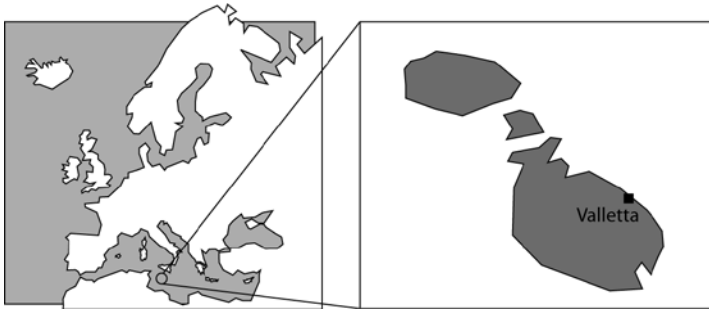
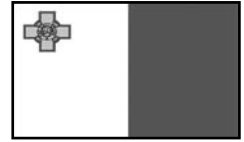
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· Membership Status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	WOLTER, Michel   <a href="mailto:csv@csv.lu">csv@csv.lu</a>
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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	26 / 60
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	3
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	3
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	6
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional information:	Jean-Claude Juncker is the Prime Minister of Luxembourg and President of the Euro Group.  Viviane Reding is Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship.

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# MALTA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	316 sq km
Population:	417 617 (Jan. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Valletta
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Date of entry in Euro zone:	2008
GDP:	€ 6.60 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	6
Administrative divisions:	68 local councils

Independence: 21 September 1964

National holiday: 21 September (1964) / 13 December (1974)

Constitution: Came into force in 1964; amended several times

Legislative branch: Unicameral Parliament the House of Representatives - Kamra tad-Deputati - (normally 65 seats; members are elected by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation to serve five-year terms; note - the Parliament elected in 2008 is composed of 69 seats; when the political party winning the plurality of votes does not win a majority of seats, the constitution provides that a sufficient number of seats will be added to Parliament to ensure that the party that won the elections has a majority in Parliament)

Elections: last held on 8 March 2008 (next to be held by March 2013)

Election results: percent of vote by party - PN 49.3%, PL 48.8%, other 1.9%

Election results – EU elections 2009: PL (MLP) 54.77%, PN 40.49%

# Partit Nazzjonalista | PN

In English: Nationalist Party



GONZI, Lawrence

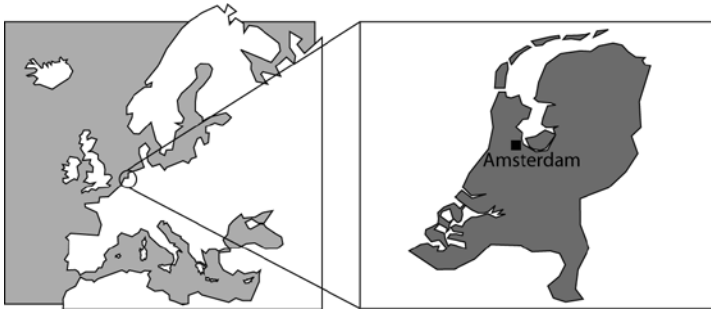
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· Membership status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	GONZI, Lawrence   <a href="mailto:lgonzi@pn.org.mt">lgonzi@pn.org.mt</a>
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· International Secretary:	BONELLO, John   <a href="mailto:jbonello@pn.org.mt">jbonello@pn.org.mt</a>
· Government status:	Single party government
· Seats in national Parliament:	35 / 69
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	4
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	4
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
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# NETHERLANDS



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	41 526 sq km
Population:	16 727 255 (Nov. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Amsterdam
Political system:	Parliamentary Monarchy
Date of entry in EU:	1957-founding member
Date of entry in Euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 607.46 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	26
Administrative divisions:	12 provinces

**Independence:** 23 January 1579 (the northern provinces of the Low Countries conclude the Union of Utrecht breaking with Spain; on 26 July 1581 they formally declared their independence with an Act of Abjuration)

**National holiday:** 30 April

**Constitution:** Came into force in 1815; important revisions in 1843 and 1983; amended in other occasions

**Legislative branch:** Bicameral Parliament the Staten Generaal consists of an upper house the Eerste Kamer (75 seats; members indirectly elected by the country's 12 provincial councils to serve four-year terms) and a lower house the Tweede Kamer (150 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms)

**Elections:** Eerste Kamer - last held 23 May 2011 (next to be held in May 2015); Tweede Kamer - last held 9 June 2010 (next to be held by June 2015)

**Election results:** Eerste Kamer - percent of vote by party – NA; Tweede Kamer - percent of vote by party - VVD 20.5%, PvdA 19.6%, PVV, 15.4%, CDA 13.6%, SP 9.8%, D66 6.9%, GL 6.7%, CU 3.2, other 4.3%.

**Election results – EU elections 2009:** CDA 20.05%, PVV 16.97%, PvdA 12.05%, VVD 11.39%, D66 11.32%, GroenLinks 8.87%, SP 7.1%, ChristenUnie-SGP 6.82%, PvdD 3.46%



# Christen Democratisch Appèl | CDA

In English: Christian Democratic Appeal



PEETOOM, Ruth

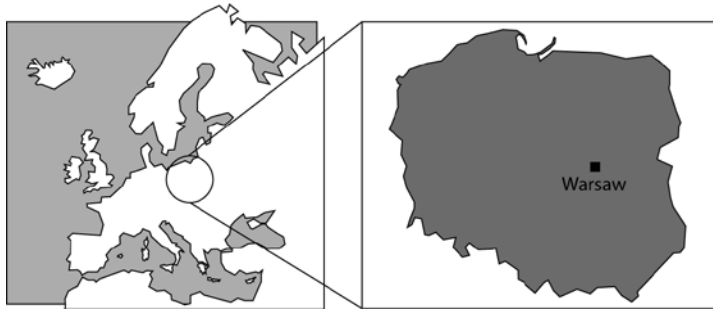
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· Membership status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	PEETOOM, Ruth
· Secretary General:	VAN GEEL, Pieter pietervangeel@vangeelconsultancy.eu
· International Secretary:	POT, Bronne pot@cda.nl
· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 21 / 150 ; Upper House 11 / 75
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	5
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	5
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	Maxime Verhagen is Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation of the Netherlands.  Corien Wortmann-Kool is EPP Vice President.

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# POLAND



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	312 685 sq km
Population:	38 200 037 (Jan. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Warsaw
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Currency:	4.23 złoty (PLN) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 353.83 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	51
Administrative divisions:	16 provinces

Independence: 11 November 1918 (republic proclaimed)

National holiday: 3 May (1791)

Constitution: Effective since 1997

Legislative branch: Bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house, the Senate – Senat - (100 seats; members elected by a majority vote on a provincial basis to serve four-year terms), and a lower house, the Sejm (460 seats; members elected under a complex system of proportional representation to serve four-year terms); the designation of National Assembly - Zgromadzenie Narodowe - is only used on those rare occasions when the two houses meet jointly.

Elections: Last held on 9 October 2011. Next to be held by 2015 the latest.

Election results: Percent of vote by party –PO 39,2%; PiS 29,3%; RP 10%; PSL 8,4%; SLD 8,2%

Election results – EU elections 2009: PO 44.43%, PiS 27.4%, SLD-UP 12.34%, PSL 7.01%

# Platforma Obywatelska | PO

In English: Civic Platform



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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 207 / 460; Upper House 63 / 100
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	25
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	12
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	15
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	Bronisław Komorowski is the President of Poland. Donald Tusk is the Prime Minister of Poland. Janusz Lewandowski is the European Commissioner for Budget and Financial Programming. Jacek Saryusz-Wolski is EPP Vice President.

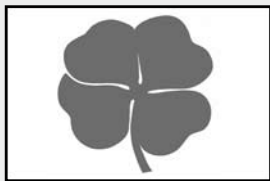
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# Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe | PSL

In English: Polish People's Party



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· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 28 / 460; Upper House 2 / 100
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	4
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	3
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	Waldemar Pawlak is the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Poland.

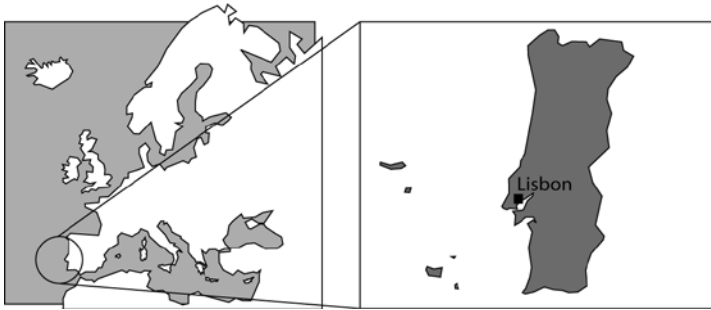
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# PORTUGAL



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	92 391 sq km
Population:	10 561 614 (Census, Mar. 2011)
Capital:	Lisbon
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	1986
Date of entry in Euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 171.22 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	22
Administrative divisions:	18 districts and 2 autonomous regions
Independence:	1143 (Kingdom of Portugal recognised); 5 October 1910 (republic proclaimed)
National holiday:	10 June (1580)
Constitution:	Came into force in 1976; revised in 1982 and 1989
Legislative branch:	Unicameral Parliament the Assembly of the Republic - Assembleia da República - (230 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: last held on 5 June 2011 (next to be held in fall 2015)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - PSD 38.6%, PS 28%, CDS-PP 11.7%, PCP-PEV 7.9%, BE 5.2%
	Election results – EU elections 2009: PSD 31.71%, PS 26.53%, BE 10.72%, CDU (PCP-PEV) 10.64%, CDS-PP 8.26%

# Partido Social Democrata | PSD

In English: Social Democratic Party



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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	108 / 230
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	8
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	7
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	8
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	Aníbal Cavaco Silva is the President of Portugal.  Pedro Passos Coelho is the Prime Minister of Portugal.  José Manuel Durão Barroso is the President of the European Commission.  Mário David is EPP Vice President.

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# Centro Democrático e Social - Partido Popular | CDS-PP

In English: Democratic and Social Centre - People's Party



PORTAS, Paulo

· Date of entry in the EPP:	2009
· Membership status:	Full Member
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· Secretary General:	MONTEIRO, António Carlos secretaria-geral@cds.pt
· International Secretary:	QUEIRO, Luis lqueiro@netcabo.pt
· Government status:	In government as the junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	24/226
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	3
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional Information:	Paulo Portas is the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal.

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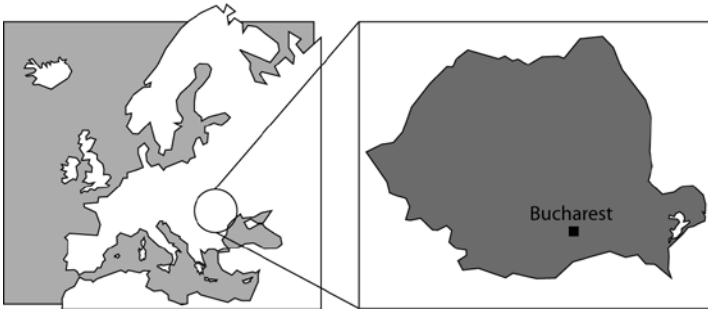
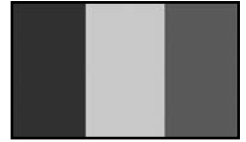
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# ROMANIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	237 500 sq km
Population:	19 042 936 (Census, Oct. 2011)
Capital:	Bucharest
Political system:	Semi-presidential
Date of entry in EU:	2007
Currency:	4.35 lei (RON) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 124.83 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	33
Administrative divisions:	41 counties and 1 municipality

Independence: 9 May 1877

National holiday: 1 December (1918)

Constitution: Came into force in 1991; revised in 2003

Legislative branch: Bicameral Parliament - Parlamentul României - consists of an upper house the Senate - Senatul - (137 seats; members elected by popular vote in a mixed electoral system to serve four-year terms) and a lower house the Chamber of Deputies - Camera Deputaților (334 seats; members elected by popular vote in a mixed electoral system to serve four-year terms)

Elections: Senate - last held on 30 November 2008 (next expected to be held in November 2012); Chamber of Deputies - last held on 30 November 2008 (next expected to be held in November 2012)

Election results: Senate - percent of vote by alliance/party - PSD-PC 34.2%, PD-L 33.6%, PNL 18.7%, RMDSZ 6.4%, other 7.1%; Chamber of Deputies - percent of vote by alliance/party - PSD-PC 33.1%, PD-L 32.4%, PNL 18.6%, RMDSZ 6.2%, ethnic minorities 3.6%, other 6.1%

Election results – EU elections 2009: PSD-PC 31.07%, PD-L 29.71%, PNL 14.52%, RMDSZ 8.92%, PRM 8.65%, Băsescu E. 4.22%

# Partidul Democrat - Liberal | PD-L

In English: Democratic Liberal Party



BOC, Emil

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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 115 / 332; Upper House 51 / 137
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	11
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	8
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	9
· International Affiliation:	CDI
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# Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România / Romániai Magyar Demokrata Szövetség | UDMR

In English: Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania



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· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 20 / 332; Upper House 8 / 137
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	3
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	3
· International Affiliation:	CDI
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# Partidul Național Țărănesc Creștin Democrat | PNȚCD

In English: Christian-Democratic National Peasants' Party



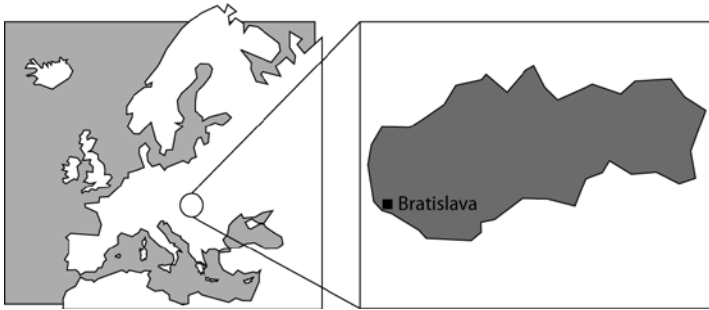
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· President of the Party:	to be determined
· Secretary General:	to be determined
· International Secretary:	to be determined
· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 1 / 332; Upper House 0 / 137
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	0
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	–

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# SLOVAKIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	48 845 sq km
Population:	5 445 324 (Sep. 2011 est)
Capital:	Bratislava
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Date of entry in Euro zone:	2009
GDP:	€ 68.82 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	13
Administrative divisions:	8 regions

**Independence:** 1 January 1993 (Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia)

**National holiday:** 1 September (1993)

**Constitution:** Came into force in 1992 (some parts in 1993); amended five times, last one in 2004

**Legislative branch:** Unicameral Parliament the National Council of the Slovak Republic - Národná rada Slovenskej republiky - (150 seats; members elected on the basis of proportional representation to serve four-year terms)

**Elections:** Last held on 10 March 2012.

**Election results:** percent of vote by party - Smer-SD 44.4%, KDH 8.8%, OĽaNO 8,5%, Most-Híd 6.8%, SDKÚ-DS 6.1%, SaS 5.8%

**Election results – EU elections 2009:** Smer 32.02%, SDKÚ-DS 16.99%, SMK-MPK 11.34%, KDH 10.87%, LS-HZDS 8.98%, SNS 5.56%, SAS 4.72%

# Kresťanskodemokratické Hnutie | KDH

In English: Christian Democratic Movement



FIGEL', Ján

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· Membership status:	Full Member
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· International Secretary:	KOSSEY, Pavol international@kdh.sk
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	16 / 150
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	3
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	–

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# Slovenská Demokratická a Kresťanská Únia – Demokratická Strana | SDKÚ-DS

In English: Slovak Democratic and Christian Union - Democratic Party



DZURINDA, Mikuláš

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· President of the Party:	DZURINDA, Mikuláš
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· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	11 / 150
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	–

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# Strana Madarskej Koalície / Magyar Koalíció Pártja | SMK-MKP

In English: Party of Hungarian Coalition



BERÉNYI, József

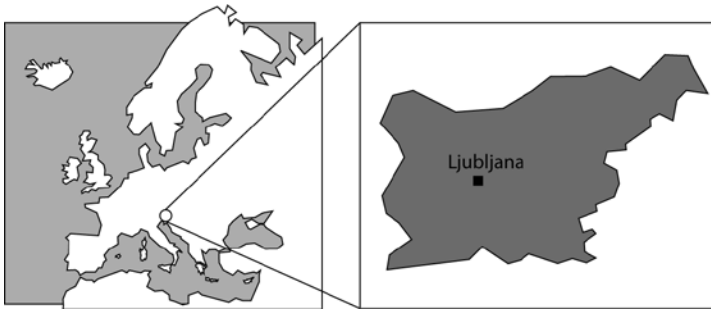
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· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	0 / 150
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	2
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
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# SLOVENIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	20 273 sq km
Population:	2 056 270 (Feb. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Ljubljana
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Date of entry in EU:	2004
Date of entry in Euro zone:	2007
GDP:	€ 37.11 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	8
Administrative divisions:	211 municipalities of which 11 have urban status

Independence: 25 June 1991

National holiday: 25 June (1991)

Constitution: Came into force in 1991; amended four times, last one in 2004

Legislative branch: Bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house the National Council - Državni Svet - (40 seats; members indirectly elected by an electoral college to serve five-year terms; note - this is primarily an advisory body with limited legislative powers; it may propose laws, ask to review any National Assembly decision, and call national referenda) and a lower house the National Assembly - Državni Zbor (90 members; 88 elected on a proportional basis and two for national minorities; members serve four-year terms)

Elections: Last held on 4 December 2011. Next to be held by December 2015.

Election results: Percent of vote by party –ZJL-PS 28,51%; SDS 26,19%; SD 10,52%; LGV 8,37%; DeSUS 6,97%; SLS 6,83%; NSi 4,88%

Election results – EU elections 2009: SDS 26.92%, SD 18.45%, N.Si 16.33%, LDS 11.52%

# Slovenska Demokratska Stranka | SDS

In English: Slovenian Democratic Party



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· Membership status:	Full Member
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· Secretary General:	BAH-ŽIBERT, Anja anja.bah.zibert@sds.si
· International Secretary:	DRAKSLER, Kaja kaja.draksler@sds.si
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	26 / 90
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	3
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	3
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
· Additional Information:	Janez Janša is the Prime Minister of Slovenia.

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# Slovenska Ljudska Stranka | SLS

In English: Slovenian People's Party



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· Membership status:	Full Member
· President of the Party:	ŽERJAV, Radovan radovan.zerjav@sls.si
· Executive Officer:	JAGODIČ, Mateja mateja.jagodica@sls.si
· International Secretary:	KLASINC, Peter Pavel international.office@sls.si
· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	6 / 90
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	0
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	Radovan Žerjav is a Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Technology.

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# Nova Slovenija - Krščanska Ljudska Stranka | NSi

In English: New Slovenia – Christian People’s Party



NOVAK, Ljudmila

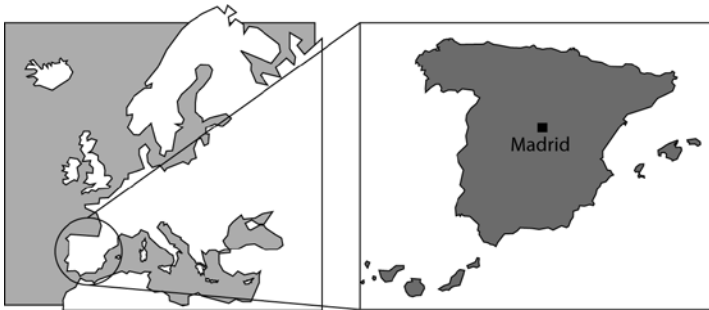
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· International Secretary:	LONGAR, Matjaž matjaz.longar@nsi.si
· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	4 / 90
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
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# SPAIN



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	504 782 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	46 196 278 (Jan. 2011 est.)
<b>Capital:</b>	Madrid
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Monarchy
<b>Date of entry in EU:</b>	1986
<b>Date of entry in Euro zone:</b>	2002
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 1,087.46 billion
<b>Seats in European Parliament:</b>	54
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	17 autonomous communities and 2 autonomous cities
<b>Independence:</b>	1492; the unification of several kingdoms is traditionally considered the forging of present-day Spain
<b>National holiday:</b>	12 October (1492)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1978; reformed twice, last time in 2011
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	<p>Bicameral Parliament the General Courts - Las Cortes Generales- consists of an upper house the Senate - Senado - (264 seats as of 2008; 208 members directly elected by popular vote and the other 56 - as of 2008 - appointed by the regional legislatures; members to serve four-year terms) and a lower house the Congress of Deputies - Congreso de los Diputados - (350 seats; each of the 50 electoral provinces fills a minimum of two seats and the North African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla fill one seat each with members serving a four-year term; the other 248 members are determined by proportional representation based on popular vote on block lists who serve four-year terms).</p> <p>Elections: Last held on 20 November 2011. Next to be held by November 2015 the latest.</p> <p>Election results: Congress of Deputies – percent of vote by party –PP 44,63%; PSOE 28,76%; IU 6,92%; UPyD 4,70%; CiU (UDC is part of coalition) 4,17%</p>
<b>Election results – EU elections 2009:</b>	PP 42.23%, PSOE 38,51%, CPE 5.12%, IU-ICV-EUIA-Ba 3.73%, UPyD 2.87%, EdP-V 2.5%

# Partido Popular | PP

In English: People's Party



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· Secretary General:	de COSPEDAL GARCÍA, María Dolores
· International Secretary:	GARCÍA-HERNÁNDEZ, José Ramón internacionalpp@pp.es
· Government status:	Single party government
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 186 / 350 ; Upper House 136 / 208
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	24
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	13
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	15
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
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# Unió Democràtica de Catalunya | UDC

In English: Democratic Union of Catalonia



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· International Secretary:	SEDO i ALABART, Salvador ssedo@unio.cat
· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 6 / 350; Senate 3 / 264
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
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· Additional Information:	–

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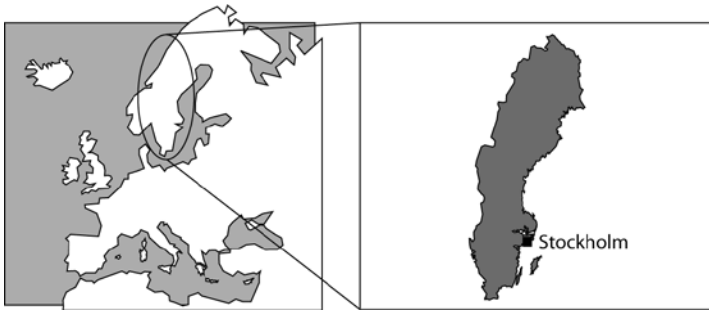
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# SWEDEN



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	449 964 sq km
Population:	9 475 954 (Oct. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Stockholm
Political system:	Parliamentary Monarchy
Date of entry in EU:	1995
Currency:	8.80 kronor (SEK) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 404.46 billion
Seats in European Parliament:	20
Administrative divisions:	21 counties

Independence: 6 June 1523

National holiday: 6 June (1523)

Constitution: Effective since 1975

Legislative branch: Unicameral Parliament - Riksdag - (349 seats; members are elected by popular vote on a proportional representation basis to serve four-year terms).

Elections: last held on 19 September 2010 (next to be held in September 2014).

Election results: percent of vote by party - Social Democrats (S) 30.7%, Moderates (M) 30.1%, Greens 7.3%, Liberal People's Party (FP) 7.1%, Center Party (C) 6.6%, Sweden Democrats 5.7%, Christian Democrats (KD) 5.6%, Left Party 5.6%

Election results – EU elections 2009: S 24.41%, M 18.83%, FP 13.58%, MP 11.02%, PP 7.13%, V 5.66%, C 5.47%, KD 4.68%

# Moderaterna | M

In English: Moderate Party



REINFELDT, Fredrik

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· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	107 / 349
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	4
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	3
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	4
· International Affiliation:	IDU
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# Kristdemokraterna | KD

In English: Christian Democrats



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· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	19 / 349
· Members in the EPP Group in the European Parliament:	1
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	Göran Hägglund is the Minister of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden.

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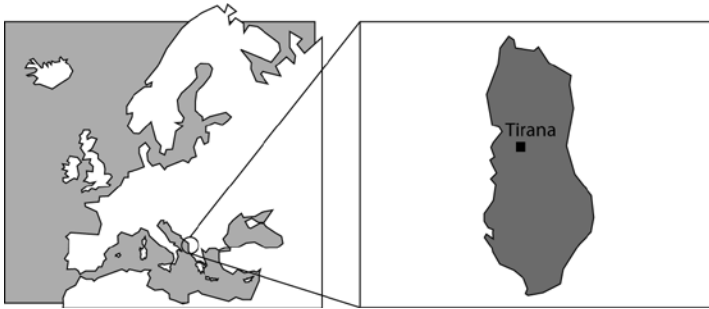
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# ALBANIA



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	28 758 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	2 831 741 (Census, Oct. 2011)
<b>Capital:</b>	Tirana
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Relations with the EU:</b>	Albania signed a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) with the EU in 2006 Albania has submitted the application for candidate status to the EU in 2009.
<b>Currency:</b>	137.54 lekë (ALL) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 9.61 billion
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	12 counties
<b>Independence:</b>	28 November 1912
<b>National holiday:</b>	28 November (1912)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1998
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament the Assembly - Kuvendi i Shqipërisë (140 seats; 100 members elected by direct popular vote and 40 by proportional vote to serve four-year terms).  Elections: last held on 28 June 2009 (next to be held by 2013).  Election results: percent of vote by party - PD 46.92%, PS 45.34%, LSI 5.56%

# Partia Demokratike e Shqipërisë | PD

In English: Democratic Party of Albania



BERISHA, Sali

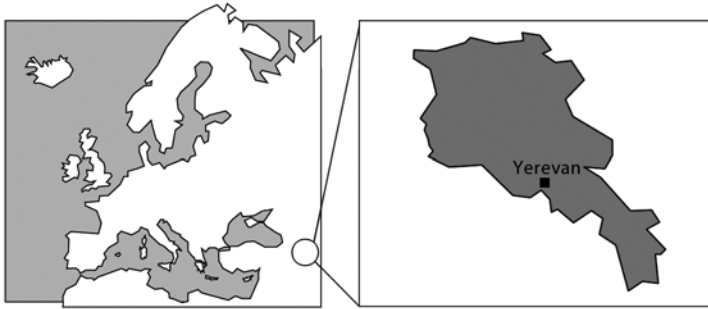
· Date of Entry in the EPP:	2003
· Membership status:	Observer Member
· President of the Party:	BERISHA, Sali profsberisha@albaniaonline.net
· Secretary General:	BODE, Ridvan
· International Secretary:	BOGDANI, Gerti gbogdani@gmail.com
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	70 / 140
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	3
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
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# ARMENIA



## QUICK FACTS:

**Land Area:** 29 743 sq km  
**Population:** 3 266 300 (Oct. 2011 est)  
**Capital:** Yerevan  
**Political system:** Presidential Republic  
**Relations with the EU:** ENP Action Plan signed in 2006

**Currency:** 505.36 dram (AMD) = 1 euro  
**GDP:** € 7.68 billion

**Administrative divisions:** 10 provinces and 1 special administrative division: the capital Yerevan.

**Independence:** 21 September 1991

**National holiday:** 28 August 1918

**Constitution:** Effective since 1995; amended in 2005

**Legislative branch:** National Assembly – Azgayin Zhoghov – Consists of 131 members elected for four-year terms: 56 elected in single-seats constituencies and 75 under proportional representation.

**Elections:** Last held on 27 May 2007. Next to be held on 6 May 2012.

**Election results:** Percent of vote by party –HHK 33,91%; BHK 15,13%; ARF 13,16%; OEK 7,05%; Zharangutyun 6%



# Hayastani Hanrapetakan Kusaktsuyun | HHK

In English: Republican Party of Armenia



SARGSYAN, Serzh

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· Secretary General:	–
· International Secretary:	ASHOTYAN, Armen ashotyan@gmail.com
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	63 / 131
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	(Number TBC after elections in May 2012)
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
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# Orinats Erkir | OEK

In English: Rule of Law



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· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	7 / 131
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	(Number TBC after elections in May 2012)
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
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# Zharangutyun | Z

In English: Heritage



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· Secretary General:	HAKOBYAN, Ruben ruben@heritage.am
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· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	7 / 131
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	–

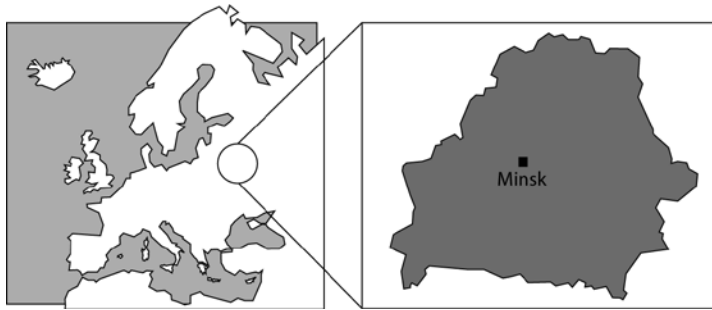
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# BELARUS



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	207 600 sq km
Population:	9 466 000 (Dec. 2011 est)
Capital:	Minsk
Political system:	Authoritarianism
Relations with the EU:	–
Currency:	10,940.10 rubles (BYR) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 22.38 billion

Administrative divisions: 6 provinces and the capital city

Independence: 25 August 1991

National holiday: 3 July (1944)

Constitution: Came into force in 1994; amended twice, last time in 2004

Legislative branch: Bicameral Parliament the National Assembly - Natsionalnoye Sobraniye - consists of an upper house the Council of the Republic - Sovet Respubliki - (64 seats; 56 members elected by regional and Minsk city councils and 8 members appointed by the president, to serve four-year terms) and a lower house the Chamber of Representatives - Palata Predstaviteley - (110 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms).

Elections: Next to be held in September 2012

Election results: Sovet Respubliki - percent of vote by party - NA; Palata Predstaviteley - percent of vote by party - NA

# Biélaruski Narodny Front | BPF

In English: Belarusan Popular Front



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· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	0 / 110
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	–
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
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# Abjadnanaja Hramadzianskaja Partyja Bielarusi | UCP

In English: United Civil Party of Belarus



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· Seats in national Parliament:	0 / 110
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	–
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	IDU
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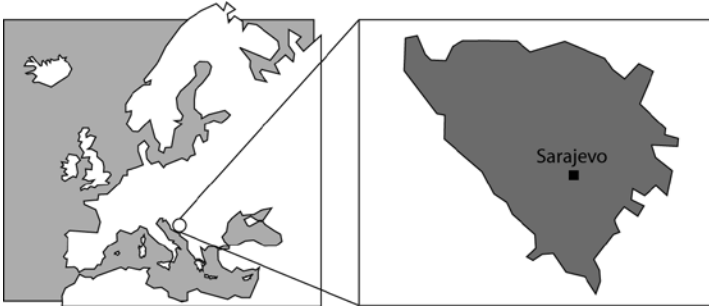
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# BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	51 129 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	3 839 737 (Jun. 2011 est)
<b>Capital:</b>	Sarajevo
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Relations with the EU:</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina signed a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) with the EU in June 2008
<b>Currency:</b>	1.96 marks (BAM) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 12.95 billion
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	2 first-order administrative divisions – entities – and 1 internationally supervised district
<b>Independence:</b>	1 March 1992
<b>National holiday:</b>	25 November (1943)
<b>Constitution:</b>	The Dayton Peace Accords, signed on 14 December 1995 in Paris, included a constitution; note - each of the entities also has its own constitution.
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	<p>Bicameral Parliament the Assembly - Skupština consists of an upper house the House of Peoples - Dom Naroda - (15 seats, 5 Bosniak, 5 Croat, 5 Serb; members elected by the Bosniak/Croat Federation's House of Representatives and the Republika Srpska's National Assembly to serve four-year terms); and a lower house the state-level House of Representatives - Predstavnički Dom (42 seats, 28 seats allocated for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and 14 seats for the Republika Srpska; members elected by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation to serve four-year terms); note - Bosnia and Herzegovina's election law specifies four-year terms for the state and entity legislatures</p> <p>Elections: Parliamentary elections last held on 3 October 2010 (next to be held by October 2014)</p> <p>Election results: House of Peoples - percent of vote by party/coalition - NA; Predstavnički Dom - percent of vote by party/coalition – SDP 20%, SNSD 19.5%, SDA 15.1%, SDS 9.7%, SBB 9.2%, HDZBIH 8%, SBIH 6.1%, HDZ1990 3.5%, NS 3%, PDP 2,8%, DNS 2.1%, DNZ 1%</p>



# Stranka Demokratske Akcije | SDA

In English: Party of Democratic Action



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· Government status:	In government as a coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	7 / 42
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	Bakir Izetbegović is the Bosniak member of the 3-member Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and currently presiding.

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# Hrvatska Demokratska Zajednica Bosne i Hercegovine | HDZBiH

In English: Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina



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· Government status:	In government as a coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	3 / 42
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	Vjekoslav Bevanda is the Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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# Partija Demokratskog Progresa | PDP

In English: Party of Democratic Progress



IVANIĆ, Mladen

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· Membership status:	Observer Member
· President of the Party:	IVANIĆ, Mladen pdp@blic.net
· Secretary General:	CRNADAK, Igor igor.crnadak@gmail.com
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	1 / 42
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional Information:	–

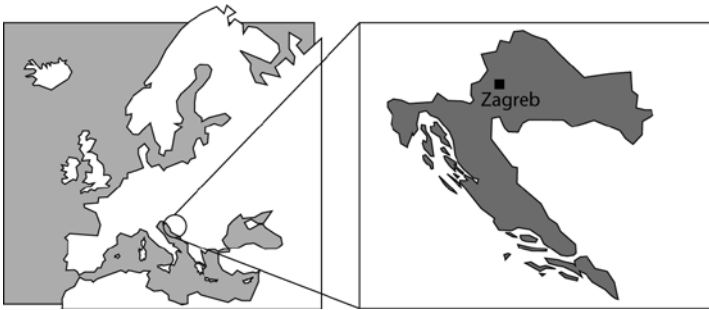
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# CROATIA



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	56 542 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	4 290 612 (Census, Mar. 2011)
<b>Capital:</b>	Zagreb
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Relations with the EU:</b>	The Accession Treaty signed in December 2011. Accession date set for 1 July 2013.
<b>Currency:</b>	7.58 kuna (HRK) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 45.69 billion
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	21 counties, including the capital city
<b>Independence:</b>	25 June 1991
<b>National holiday:</b>	8 October (1991)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Effective since 1990; amended four times, last one in 2011
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament the Assembly - Hrvatski Sabor (may have a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 160 members, currently has 151 seats; members elected from party lists by popular vote to serve four-year terms. Most representatives come from the Croatian mainland counties, but there are also guaranteed minority and Diaspora seats).

Elections: Last held on 4 December 2011. Next to be held by the end of 2015.

Election results: Percent of the vote by party/coalition – Kukuriku coalition 41.08%; HDZ, HGS, DC 23.5%; HL 5.22%; HDSSB 2.96%; HSS 3.03%; IGL 2.84%; HSP, HČSP 2.81%

# Hrvatska Demokratska Zajednica | HDZ

In English: Croatian Democratic Union



KOSOR, Jadranka

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· Membership status:	Associate Member
· President of the Party:	KOSOR, Jadranka ured-predsjednice@hdz.hr
· Secretary General:	BAČIĆ, Branko glavni-tajnik@hdz.hr
· International Secretary:	STIER, Davor davor.stier@hdz.hr
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	47 / 151
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	4
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI, IDU
· Additional Information:	–

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# Hrvatska Seljačka Stranka | HSS

In English: Croatian Peasant Party



HRG, Branko

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· Membership status:	Associate Member
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· International Secretary:	TILL, Darko darko.till@hss.hr
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	1 / 151
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	1
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	–

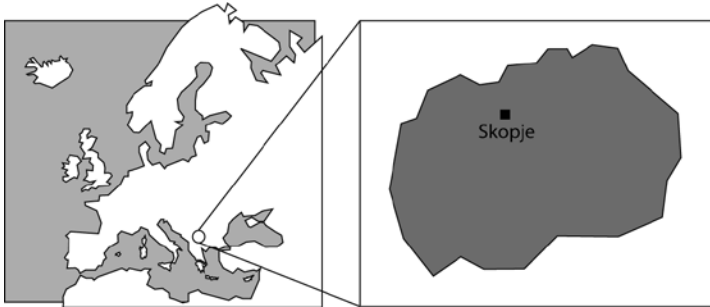
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# FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	25 333 sq km
Population:	2 057 284 (Jan. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Skopje
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Relations with the EU:	Candidate since 2005
Currency:	61.50 denari (MKD) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 7.66 billion

Administrative divisions: 84 municipalities

Independence: 8 September 1991

National holiday: 2 August (1903)

Constitution: Effective since 17 November 1991; amended many times, last one in 2001

Legislative branch: Unicameral Parliament, the Assembly - Sobranie - (123 seats; members elected by popular vote from party lists based on the percentage of the overall vote the parties gain in each of seven electoral districts; members serve four-year terms)

Elections: last held on 5 June 2011 (next to be held by July 2015)

Election results: percent of vote by party - VMRO-DPMNE-led block 39%, SDSM-led block 32.8%, BDI/DUI 10.2%, PDSH/DPA 5.9%, RDK 2.7%



# Vnatrešna Makedonska Revolucionerne Organizacija- Demokratska Partija za Makedonsko Nacionalno Edinstvo | VMRO-DPMNE

In English: "Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organisation – Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity"



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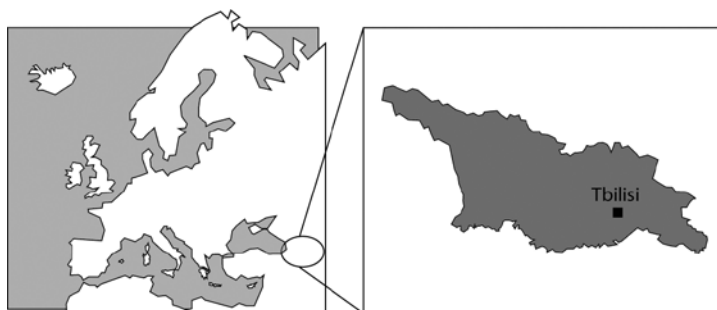
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· International Secretary:	GJORČEV, Vladimir   RUNČEVA, Hristina vgjorcev@yahoo.com   runceva@gmail.com
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	54 / 120
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional Information:	Gjorge Ivanov is the President of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Nikola Gruevski is the Prime Minister of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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# GEORGIA



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	69700 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	4 469 200 (Jan. 2011 est.)
<b>Capital:</b>	Tbilisi
<b>Political system:</b>	Semi-presidential
<b>Relations with the EU:</b>	The European Neighborhood Policy Action Plan was adopted in 2005; Member of EU Eastern Partnership Programme
<b>Currency:</b>	2.16 lari (GEL) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 10.92 billion
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	9 regions, 2 autonomous republics and the capital city
<b>Independence:</b>	9 April 1991
<b>National holiday:</b>	26 May (1918)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1995; amended twice, last time in 2010
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament - Sakartvelos parlamenti - (150 seats; 75 members elected by proportional representation, 75 from single-seat constituencies; members to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: last held on 21 May 2008 (next to be held in October 2012)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - UNM 59.2%, NC-NR (a nine-party bloc) 17.7%, CDM 8.8%, LP 7.4%, RP 3.8%

# Ertiani Natsionaluri Modzraoba | UNM

In English: United National Movement



SAAKASHVILI, Mikheil

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· Secretary General:	MACHAVARIANI, Mikheil international@unm.ge
· International Secretary:	KAVTARADZE, Irakli i_kavtaradze@parliament.ge
· Government status:	Single party government
· Seats in national Parliament:	118 / 150
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	5
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional Information:	Mikheil Saakashvili is the President of Georgia.

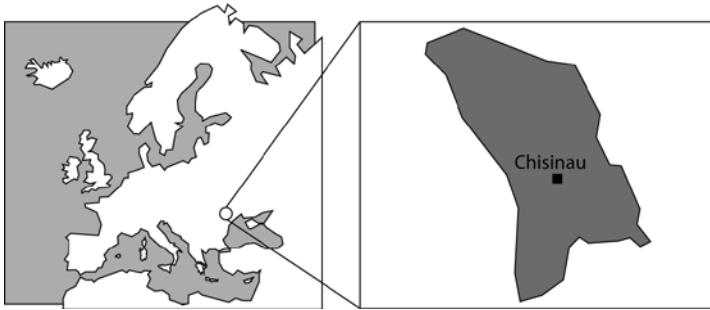
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# MOLDOVA



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	33 843 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	3 560 400 (Jan. 2011 est.)
<b>Capital:</b>	Chisinau
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Relations with the EU:</b>	The European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan was adopted in 2005
<b>Currency:</b>	15.33 lei (MDL) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 5.48 billion
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	32 districts, 3 municipalities, 1 autonomous territorial unit and 1 territorial unit
<b>Independence:</b>	27 August 1991
<b>National holiday:</b>	27 August (1991)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Came into force in 1994
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament - Parlamentul - (101 seats; members elected on an at-large basis by popular vote to serve four-year terms)  Elections: last held on 28 November 2010 (next to be held in 2014)  Election results: percent of vote by party - PCRM 39.3%, PLDM 29.4%, PDM 12.7%, PL 10%

# Partidul Liberal Democrat Din Moldova | PLDM

In English: Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova



FILAT, Vlad

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· President of the Party:	FILAT, Vlad vlad.filat@gmail.com
· Secretary General:	ROSCA, Victor secretar.general.pldm@gmail.com
· International Secretary:	CHIRILA, Victor victor.chirila@yahoo.com
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	31 / 101
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
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# Partidul Popular Creștin Democrat | PPCD

In English: Christian Democratic People's Party



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· Government status:	–
· Seats in national Parliament:	0 / 101
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	0
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
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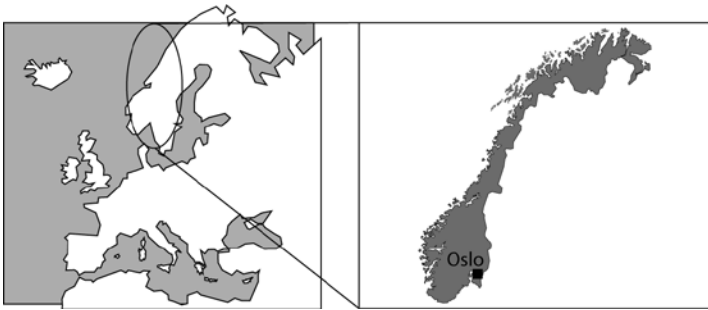
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# NORWAY

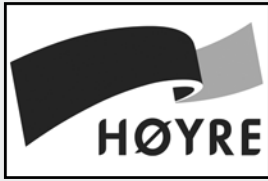


## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	323 802 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	4 992 300 (Feb. 2012 est)
<b>Capital:</b>	Oslo
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Monarchy
<b>Relations with the EU:</b>	EEA Agreement entered into force in 1994 in addition to various bilateral agreements; Member of the Schengen Area
<b>Currency:</b>	7.55 kroner (NOK) = 1 euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 351.07 billion
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	19 counties
<b>Independence:</b>	7 June 1905
<b>National holiday:</b>	17 May (1814)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Effective since 1814; amended several times
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Modified unicameral Parliament - Storting - (169 seats; members elected by popular vote by proportional representation to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: last held on 14 September 2009 (next to be held in September 2013)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - DNA 35.4%, FrP 22.9%, H 17.2%, SV 6.2%, Sp 6.2%, KrF 5.5%, V 3.9%, other 2.7%; seats by party - DNA 64, FrP 41, H 30, SV 11, Sp 11, KrF 10, V 2
	Note: for certain purposes, the parliament divides itself into two chambers and elects one-fourth of its membership in the Lagting and three-fourths of its membership in the Odelsting



In English: Conservative Party



SOLBERG, Erna

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· Membership status:	Associate Member
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· Secretary General:	RYSSDAL, Lars Arne lar@hoyre.no
· International Secretary:	BERGESEN, Tord tord.bergesen@stortinget.no
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	30 / 169
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	IDU
· Additional Information:	–

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# Kristelig Folkeparti | KrF

In English: Christian Democratic Party



HAREIDE, Knut Arild

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· International Secretary:	LØLAND, Andreas andreas.loland@krf.no
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	10 / 169
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	–
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	–

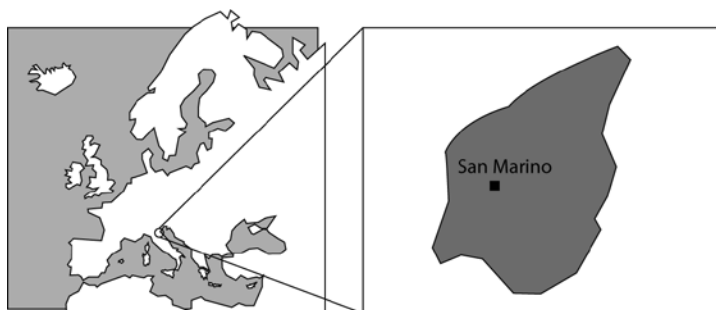
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# SAN MARINO



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	61.2 sq km
Population:	32 166 (Nov. 2011 est.)
Capital:	San Marino
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Relations with the EU:	The establishment of official relations between the Republic of San Marino and the European Community dates back to February 1983.
Date of entry in the euro zone:	1999
GDP:	€ 0.79 Billion (2010 est.)
Administrative divisions:	9 municipalities
Independence:	3 September (301)
National holiday:	Founding of the Republic, 3 September (301)
Constitution:	Composed of two documents: the Statutes of 1600 and the Declaration of Citizen Rights of 1974; the latest amended in 2002
Legislative branch:	Unicameral Parliament the Grand and General Council - Consiglio Grande e Generale (60 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve five-year terms)
	Elections: last held on 9 November 2008 (next to be held by June 2013)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - Pact for San Marino coalition 54.2%: PDCS 31.9%, AP 11.5%, Freedom List 6.3%, SMUM 4.2%; Reforms and Freedom coalition 45.8%, PSD 32%, United Left 8.6%, DC 4.9%

# Partito Democratico Cristiano Sammarinese | PDCS

In English: Sammarinese Christian Democratic Party



LONFERNINI, Teodoro

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· Secretary General:	GATTI, Marco pdcs@omniway.sm
· International Secretary:	TERENZI, Gian Franco pdcs@omniway.sm
· Government status:	In government as the senior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Seats elected in coalition Patto per San Marino: 16 / 60
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	Gabriele Gatti is Captain Regent

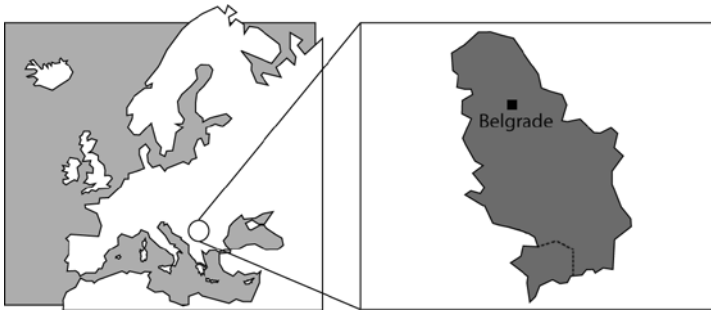
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# SERBIA



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	88 361 sq km
Population:	7 120 666 (Census, Oct. 2011)
Capital:	Belgrade
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Relations with the EU:	EU candidate since March 2012

Currency:	106.95 dinara (RSD) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 31.41 billion

**Administrative divisions:** 150 municipalities, 24 cities and two autonomous provinces, one of which (Kosovo) unilaterally declared independence in 2008. The legitimacy of this process remains disputed.

**Independence:** 13 July 1878

**National holiday:** 15 February (1835)

**Constitution:** Came into force in 2006

**Legislative branch:** Unicameral Parliament the National Assembly – Narodna Skupština Republike Srbije - (250 seats; deputies elected according to party lists to serve four-year terms)

**Elections:** last held on 11 May 2008 (next to be held by May 2012)

**Election results:** percent of vote by party - For a European Serbia coalition 38.4%, SRS 29.5%, DSS-NS 11.6%, SPS-led coalition 7.6%, LPD 5.2%, other 7.7%



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· Government status:	In government as a junior coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	23 / 250
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	IDU
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# Savez Vojvođanskih Mađara / Vajdasági Magyar Szövetség | SVM

In English: Alliance of Hungarians in Vojvodina



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· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	4 / 250
· Members of the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	1
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
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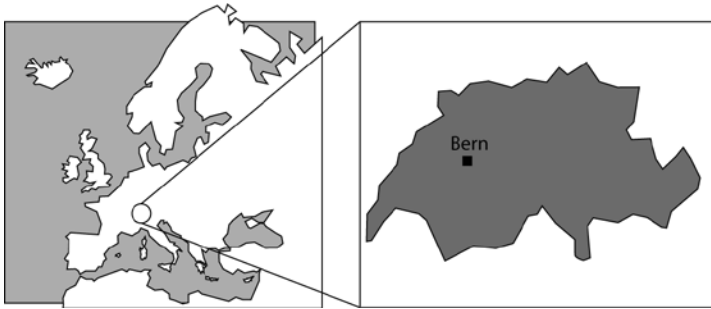
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# SWITZERLAND



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	41 290 sq km
Population:	7 866 500 (Jan. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Bern
Political system:	Parliamentary Republic
Relations with the EU:	The EC-Switzerland Agreement of 1972 and 16 additional agreements form the basis of the bilateral relations; Member of the Schengen Area
Currency:	1.21 francs (CHF) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 468.78 billion

Administrative divisions:	26 cantons note: 6 of the cantons are styled half cantons because they elect only one member to the Council of States and, in popular referendums where a majority of popular votes and a majority of cantonal votes are required, these six cantons only have a half vote
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Independence: 1 August 1291

National holiday: 1 August (1291)

Constitution: Came into force in 2000

Legislative branch: Bicameral Federal Assembly - Bundesversammlung / L'Assemblée fédérale / Assemblea Federale consists of an upper house the Council of States - Ständerat / Le Conseil des États / Consiglio degli Stati (46 seats; membership consists of 2 representatives from each canton and 1 from each half canton; members to serve four-year terms) and a lower house the National Council - Nationalrat / Conseil National / Consiglio Nazionale (200 seats; members elected by popular vote on the basis of proportional representation to serve four-year terms)

Elections: Council of States – Last held between October, November and December of 2011 (each canton determines when the next election will be held); National Council – Last held on 23 October 2011. Next to be held by October 2015

Election results: Council of States – percent of vote by party – NA; National Council – percent of vote by party – Swiss People's Party (SVP/UDC) 26,6%; Social Democratic Party (SPS/PSS) 18,7%; The Liberals (FDP/PLR) 15,1%; Christian Democratic People's Party (CVP/PDC) 12,3%; Green Party (GPS/PES) 8,4%; Green Liberal Party (GLP/PVL) 5,4%; Conservative Democratic Party (BDP/PBD) 5,4%; Evangelical People's Party (EVP/PEV) 2,0%

# Christlich Demokratische Volkspartei | CVP/PDC/PPD/PCD

In English: Christian Democratic People's Party



DARBELLAY, Christophe

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· Government status:	In government as a coalition partner
· Seats in national Parliament:	Lower House 31 / 200; Upper House 13 / 46
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	3
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2
· International Affiliation:	CDI
· Additional Information:	Doris Leuthard is a Member of the Federal Council of Switzerland.

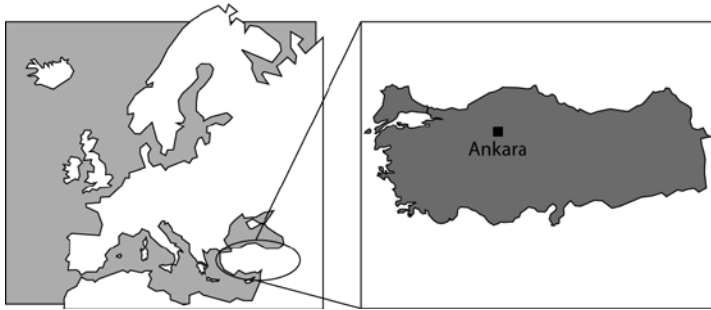
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# TURKEY



## QUICK FACTS:

<b>Land Area:</b>	780 580 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	73 722 988 (Dec. 2011 est)
<b>Capital:</b>	Ankara
<b>Political system:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Relations with the EU:</b>	EU candidate since 1999 - started accession negotiations in 2005.
<b>Currency:</b>	2.31 lira (TRY)=1Euro
<b>GDP:</b>	€ 543.12 billion
<b>Administrative divisions:</b>	81 provinces
<b>Independence:</b>	29 October 1923
<b>National holiday:</b>	29 October (1923)
<b>Constitution:</b>	Effective since 1982; amended in several occasions, last time in 2010
<b>Legislative branch:</b>	Unicameral Parliament the Grand National Assembly of Turkey - Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi - (550 seats; members elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms)
	Elections: last held on 12 June 2011(next to be held by July 2015)
	Election results: percent of vote by party - AKP 49.9%, CHP 25.9%, MHP 13%, BDP 6.7%

# Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi - AKP

In English: Justice and Development Party



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· Seats in national Parliament:	326 / 542
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	4
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	Abdullah Gül is the President of Turkey.  Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is the Prime Minister of Turkey.

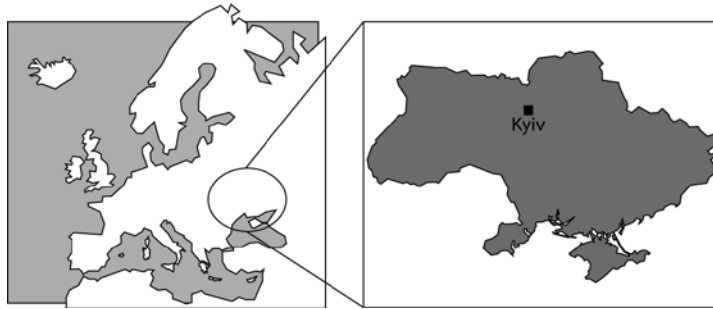
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# UKRAINE



## QUICK FACTS:

Land Area:	603 700 sq km
Population:	45 655 163 (Nov. 2011 est.)
Capital:	Kyiv
Political system:	Semi-presidential
Relations with the EU:	Signed the European Neighbourhood Action Plan in 2005.
Currency:	10.43 hryven (UAH) = 1 euro
GDP:	€ 124.35 billion
Administrative divisions:	24 provinces (oblasti), 1 autonomous republic and 2 municipalities with oblast status
Independence:	24 August 1991
National holiday:	24 August (1991)
Constitution:	Came into force in 1996; amendments adopted in 2004 overturned by the Constitutional Court in 2010
Legislative branch:	Unicameral Parliament, the Supreme Council - Verkhovna Rada - (450 seats; members allocated on a proportional basis to those parties that gain 3% or more of the national electoral vote; members to serve five-year terms)
	Elections: Last held on 30 September 2007. Next to be held on 28 October 2012.
	Election results: percent of vote by party/bloc - Party of Regions 34.4%, Bloc Yulia Tymoshenko 30.7%, Our Ukraine-People's Self Defense 14.2%, CPU 5.4%, Lytvyn Bloc 4%, other parties 11.3%

# Batkivshchyna

In English: Fatherland Party



TYMOSHENKO, Yulia

· Date of Entry in the EPP:	2008
· Membership status:	Observer Member
· President of the Party:	TYMOSHENKO, Yulia
· Secretary General:	TURCHYNOV, Oleksandr
· International Secretary:	NEMYRIA, Hryhoriy h.nemyria@byut.com.ua
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	Seats elected in the political block "Yulia Tymoshenko" 106 / 450
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	8
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	–

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# Nasha Ukraïna | NU

In English: Our Ukraine



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· Date of Entry in the EPP:	2005
· Membership status:	Observer Member
· President of the Party:	NALYVAICHENKO, Valentyn nvo@nasha-ukraine.org
· Secretary General:	BONDARCHUK, Sergiy
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	11 / 450
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	2
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	–

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# Narodnyi Rukh Ukraïny | RUKH

In English: People's Movement of Ukraine



TARASYUK, Borys

· Date of Entry in the EPP:	2005
· Membership status:	Observer Member
· President of the Party:	TARASYUK, Borys reception@nru.org.ua
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· International Secretary:	GRINEVYCH, Maria mariartym@gmail.com
· Government status:	In opposition
· Seats in national Parliament:	3 / 450
· Members in the EPP Group in the Council of Europe:	–
· Delegates in the EPP Political Assembly:	2 (Non Voting)
· International Affiliation:	–
· Additional Information:	–

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# Section 3,

**POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS AND THINK-TANKS**

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- Country: EU (registered in Belgium)
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## Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Centre for European Studies is composed of a maximum of eight members - including the President and the Secretary-Treasurer - elected by the General Assembly. The Executive Board manages the Centre, has all the competences which are not attributed to the General Assembly and has to convene at least twice a year.

### **President:**

Wilfried Martens

### **Secretary Treasurer:**

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### **Permanent Guest:**

Werner Fasslabend

tre are individuals and political foundations/think-tanks, and can number between three and seventy. Currently the Centre has ordinary members, made up of individuals and foundations/think-tanks. Individuals are accepted as ordinary members by a simple majority vote in the General Assembly, after recommendation of the EPP Presidency to the Executive Board. These individuals represent the interests of the EPP and its member-parties. In order for a political foundation/think-tank to become an ordinary member of the Centre, it must be recognized by its respective EPP member party and be engaged in promoting political information and debate and facilitating EU integration. Additionally, the Centre can accept supporting members as non-voting members. All members have to be committed to supporting the objectives and aims of the Centre.

### **Individual Members:**

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## General Assembly

The General Assembly is composed of all the ordinary members of the Centre. Every new ordinary member has the right to vote (one vote per member). The President of the Centre can invite guests as observers at the General Assembly meeting. Ordinary members of the Cen-

## Foundations

Political Academy of the ÖVP / Austria

CEDER Study Centre of CD&V / Belgium

Croatian Statehood Foundation / Croatia

Glafcos Clerides Institute for Eurodemocracy / Cyprus

European Academy for Democracy / Czech Rep.

Pro Patria Training Centre / Estonia

The National Educational Association / Finland

Hanns Seidel Foundation / Germany

Konrad Adenauer Foundation / Germany

Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy / Greece

Foundation for a Civic Hungary / Hungary

Institute Luigi Sturzo / Italy

Academy for the Development of a Democratic Environment / Malta

CDA Research Institute / Netherlands

Høyres Study Centre / Norway

Institute for Popular Studies / Romania

Institute for Modern Slovakia / Slovakia

Dr. Jože Pučnik Institute / Slovenia

Foundation for Social Research and Analysis / Spain

Institute for Humanistic Studies Miquel Coll and Alentorn / Spain

Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation / Sweden

## Academic Council

In order to increase the academic scope of the Centre for European Studies and oversee the scientific standards of the research and studies, the Executive Board can nominate esteemed academics and researchers as members of the Academic Council. Overseeing the scientific standards of the research and studies of the Academic Council will specifically include:

- enhancing the standing and the academic credibility of the Centre for European Studies in academic sphere
- contributing expertise, advice and ideas to ensure the Centre is always pursuing cutting-edge research
- proposing new and innovative research projects to the Centre
- implementing the highest standard of peer review for the research of the Centre
- ensuring that all documents are technically correct and conform to conventions of structure and referencing
- active involvement and participation in research projects and the communication of their results

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· History:

The CES was established in 2007 as the political foundation of the EPP. Like other European political foundations, the CES is governed by the Regulation 1524/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding. Following this Regulation, the CES underpins and complements the objectives of the EPP by performing the following tasks:

- observing, analysing and contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and on the process of European integration,
- developing activities linked to European public policy issues, such as organising and supporting seminars, training, conferences and studies on such issues between relevant stakeholders, including youth organisations and other representatives of civil society, and
- serving as a framework for national political foundations, academics, and other relevant actors to work together at European level.

At the beginning of 2012, the CES had 21 member foundations from 19 countries and 15 individual members. Each CES member foundation or think-tank is officially recognised by an EPP member party.



· Activities:

The CES embodies a pan-European mindset, promoting Christian Democrat, conservative and like-minded political values. It facilitates cooperation between EPP member parties and associations. The CES contributes to the updating of the EPP political platform and to other policy documents of the EPP. It hosts discussions and seminars at EPP congresses.

The CES contributes to formulating EU and national public policies. Through its papers, conferences, authors' dinners and website, the CES offers a platform for discussion among experts, politicians, policymakers and the European public.

The CES also organises seminars on EU policies and on the process of European integration. The annual Economic Ideas Forum hosts politicians, policy makers and experts and provides a focus for debates on current economic issues. The 2012 Economic Ideas Forum took place in Dublin.

The CES engages in training. The CES Academy for young centre-right leaders was launched in March 2012.

At the beginning of 2012, the CES launched *Springeneration.eu*, an online platform which aims to elicit views of young people from North Africa and the Middle East on what Europeans should do to build positive partnerships with Arab Countries.

In 2011, CES supported over 60 common projects with its member foundations; the events dealt with a wide variety of topics and were different in size and scope, but all successfully contributed to enriching EU policy discussions across Europe and beyond.



· Publications:

The CES creates a wide range of publications. Research papers and policy briefs are produced within six clusters:

- party structures and EU institutions,
- economic and social policies,
- EU foreign policy,
- environment and energy,
- values and religion, and
- new societal challenges (including population ageing, immigration and integration, and the Internet and politics).

In 2012, there are two 'horizontal themes' that are emphasised in CES research activities:

- the campaign strategy for the European Parliament election in 2014, and
- the implications of the Arab Spring for Europe and the EPP.

Recent CES research papers and policy briefs include:

- B. Aguilera-Barchet, 'A Higher Education for the Twenty-first Century: European and US approaches' (2012)
- V. Novotný, 'Immigration and Integration in the European Union' (2012)
- H. Geeroms, W. Moesen and S. De Corte, 'The European Union at a Crossroads: An Action Plan' (2011)
- F. Hartleb, 'After their Establishment: Right-wing Populist Parties in Europe' (2011)
- J. Jamet, W. Mussler and S. De Corte, 'EU Economic Governance: The French and German Views' (2011)
- F. Hartleb, 'The New Euroscepticism' (2011)
- W. Phares, L. Vidino and A. Hamzawy, 'Political Islam in Europe and the Mediterranean: Three Contributions' (2011).

At the beginning of 2012, the CES published, in cooperation with its member foundations, a book *Opening the Door? Immigration and Integration in the European Union*. This in-depth study of immigration and integration policies covers thirteen EU countries and one region, as well as the EU itself. It offers policy recommendations for the EU and its Member States.

The biannual *European View* is an intellectual platform for politicians, opinion makers and academics. It tackles contemporary themes of European politics, focusing on one specific theme in each issue. What makes the *European View* unique is its hybrid nature: it involves academics, experts, as well as high level politicians and decision makers. The topic of the first 2012 issue is 'What kind of Union', focusing on contemporary economic affairs.

Finally, the electronic *CES Flash* consists of briefs analysing the political, economic and social developments in Europe from the centre-right perspective.



## Politische Akademie der ÖVP

In English: Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party, PolAk



- Country: AUSTRIA
- Chair: Werner Fasslabend
- Executive Director: Dietmar Halper
- Year of establishment: 1972
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#### · History:

The Politische Akademie (Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party) in the Viennese district of Meidling consists of three buildings: the historical Springer- Schlößl, built in the 19th century, the half-timbered house which now accommodates the Julius Raab-Stiftung, and the hotel, built in 1975. The Springer-Schlößl (which was named after Baron Springer) is now a training and research centre for the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP). Five modern classrooms are located on the ground floor. The offices of the Political Academy are housed on the first floor. The archive of the Karl von Vogelsang-Institut and a large research library are situated in the basement.

With the "Anschluß" in 1938 began a period of misfortune for the Springer-Schlößl until in 1953 the whole estate was given back to the original owners. Since that time, the local ÖVP has been organising events and seminars. In 1975, the Political Academy was founded. In only 90 days the building was reconstructed, and the Politische Akademie started its work on 11 October 1975, in the rooms of the Springer-Schlößl. In the spring of 1977, the new hotel building was opened.



· Activities:

The Political Academy is the leading conservative think tank in Austria. The Academy tries to define, through a theoretical approach, what neo-conservative policies stand for. A wide field of macroeconomic and philosophical topics are discussed on an academic level. Empirical political studies support the efficiency of everyday party politics. Hence, the Political Academy is developing tools to improve the impact of political campaigns. Through concrete project work, the Academy puts its concepts into practice. Within the field of international activities, the European Union and the countries of Southeastern Europe are main focus of the Political Academy.

The Political Academy is an institution of political education and research. It applies itself to political and strategic research and project work. Training and the further education of trainers as well as coaching are as much a part of the activities of the Political Academy as is the extensive supply of information, which it offers concerning current political events. In addition to this, the Academy also provides for the training and further education of political representatives, MPs, functionaries and party workers.

The Political Academy is committed to fulfilling the role of a meeting place and discourse medium for both national and international experts and representatives from various fields of policy-making, politics, science and research and diplomacy. A dense programme of activities such as panel discussions, work shops, conferences and public lectures as well as regular publications is aimed at informing and involving the public.



· Publications:

- Woschnagg, Gregor / Mück, Werner / Payrleitner, Alfred (Hg.)  
Hinter den Kulissen der EU  
Österreichs EU-Vorsitz und die Zukunft Europas
- Karner, Stefan / Duffek, Karl (Hg.)  
Widerstand in Österreich 1938 – 1945
- Burkert-Dottolo, Günther/ Moser, Christian Sebastian (Hg.)  
Stichwortgeber für die Politik  
Band I
- Danich, Peter/ Moser, Christian Sebastian (Hg.)  
Stichwortgeber für die Politik  
Band II
- Burkert-Dottolo, Günther R. und Moser, Christian Sebastian (Hrsg.)  
Zukunftsmodell Liberalkonservativ  
Perspektiven für die ÖVP  
(Reihe: Aktuelle Fragen der Politik)

- Moser, Christian Sebastian / Freudenstein, Roland  
Konservative Korrekturen

The Political Academy also publishes many reports & analyses including:

- The US Primary Elections
- Reader: Social Fairness
- Reader: Kosovo
- Reader: Internet & Politics
- Reader: Compassionate Conservatism
- The Benes-Decrees
- Reader: Freedom & Security
- Fasslabend, Werner / Pröll, Josef  
The European People's Party: Success and Future Challenges  
With Portraits of Selected Countries
- Khol, Andreas / Ofner, Günther / Karner, Stefan / Halper, Dietmar:  
Österreichisches Jahrbuch für Politik 2011

## CEDER Studiecentrum CD&V

In English: CEDER Study Centre of CD&V



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CEDER was established in 2001. It is the Flemish heir of the former national party study centre CEPSS.

- History:



### Governmental Negotiations:

- Activities: Jan – Mar 2008: Negotiations for the new federal government under the leadership of CD&V Prime Minister Yves Leterme;
- 2008: Negotiations at the Federal and Regional level ('Gemeenschapsdialoog') for state reform;
- June 2009: Negotiations for the establishment of a new Flemish government under the leadership of CD&V Minister-President Kris Peeters.
- June 2010 – December 2011: Negotiations for the new federal government (Di Rupo I) and the 6th institutional reform of Belgium.

## Party Congress 'Ready for the world' on different globalisation themes:

Preparation in different CEDER working groups of an ideological party congress on globalisation 'Ready for the world' with a focus on five themes: migration and education, accessibility of energy, poverty with focus on single families, flexicurity on the labour market and quality work in international cooperation;

## Public Events:

Ceder dialogues (2011-2012)

- *"New Industrial Policy"* – Flemish Minister-President Kris Peeters and Caroline Ven (head of the employers federation VKW)
- *"The (future) role of musea within the cultural policy"* – Flemish Minister of Culture Joke Schauvliege and Jan Hoet (founder of the City Museum for Contemporary Art in Ghent)
- *"How can municipalities deal with crime?"* – Former Minister of Justice Stefaan De Clerck and Tom Meeuws (head of "Living Together", Antwerp)



· Publications:

*"Applied Christian Democracy: the Rhineland Model"*  
(publication in partnership with CES)

*"The catholic church: Present and future"* (Welke kerk? Vandaag en morgen, Davidsfonds publishing) book published by CEDER collaborator Jürgen Mettenpenningen

*"Public finances in Europe anno 2010"* chapter by CEDER collaborator Niko Gobbin in *"Glocal policy in Europe"* (Glokaal Beleid in Europa, Acco publishing – ed. Marc De Clercq)

Belgian chapter in *"Opening the door"* (publication of CES) by CEDER collaborator Paolo De Francesco

## Zaklada Hrvatskog Državnog Zavjeta

In English: Croatian Statehood Foundation, ZHDZ



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The Croatian Statehood Foundation was established in October 1995, and it started operating in April 1996. As such, it is the first political foundation of this type in Croatia. The Foundation's Trustee is the Croatian Democratic Union, and the Trustee is represented by the Central Committee of the Croatian Democratic Union. The Croatian Statehood Foundation has its registered head office in Zagreb, and it is administered, based on the Trustee's decision, by the Foundation Board and the Chairman of the Foundation Management Board.

The Foundation's Chairman of the Management Board, according to a decision made by the Founder on 16 May 2006, is Srećko Pusina.



#### · Activities:

The Foundation's mission is to become a centre of excellence for political education and political consultation, operating on the basis of Christian democratic principles. Since the political doctrine of Christian democracy largely centres on Christian social teaching, the Foundation's principles focus on the individual and the dignity of all individuals. With reference to Christian social teaching, the fundamental values of the Croatian Statehood Foundation rest

on social justice for the political community, which ultimately exists on behalf of the greater good, so the Foundation's core task is to engender political education with a commitment to peace, freedom and justice both at home and abroad.

The Foundation's objective is to contribute to strengthening political culture, the culture of dialogue, and to support the development and enhancement of democratic society and the rule of law, and a socially-conscious market economy so that democracy may be reinforced, since democracy underpins human dignity and freedom.

The Foundation works towards the achievement of its objectives by organising seminars, round table lectures and conferences. In this regard, the Foundation has held seminars dealing with political communication, EU accession and a number of economic themes. The Foundation also dedicates particular attention to the youth, and their role in Croatia's future.



· Publications:

- Bemporad, Jack, Shevack, Michael, Our era: Historical and new era of Christian – Jewish mutual understanding, 1999
- Milardović, dr. Anđelko, Overview of the political and state work activity of Franjo Tuđman 1989 – 1999, 2000
- Soave, Antonio J., My beloved Croatia: a moment in the life of Franjo Tuđman and the country he helped to establish, 2002
- Milardović, dr. Anđelko, Franjo Tuđman – speeches and lectures 1998 – 1999, 2007
- CES / ZHDZ: Croatia in the European Union, Brussels 2009

## Institouto Evrodimokratias Glafcos Clerides

In English: Glafcos Clerides Institute for Eurodemocracy



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- President: Katherine Clerides
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#### · History:

The Institute for Eurodemocracy was established in 1999 as the official political foundation of the Democratic Rally Party of Cyprus. It serves as a think tank and centre for social, economic and political research. The Institute for Eurodemocracy has its registered head office in Nicosia.

The Institute also supports the work of the 'Middle East Observatory', an EPP-sponsored initiative hosted by the Democratic Rally, inaugurated by EPP President Wilfried Martens in Nicosia in July 2007.



#### · Activities:

It aims to encourage discussion on developments of the European Union and the international sphere by hosting a number of conferences, seminars and lectures in association with similar institutions, particularly within the European Union. Notable activities include:

"Privatisation of Public Service Industries". Keynote speaker: Kostas Karamanlis, President New Democracy party, Greece. (1999)

"New Prospects and Challenges for the European Union".



Keynote speaker: EU Commissioner Hans van den Broek.  
(2001)

"Path to the Future: Prospects and Challenges".  
Keynote speaker: Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister of Israel.  
(2001)

Since 2002, the Institute has opted to organise smaller-sized seminars and roundtable discussions on a wide-range of policy-oriented topics.

Open Discussion on "The European Union after the Lisbon Treaty".  
Speaker: Dora Bakoyannis, Foreign Minister of Greece  
(06.2008)

Open Discussion on "Transatlantic Relations in the age of Obama".  
(11.2008)

Series of 4 Round Table Discussions on "Turkey in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges".

Topics covered: EU- Turkish Relations, the democratisation process, Kemalism, Islam and democracy, and Turkish Foreign policy under Davutoglu.  
(2008-2009)

Public Debate on "The European Parliament and the importance of the June '09 Elections".  
(11.2009)

Presentation of the book "I struggle, I overcome" by Wilfried Martens, President of the EPP  
(05.2010).

Training courses for members of Democratic Rally in EPP Philosophy and European Union Political, Social, Economic policies organized by the Institute for Eurodemocracy Glafcos Clerides, the Centre for European Studies and the School for Political Education of Democratic Rally  
(02. – 05.2010)

Seminar on ' Rethinking Democracy, Justice and Education in the Age of Obama'  
(06.2009)

International Seminar 'From conflict to partnership, The environment of reconstruction'  
(10.2010).

Discussion on 'Building the foundation for the a peaceful future:  
A review of truth and reconciliation in peace process'  
(11.2010).

Lecture on 'The course of International Negotiations on Climate Change'  
(11.2010).

Conference on 'The International Migration System: Challenges and  
Opportunities'  
(Migration Policy Institute, 03.2011).

International workshop 'Cyprus: Bridging the Divide, EU Foreign policy,  
conflict Resolution and negotiation skills'  
(04.2011).

Co-organised with CES and YEPP a Summer School Session on 'Common  
Foreign and Security Policy'  
(07.2011).

'Building the Future of Cyprus, a multi stakeholder strategic planning form'  
(02-03.12.2011).

## Evropská Akademie pro Democracii

In English: European Academy for Democracy



- Country: CZECH REPUBLIC
- President: Jan Kasal
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#### · History:

The European Academy for Democracy is a non-profit civic association. Established in 1991, the European Academy for Democracy has been promoting centre-right and Christian Democratic values, and working toward improving relations between countries and nations of Europe.



#### · Activities:

The European Academy for Democracy organises seminars on political and cultural topics and provides consultancy services to regional and local governments in the Czech Republic. It provides courses and workshops for politicians and civil servants from municipal and regional governments, MPs and senators, leaders of the Christian and Democratic Union – Czechoslovak People's Party (KDU-ČSL) as well as new KDU-ČSL members. Some educational activities are organised in collaboration with the Young Christian Democrats, the Association of KDU-ČSL Women, and the Association of Christian Seniors. Since 2010, educational activities have been organised under the title 'Christian Democratic Academy' (Lidovecká akademie), a project approved by the KDU-ČSL Congress and Board. Some recent workshop topics include: ethics and socie-

ty, media literacy, the pension reform, the economic and social reforms in the Czech Republic and the social teaching of the Church, and the social market economy. Educational activities for the wider public are organised under the title 'Evening dialogues'; leading politicians, Church leaders, theologians and scientists are invited as speakers. Overall, the educational activities attract some 1,000 participants a year.

The European Academy for Democracy closely cooperates with partners in Austria, Germany and Slovakia. In addition to its membership in the CES, the European Academy for Democracy is a member of the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP).



· Publications:

Until 2009: *Obzory* (Horizonts) magazine that covered political and cultural topics from the Christian Democratic and conservative viewpoints.

2007: M. Pehr et al., *Cestami křesťanské politiky: Biografický slovník k dějinám křesťanských stran v českých zemích* [Christian Politics: A Biographical Dictionary for the History of Christian Parties in the Czech Lands] (Praha: Evropská akademie pro demokracii a Nakladatelství Akropolis, 2007).

## Pro Patria Koolituskeskus

In English: Pro Patria Institute



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#### · History:

Pro Patria Koolituskeskus was established in 1995 as a non-profit voluntary organisation which provides right of centre political, economic and general cultural education. Pro Patria Koolituskeskus is the only organisation attached to Pro Patria and Res Publica Union that provides political education for party members, and organises conferences and seminars for the wider public with an aim to promote the political programme of the party.



#### · Activities:

The activities of Pro Patria Institute include conferences, training programmes, as well as publications of an educational and political nature.

Conferences and training programmes:

For the wider public - To promote right of centre political ideas and support the party programme; on general political topics: social, economic, educational, environmental policies, as well as foreign and security policy, etc.

For the members of local governments - to provide them with knowledge and skills.

For party members - to provide them with political knowledge and skills, team building training, etc.

For election candidates - to provide them with political knowledge as well as skills like debating, public performance, etc.



· Publications:

**Practical handbooks:**

*Public relations* (1997)

*Christian Democracy and local politics* (1999)

*How to survive in daily political life* (2001)

*A Christian democratic party in action* (2001)

**Books about ideology:**

*Soft-spoken inspiration* (2004)

*Education freedom* (2005)

*The Many Faces of Conservatism. The essence, history and future of the conservative thought* (2011)

## Kansallinen Sivistysliitto

In English: The National Educational Association, KANSIO



- Country: FINLAND
- Chair: Taru Tujunen
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#### · History:

The National Educational Association is a non-profit association under Finnish law and is a separate legal entity from the National Coalition Party. KANSIO was founded in 1980 and has operated actively ever since. KANSIO consists of over 100 associations which all belong to the consortium of the National Coalition Party (e.g. associations for women, students, youth, senior citizens and all the regional associations of the National Coalition Party).



#### · Activities:

#### Training:

Based on annually planned trainings and events, KANSIO provides independently or jointly with its member associations short- and long-term educational programmes as well as cultural events. Even year-long training modules are tailored to the main target groups including local politicians, election candidates, persons interested in EU politics, individuals interested in political ideology, the members of the political party or member associations responsible for leading local associations.

The main themes of the short-term courses are training in information technology, communications and presentation skills. The yearly number of participants in the training is approximately 57,000.

### **Research:**

KANSIO is also responsible for organising the research activities of the party. The yearly research programme includes a member satisfaction survey, individual research studies ordered by the member associations and a joint research of the five largest parties on government success, image of the party leaders and demographics of support for different political parties.

At present the think tank activities are organised under the marketing name of the Hope of Finland Think Tank. The allocation of state funds to the research and publishing activities, which are at the same time close to the parties and beneficial for the government's decision-making, will continue at least during the present government's term of office until 2012.

### **Consultancy:**

KANSIO facilitates various development processes for the member associations. Typical processes deal with staff training needs identification, planning of staff training and assisting in strategic planning processes.



· Publications:

KANSIO publishes annually two to four research reports and several other leaflets e.g. for election campaigns.



## Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung

In English: Hanns Seidel Foundation



- Country: GERMANY
- Chairman: Prof. Dr. h. c. mult. Hans Zehetmair, Former Minister of State
- Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Peter Witterauf
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#### · History:

The Hanns Seidel Foundation was founded in Munich in 1967. It is named after Dr. Hanns Seidel (12 October 1901 – 5 August 1961), Minister President of Bavaria from 1957 to 1960 and Party Chairman of the Christian Social Union of Bavaria (CSU) from 1955 to 1961.



#### · Activities:

### Mission and Scope of Activities

The Hanns Seidel Foundation has been committed to its fundamental philosophy of "serving democracy, peace and development" since 1967. It fulfils its mission in a true Christian spirit in currently more than 60 countries worldwide. Altogether 273 employees work for the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Germany and abroad. They are spread out over the Headquarters in Munich, about 90 joint development projects, the Banz Monastery and Wildbad Kreuth Training Centres, the Munich Conference Centre, the Berlin Office and Liaison Bureaus in Brussels, Moscow, and Washington.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation is a registered association dedicated exclusively and directly to public interests. The mission and commitment of the association are:

- to promote democratic and civic education of the German population on the basis of Christian values,
- to promote education, popular and vocational training including the support of students in particular by giving individuals with appropriate talents and character values access to scientific and research training,
- to promote science, in particular by conducting scientific studies and research,
- to promote an international spirit and communication among nations as well as the unification of Europe, in particular by inviting foreign groups and supporting travel abroad,
- to promote cultural interests, in particular by supporting the maintenance of works of culture and supporting the preservation of monuments,
- to promote foreign aid and development.

**The various objectives are implemented by:**

**The Academy for Politics and Current Affairs** offers practice-oriented political advisory services. Fundamental data and information for political decisions are compiled on a scientific basis, just as the Academy organises conferences and publishes various studies, reports and other informative material.

**The Institute for Political Education** promotes democratic and civic education among broad groups of the population. Its primary objective is to enhance the political involvement of citizens.

**The Institute for Scholarship Programmes** promotes the further education of scholars. Other activities are media politics and the promotion of young journalists. Its primary mission is to offer young, university and college graduates specific support and promotion.

**The Institute for International Cooperation** promotes international cooperation in development projects, focusing on vocational training, the strengthening of administrative systems, consultation and advice for parties and governments, improvement of the infrastructure etc.

**The Office for Foreign Relations** cultivates long-standing contacts with political friends of the Hanns Seidel Foundation around the world and carefully assesses potential new partners. The work of the Office concentrates mainly on the analysis of European and extra-European political party landscapes, in particular upon Christian-Democratic and Conservative parties.

**The Liaison Bureaus** in Washington, Brussels, Moscow/International Conferences have the task of promoting the understanding of nations and European unification through international debates and conferences.



· Publications:

### **Publications & Archives**

The journal *Politische Studien* (Political Studies) is being published as a bi-monthly periodical producing numerous documents relating to the activities and research interests. Further publishing projects are the series "Statements and Materials on Contemporary History", "Current Analyses" and "Reports and Studies".

The Archives for Christian-Social Politics are responsible for collecting and preserving material of the Christian Social Union regarding organizational and administrative structures, leading party figures, elected officials and parliamentary groups.

## Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

In English: Konrad Adenauer Foundation, KAS



- Country: GERMANY
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#### · History:

Konrad Adenauer and his principles form the guidelines, the basis of the mission and engagement of KAS. The Foundation took on the name of the first Federal Chancellor in 1964. It was originally established in 1955 as the Society for Christian-Democratic Civic Education.

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation is a political foundation with a strong presence throughout Germany thanks to two conference centres and 16 regional offices. The foreign offices oversee 200 programmes in 100 countries. The headquarters are Sankt Augustin near Bonn and Berlin.



#### · Activities:

Through civic education programmes both at home and abroad the Konrad Adenauer Foundation promotes freedom, peace and justice. The Foundation's most important goals are strengthening democracy, furthering European unification, improving transatlantic relations and deepening development cooperation. KAS develops practical, solution-oriented concepts to address current issues in the fields of domestic policy, social policy, economic policy

and foreign policy. The academy, located in Berlin, is a forum for dialogue on issues crucial for the future – from politics and the economy to religion, society and science.

Conferences and events bring together people who “have something to say”. In Germany alone, KAS offers more than 2,500 events each year, which attract over 145,000 participants.

The Foundation provides moral and material support to intellectually talented young people from Germany and abroad, during their undergraduate and graduate studies. KAS stays in close contact with more than 10,000 alumni.

Exhibitions, readings and awards are also distinctive elements of the Foundation’s work. It promotes young artists and awards every year the prestigious Literature Prize. The Foundation also supports young journalists with specific programmes. Since 1980, KAS awards an annual prize for excellent local journalism. The Social Market Economy Prize has recognised since 2002 distinguished personalities who have particularly supported and encouraged the development of the Social Market Economy. For the past eight years, the *Denkt@g* competition has awarded an annual prize to websites where young people confront issues surrounding the Nazi dictatorship and the Holocaust, as well as right-wing extremism, xenophobia, intolerance and violence.



· Publications:

The Archive of Christian Democratic Politics researches and explores the history of Christian democracy in Germany and Europe. Users have access to a comprehensive body of documents, state-of-the-art media and a specialised library with about 176,000 volumes of books on history and politics.

## Institouto Dimokratias Konstantinos Karamanlis

In English: Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy



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### Goal and Objectives

- History: A non-profit organization, the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy was established in Athens in January 1998. Its mission is to promote democracy, a balanced mix of economic development and social cohesion, good governance and European integration through policy proposals that are based on the study of political, economic and social issues. The Institute's activities include research projects, publications, public events, education and training about a wide range of issues: state and society, economy and development, education science and culture, politics and ideology.



### International Cooperation

- Activities: The Institute participates in all major networks of like-minded European and international political foundations. It is a founding member of the Centre for

European Studies, the official think-tank of the EPP, and active member of the European Ideas Network, which formulates policy positions on European issues for the EPP. Furthermore, the Institute participates in the European Network of Political Foundations that aims to promote democracy and development in third countries. On a bilateral basis, the Institute cooperates with several international organizations for conferences, policy seminars and research projects.

### **Policy Studies**

The Institute engages in systematic policy-oriented research covering the areas of foreign and defence policy, energy, environment, economy, education and culture. Policy proposals and position papers are prepared by academics and technical experts, who also participate in round-table discussions and conferences.

### **Political Analysis**

The Institute conducts comprehensive research and surveys on social, electoral and political issues as a tool for monitoring ideological trends and proposing new policies. It also develops communication strategies and techniques, and produces relevant material.

### **Political Academy**

The Political Academy was established in 2002. Since then it has provided political training to over 300 policy-makers, journalists, professionals and members of youth organizations, from all regions of Greece. The seminars of the Political Academy are instructed by prominent political analysts and academics.



· Publications:

Publications focus on policies and ideas that shape the domestic and international political agenda. They include:

- The quarterly journal "Liberal Emphasis", presenting political views and documentation on current political events.
- The "Monograph Series", fostering original academic research in political science and political philosophy, economics, history, international affairs, law, environment, and culture.
- The "Working Papers on Politics and Economics", featuring policy papers and edited volumes.
- The "Working Papers Series", offering edited conferences proceedings.
- The "Special Collection Series", sponsoring extensive works of political documentation.

- The e-journal “e-LOGOS”, presenting different viewpoints on current issues of political interest.
- “The Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy Series on European and International Affairs” (published by Springer), analyzing contemporary international politics.
- “The Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy Yearbook Series” (published by Springer), presenting selected political and scholarly analyses.



## Polgári Magyarországért Alapítvány

In English: Foundation for a Civic Hungary, PMA



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#### · History:

By Act XLVII of 2003, the National Assembly authorised the parliamentary parties to establish foundations for the purposes of disseminating knowledge, supporting research and initiating educational projects that help their activities. Accordingly, Fidesz established the Foundation for a Civic Hungary in November 2003, which defines itself as follows:

“The moral basis of our Union is constituted by the perceptions and recognitions arising from the fallibility of human nature. We profess that there exists a moral order that is above human will. The truth is cognisable and can be turned into the starting point of public activity. Following decades of dehumanising events in the 20th century leading to moral uncertainty, we are inevitably in need of spiritual and intellectual renewal.”

Equally important is to educate representatives of parties representing a centre-right, Christian, patriotic set of values, the strengthening of their background institutions, as well as providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Ever wider publicity is necessary for ideas and public behaviour based on Christian humanity, the democracy of free citizens and a social market economy.



· Activities:

The Foundation launches and supports research projects focusing on the development of Hungarian social and locality structure and issues central to the European integration of Hungary. It is also the Foundation's objective to collect and gather existing information in this domain. Also, the Foundation intends to process findings and research results so that they enhance the quality of the work done by Fidesz - Hungarian Civic Union and its parliamentary group.

Furthermore the Foundation for Civic Hungary undertakes the following:

- Collection and compilation of documents related to the history and the origins of Fidesz - Hungarian Civic Union and the Hungarian centre-right for the archives and for academic research purposes;
- Organising and supporting the education of citizens who express a need for information and training;
- Supporting talent by promoting the education of Hungarian youth in Hungary and in the neighbouring countries.



· Publications:

The Foundation's objective is to increase the coherence of those professing centre right values, so that they pursue their tasks in a coordinated and professionally well-founded manner. To this end the Foundation supports research projects, publications and dialogues which enhance the authentic, effective and professional representation of Civic Hungary's interests. This is in an effort to introduce to Hungary the mindset of European and Euro-Atlantic Christian democrats, conservatives and peoples parties and construct relationships with like-minded organisations and professional workshops. The Foundation also initiated dialogue and cooperation with representatives of the foundations assisting other political parties.

## Istituto Luigi Sturzo

In English: Luigi Sturzo Institute



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#### · History:

The **Luigi Sturzo Institute**, established in 1951, is a cultural foundation based in Rome. The Institute is located in Palazzo Baldassini, edifice built by the architect Antonio da Sangallo between 1515 and 1518. Fresco paintings, by Raffaello's school artists, cover the ceilings and walls of the inside rooms. The Institute is committed to the preservation and valorisation of cultural heritage, and carries out training activities and research in historical, sociological, political and economic fields. The Institute collaborates with many national and international institutions.



#### · Activities:

The **Library** is specialized in social sciences, modern and contemporary history focusing mainly on political history and sociological philosophy, and on the history of political parties. It is continuously updated with the most recent Italian and foreign publications and holds about 130,000 volumes. The Journals section includes about 600 journals focused on sociological matters, although historical and political journals are also present. The Library of the Luigi Sturzo institute has been a member of the National Librarian Service since 1990. Lately the Library published the Luigi Sturzo's Opera Omnia on the web.

The **Historical Archive Area** holds over 10.000 envelopes of documents, which have been recognised by the State to be of considerable historical interest. It specialises in retrieval and awareness-raising initiatives, studies and publications, concerning sources for the history of the Catholic movement carried out by researchers and intellectuals. The Archive holds writings and documents that are indispensable to better appreciate the history of Italy and of the Catholic movements from the crisis of the Liberal State up to the coming of Fascism. Moreover it holds documents related to the lives of anti-fascist exiles, the establishment of the Republic and the promulgation of the Constitutional Charter. More specifically, it holds writings and papers by Luigi Sturzo, Giovanni Gronchi, Filippo Meda, Flaminio Piccoli, Mario Scelba, Piero Malvestiti, Giuseppe Spataro, Maria Eletta Martini, Tina Anselmi, Giulio Andreotti and, furthermore the Democrazia Cristiana records. In addition the Historical Archive holds iconographic, photographic and audio-visual materials representing an innovative methodology for historical research: one hundred thousand pictures coming from Il Popolo, the Democrazia Cristiana's newspaper, published from 1943 to 2004; one thousand and five hundred propaganda posters and three hundred propaganda films produced by Democrazia Cristiana's cinema office, from 1944 to 1975.

The **Research and Studies Area** designs projects in social science topics. The investigation method is related to the social structures and political institutions knowledge. The study of social sciences is relevant to the understanding of Italy's political, social and economic situation. The main research guidelines concern Italian history between XIX and XX century (mostly oriented to the Italian monarchy, post-unification and republican age, to the history of the Catholic Church, to the history of national and European public institutions, to globalisation processes, to cultural, social and economic changes).

The **Training Area** develops integrated training systems distinguished by a territorial and sectorial character. The cultural and heritage field is the primary area of interest (systems of life long learning for employees of cultural organizations and courses to promote young people's employability). The Training Area carries out training activities oriented at improving the cultural heritage accessibility and fruition; it designs research projects detecting new professional profile skills needed in the labour market; it manages projects concerning the definition of credits calculating systems and outlines training programmes.

The **Digital Laboratory** focuses its activity on innovative digital technologies applied on bibliographic and archival research. The laboratory's activities started on 2005 and developed new methods of digital cataloguing to preserve iconographic, photographic and audio-visual materials. The records, uploaded on digital databases, are accessible on-line. A recent acquisition of audiovisual and photograph materials encouraged training programmes to enhance the competences in the management of non-traditional resources extensively used, at present, in the historical, sociological, political and cultural research.

## Akkademja għall-Izvilupp ta' Ambjent Demokratiku

In English: Academy for the Development of a Democratic Environment, AZAD



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#### · History:

AZAD (Foundation for the development of a democratic environment) was established in 1976, at a time when democracy in Malta was approaching the brink. AZAD was founded as an academy with the aim of being an autonomous think-tank and centre of adult education, inspired by Christian Democrat principles. In Malta it took a lead in promoting the ideal of European integration, a dialogue society and the rights of future generations. The Academy and its associates have wide interests but AZAD is currently focused on Euro-Mediterranean issues and maritime affairs.

Among its past chairmen and board members, there feature four future Presidents of the Republic, a future prime minister and two future ministers of foreign affairs, a future Speaker of the House of Representatives and a future judge on the European Court of Human Rights. AZAD is a member of the following organizations and networks: European Centre for Workers' Questions (EZA), European Network of Political Foundations (ENOP, founding member), the European Ideas Network and EPP's Centre for European Studies.



· Activities:

As a think tank, AZAD organizes policy roundtable discussions with Maltese and international leaders in the public and private sector, and public lectures, debates and discussions.

As a centre for adult education, AZAD organizes some 20-25 courses per year, embracing a variety of subjects to do with politics, culture and civilization, and personal skills. AZAD sees these courses as preparing for, and contributing to, a globalised, multicultural society of life-long learning. As a cultural centre, AZAD's activities have had a very popular following over the years since its inception. It's most notable success in recent years has been the establishment of a festival of satire as an annual event that plays to full houses.

Cooperation:

In the past, AZAD organised several initiatives together with renowned political foundations in Europe. Amongst there, there were: Karamanlis Institute for Democracy, Foundation Pour l'Innovation Politique, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Hanns Seidel Stiftung, FAES, EZA and the Centre for European Studies (CES).

Today:

AZAD is today a fully fledged Christian Democrat think-tank, which was reinstated as a foundation after Nationalist Party leader Lawrence Gonzi signed the new statute.

In a symbolic ceremony, a public deed established AZAD – the centre for political studies - as a foundation at law. The ceremony took place at the newly refurbished premises at Casa Pereira in Republic Street, Valletta.

Board of Directors:

MEP Simon Busuttil is the President of AZAD whereas the board is composed of Pierre Attard; Noel Buttigieg Scicluna (who serves as Executive Director); Richard Cachia Caruana; Alan Camilleri; Gordon Cordina; Alan Deidun; Ann Fenech; Josef Lauri; Alex Perici Calascione; RoseMarie Privitelli; Anika Psaila Savona; Franco Valletta and David Zahra. Max Ganado serves as an external consultant to the board.

## Wetenschappelijk Instituut voor het CDA

In English: CDA Research Institute



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#### · History:

The Research Institute for CDA was founded in 1977, as a result of the merger of the Catholic KVP, the Protestant CHU and the Reformed ARP into the Christian Democratic Party CDA.

Former Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende started his career at the Research Institute. Former Minister Ab Klink was the director of the Research Institute before he accepted his post as Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport in 2007. Since 1 January 2008 Raymond Gradus has been the head of the Research Institute.



#### · Activities:

The Institute's goal is to conduct scientific research for the CDA based on the foundations of the CDA and its program of principles. The Institute gives documented advice about the out-lines of policy, either by its own initiative or upon request of the CDA and/or its members in representative bodies.



· Publications:

- *“Reforms to Limit Increases in Health Care Expenditures. With Special Attention to the Netherlands.”* | March 2012
- *“Health Care Reforms in an Ageing European Society. With a focus on the Netherlands.”* | January 2011
- *“Flat but fair. A Proposal for a socially conscious Flat Rate Tax.”* | June 2009
- *“Crossing bridges. Democratization in the Middle East and a Christian Democratic Approach.”* | September 2008
- *“Man, where are you?. An exploration of the Christian Democratic portrayal of mankind.”* | June 2008



## Aftenskolen Høyres Studieforbund

In English: Høyres Study Centre



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#### · History:

Established in 1952, Høyres Studieforbund is an educational centre owned by Høyre but which operates as an independent organisation.

The HS central office is located in Oslo. The office consists of 2 employees that coordinate and lead work all over the country.

HS has seven regional offices located in:

- Drammen og omegn
- Kristiansand og omegn
- Oslo og Bærum
- Ringerike
- Sandefjord og Tønsberg
- Stavanger og omegn
- Trondheim

Every year the HS organises about 21,000 hours of educational training, in different topics. This includes 950 different classes with about 7,500 participants and 350 different teachers.



· Activities:

Besides educational training the HS is also involved in democracy projects and North/South related information campaigns. This includes:

- Annual election monitoring
- Seminars about human rights, free trade and development, which involve about 1,000 participants.
- Information campaigns related to development
- Support to magazines (Xtra, Minerva, Muligheter together about 250,000 copies per year) and web pages that focuses on North/South related issues
- HIV/AIDS information

## Institutul de Studii Populare

In English: Institute for Popular Studies, ISP



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#### · History:

Institute for Popular Studies is the foundation of the Democrat-Liberal Party (PD-L) in Romania, a think tank that focuses on the doctrine and political identity of PD-L. ISP's mission is to contribute to the consolidation of democratic values in Romania and in the region. ISP aims to participate in the development and the promotion of the popular doctrine in Romania and to formulate and recommend public policies necessary for an efficient centre-right government.



#### · Activities:

The activities of the ISP include organizing debates, conferences, training activities, preparing publications etc.

ISP organises a number of events on subjects such as the state reform, changing of the Constitution, reform of the social system, or public policies such as Ordoliberalism and social market economy or migration issues.

In 2011 ISP organized:

- In many regions of Romania a series of debates about values and political principles of the centre-right,
- Training for young politicians: Efficient Local Administration at European Level (in cooperation with CES and Konrad Adenauer Foundation),
- Several public debates with experts from Government and Presidency on institutional reform of the state (in cooperation with Hanns Seidel Foundation), with the participation of the President of Romania and the Prime Minister of Romania,
- A working-group on social market economy which produced a manifesto for the reform of the Romanian Society.



Books:

· Publications:

- *“Centre Right – A New School of Thought”*
- *“Opening the Door? Immigration and Integration in the European Union”* (Romanian contribution to the CES reader)
- *“Wilfried Martens - Europe: I Struggle, I Overcome”* (Romanian edition, in cooperation with CES)
- *“100 Questions and Answers Regarding the Popular Doctrine”*
- *“Romanian Right Wing Intellectual Highlights”*

Supplements:

Weekly *“22 Magazine”* thematic supplements for the development and promotion of the popular doctrine in Romania

Partners:

In December 2011 ISP signed an Agreement for cooperation with the Political Academy of the Austrian People’s Party

## Inštitút pre moderné Slovensko – odvaha, vzdelanosť, zodpovednosť

In English: Institute for Modern Slovakia – Courage, Knowledge, Responsibility, IPMS



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#### · History:

The idea to establish an institute, an educational support and service agency for party members and wide centre right oriented public, occurred at the SDKÚ Party Congress in November 2002 and the need was re-confirmed at Party Congress in 2006. The Institute for Modern Slovakia was established as a civic association in March 2007 targeted to create a space for further education, lifelong enhancement of knowledge and skills of centre right-wing oriented people, whose views, opinions and attitudes are close to SDKÚ-DS, with a special focus on education for party members.

The objectives and aims of the Institute are to support educational activities for individuals, the versatile preparation of publicly active persons, the free exchange of experience and knowledge at the domestic and European levels, breaking through the barriers between political, academic, entrepreneurial, media and civil spheres as well as among various groups of society.

Last but not least, the mission of the Institute is also aimed at evoking lively interest in public issues, both at the national and European levels and popularising centre right thinking and policies.



· Activities:

### **1. Space for participation:**

· Conferences and forums: a series of forums on different topics for the wider public (covering the whole of Slovakia) to present alternatives towards existing policies and to enable the public to express their views and support an open discussion.

· Commemorative actions: Milan Hodža Commemorative Day (in Martin), 17 November: the Day of Fight for Freedom and Democracy (in Bratislava)

### **2. Space for personal growth:**

· Seminars and trainings for local and regional counsellors, mayors (on day-to-day political management, political marketing and anti-corruption strategies)

· Training for the MPs, their assistants and employees of the Central Office of the SDKÚ-DS and its regional offices (on interpersonal relations and intra-organisational communication and team-building skills)

· Seminars for young political activists, leaders, members of the New Generation, a youth organisation of the SDKÚ-DS (on theories, methods and practice of public policy, both national and European, public administration with special focus on educational, environmental and welfare issues)

### **3. Space for ideas:**

· Course Art in politics – Art of politics for an artists, scholars and all those who are interested in creating a space for further development, refinement and clarification of values constituting and connecting art and politics

· Round tables on the impact of the financial crisis for representatives of all parties gathered in the EPP and influential NGO's aimed at provoking discussion on the expert level of what solutions and actions are to be taken at the national level which has led to the creation of the program "The plan for Slovakia in crisis: how to help economy, how to help people."

· Round table on the state of justice, judiciary system, reinforcing the law and anti-corruption strategies in Slovakia for representatives of all parties gathered in EPP and influential NGO's, lawyers, judges and journalists



· Publications:

· Miloš Zeman, Mikuláš Dzurinda: Dialogues without Boundaries

· Oľga Gyárfášová: Voters of Centre Right Parties in Slovakia and the EU Membership

## Inštitut dr. Jožeta Pučnika

In English: Dr. Jože Pučnik Institute, IJP



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#### · History:

The Jože Pučnik Institute (IJP) was founded in 2006 as a think-tank of scientists, policymakers and experts from various fields with the goal of enhancing political culture in Slovenia.

With its activities the IJP wishes to encourage and support the free exchange of opinions on topical questions in society which are important for development of democratic thought. In accordance with political thinking and the work of Dr. Jože Pučnik the IJP strives for implementation of high standards of the European political culture in Slovenia, democratic and open society, a society of Slovenian and European values, tolerance and understanding in public life, enhancement of plural cultural and scientific creativity, stabilization of Europe with the enlargement of the European Union and with the support of democratic forces in the accession process, for cooperation with the political, cultural and scientific groups and individuals in Europe and around the world joined together by the principles of the society of democracy, openness and solidarity.



· Activities:

The main activities of the Institute are: organisation of public debates and other forms of exchange of opinion, providing expertise on topical political and social issues, supporting scientific and cultural creativity, encouraging political dialogue of various opinions on relevant themes at public events, in various publications and in media, international connections and exchanges.



· Publications:

The Institute published two books and nine publications with the collections of conference papers, three of them in English:

· *Where are the limits of the EU?*, 2009 – a collection of conference papers from the event "*Where are the limits of EU?*", which was organised in December 2008 with CES.

· Matej Avbelj: *European common market and human rights*, 2009 – In 2009 "*Perspektive*", a new research series of young Slovenian intellectuals and researchers was launched.

· *The Role of National Parliaments in the EU Decision-Making Processes*, 2008 - The book is dedicated to political, legal and theoretical aspects of the relationships between national parliaments and the EU as well as to possible solutions and suggestions for better cooperation.



## Fundacion para el Análisis y los Estudios Sociales

In English: Foundation for Social Research and Analysis, FAES



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#### · History:

FAES, Foundation for Social Studies and Analysis, is a private non-profit organisation that works in the sphere of ideas and political proposals.

Linked to the Partido Popular since its creation in 1989, FAES Foundation is presided over by José María Aznar.

FAES is a leading think tank committed to nurturing the political ideas and activities of the liberal and reformist centre.

At the service of Spain and all its citizens, FAES seeks to reinforce the values of Western freedom, democracy and humanism. Its aim is to create, promote and spread ideas which are based on political, intellectual and economic freedom - ideas capable of offering political alternatives to socialism and ways of thinking that are different and which can be adopted and turned into programmes of political activity by those in positions of political responsibility.

The instruments FAES uses to achieve these aims include discussion groups, seminars, lectures, summer conferences (FAES Campus), and training courses. FAES issues electronic publications, a magazine (Cuadernos de pensamiento político), reports called FAES Papers, and books published by its publishing house Gota a Gota. The Foundation also undertakes a considerable amount of activities in the field of international relations with other foundations and think tanks in Europe, the United States, and Latin America, as well as with experts and scholars all over the world.



· Activities:

### **What does FAES do?**

FAES works in four different areas. It generates ideas, disseminates them, educates those wanting to become involved in political activity and sets up and plays an active role in similar networks.

#### **• Generating ideas**

Seminars. FAES organises seminars for a restricted number of people — whether experts, professors, businessmen or politicians — which take place behind closed doors. One speaker introduces a topic which is discussed by the people present. Their conclusions are then used by the Foundation, which sometimes publishes them electronically or on paper.

Research. FAES commissions specialists to write monographic research reports on different subjects of interest. Their conclusions are sometimes published by the Foundation. Sometimes, research is carried out in collaboration with other important think tanks from both sides of the Atlantic.

FAES Economic Observatory. The aim of this forum is to analyse Spanish economy, its situation, outlook, and its economic policies. The experts comprising this Observatory meet on a regular basis. The Observatory group includes academics and highly reputed professionals from the field of economics. The Economic Observatory is presided by Juan Velarde, Prince of Asturias for Social Sciences laureate and Trustee of the Foundation.

FAES Centre for Latin American Studies. This centre, which has its origin in the work carried out by the Foundation on Latin America, functions like an observatory. The work of this centre is supported by the principles defended by the Foundation. FAES believes that common values establish Latin America as an essential part of the Western community and that democracy, political and economic freedom and the rule of law pave the only legitimate road to accomplish the full development of Latin American nations.



## • Promotion of ideas

· Publications: Conferences and launches. FAES organises public sessions with one or several speakers with the purpose of presenting a particular piece of work or of declaring a position regarding a specific matter.

Books. FAES publishes books on different topics, in some cases reflecting the contributions made during conferences or seminars.

Strategic Reports. FAES writes strategic reports on key matters for a better future. Many of these are also translated into English and other languages. FAES has recently published the following reports: A Case for an Open Atlantic Prosperity Area; Latin America: An Agenda for Freedom; Europe: Proposals for Freedom; The Reform of the International Financial System; and NATO: An Alliance for Freedom.

Gota a Gota. FAES' publishing house. Gota a Gota regularly publishes books of a political, economic, historical or sociological nature, available in bookshops. Our books study the new ideas and vicissitudes taking place in Spain today, the changes that are happening around the world, and the meaning and definition of classical liberalism in the history of Spain. Gota a Gota has its own website where its books can be purchased online.

Cuadernos de Pensamiento Político. This is a quarterly journal published in Spanish with a meticulous presentation, featuring substantial articles written by Spanish and foreign experts covering a wide range of political, economic, social and cultural topics. You can subscribe to our journal [here](#).

FAES Papers. FAES regularly issues and distributes by email and conventional mail a concise publication which reflects a specific thesis on a particular matter – usually a current affairs issue. Thousands of people already receive FAES Papers by email.

Documentation Centre. FAES has a library which includes an extensive collection of books and documents on philosophy, political theory, economics and various social issues as well as on the Partido Popular and many of its activities. Access to this documentation is available, under certain conditions, to all those wishing to consult it.

## • Training programmes

Training for political action. FAES organises training courses addressed to people who are engaged in political careers. These courses mainly focus on training for political action as well as on improving communication skills.

FAES Campus. Main reference forum focusing on the discussion of ideas and arguments over the summer. The FAES Campus lasts ten days and brings together several first-rate leading experts from Spain and abroad who contribute new approaches and ideas on issues related to the present and future of Spain and the Western world. The sessions, open to the media, are attended by hundreds of mostly young people.

FAES internships. Every year FAES selects a group of interns, each specialising in a different field, who wish to complete their training and work for one year at the Foundation.

- **Creating Networks**

International relations. FAES plays an active role in different networks of European and American think tanks, and maintains close ties with Latin American organisations. It also organises joint seminars with foreign foundations with which it has collaboration agreements.

Latin American visitors programme. Every year, fifty young people selected by their outstanding political profiles and coming from different countries of Latin America come and take part in a two-week programme for the exchange of ideas in Madrid, Salamanca, Valladolid and Brussels. This programme has generated a network that spreads the values of freedom and democracy advocated by FAES in Latin America. This programme also helps to develop tighter bonds with similar Latin American institutions.

CES Member Foundation:

## Institut d'Estudis Humanístics Miquel Coll i Alentorn

In English: Institute for Humanistic Studies Miquel Coll and Alentorn, INEHCA



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#### · History:

INEHCA was established in 1993 as a think tank with strong links to the Unió Democràtica de Catalunya, the steering committee of which appoints the board of the Foundation.

The objective of the Foundation is the dissemination, both direct and indirect, of each of the democratic values inspired by the Christian humanistic tradition and with special consideration of Catalan society and people, as well as its development and application on a local, Catalan, national and international level.

The aim of INEHCA is to be an open space for dialogue, where everybody can express their ideas, their convictions, their reflections freely, in order to gradually move forward in the development of individual and collective human rights, for the good of humanity and world peace.



· Activities:

INEHCA organises various activities, including seminars, conferences and courses, as well as the compilation and publication of books and magazines, with the intention of offering a wide vision of the ideas of Christian Democratic values which underpin the philosophy of UDC.

The seminars that INEHCA organises are offered to the members of UDC and all interested persons and entities. They are structured with the purpose of propagating and reflecting on the importance of historic and current topics seen from different approaches, with the participation of recognised experts and academics as well as institutions.

The Institute also carries out every year its Summer School, a two-day meeting that focuses on the members of UDC. The Summer School allows the participants to pause from their daily political activities and analyse topics related to the ideas and values of the organisation and other relevant current affairs.

INEHCA courses are focused on strengthening the skills of specific groups inside the organisation, such as young people and theme leaders, in specific aspects like oratory development, delegation and time management, and communication strategies.

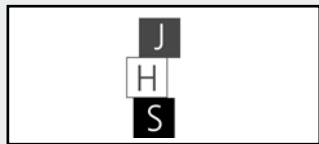


· Publications:

Since 1998, INEHCA publishes the quarterly magazine "Diàlegs" which offers a platform for debate for different approaches on social and political issues related to UDC's ideological foundations. The Institute also supports the publication of books and papers on related topics of interest.

## Jarl Hjalmarson Stiftelsen

In English: Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation, JHS



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#### · History:

The Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation was founded in Stockholm, Sweden in 1994. The Foundation aims to promote development and European co-operation and integration, on the basis of freedom, democracy and market economy.

This goal is achieved by activities intended to promote the development of democracy, such as lectures and seminars arranged in cooperation with political parties and organisations. During its first years the Foundation centred its activities on countries in the Baltic region: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the St Petersburg area. With the entry into the EU of ten new member states, the Foundation's work there was done; thus today its activities are centred on states that are the neighbours of the expanded Union, i.e. Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine. Projects are also organized in the Balkans and Turkey as well as Africa and Latin America.

The Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation is an independent entity with close ties to the Moderate Party of Sweden. It is a small organisation assisted by a number of dedicated volunteer lecturers that offer their time and expertise to the Foundation.



· Activities:

Activities aimed at politically active women, youth and students are prioritised in the countries in which the Foundation operates. This is an efficient way of reaching those who in the future will occupy important political positions in their home countries. The activities are principally funded through the Swedish International Development Authority. The main objective of the development aid, carried out by the Swedish politically affiliated organisations, is according to the government's guidelines: to facilitate the emergence of a well functioning party system in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe as well as in the developing world. The ultimate aim is to promote a democratic and representative form of government in those countries.

The projects initiated by the Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation are designed to reach these goals. It is the Foundation's intention to consolidate the partner organisations by helping them build strong and democratic internal structures. The Foundation also seeks to develop the capabilities of individuals to participate in the political debate and thus to influence the political development and to further the development of democracy. In addition, the Foundation arranges seminars on the principles and functioning of democracy and European integration. All these activities are mainly aimed at political parties.

The cooperation with party organisations follows a four-point programme that has proven highly successful:

- Providing support in setting up organisational structures.
- Teaching communication, campaigning and media handling skills.
- Offering ideological training.
- Giving advice on practical politics.



· Publications:

The book *Principles for a Free Society* explains the fundamental principles and values essential for a free, democratic and open society. Words such as democracy, freedom and equality are frequently used but rarely correctly understood. *Principles for a Free Society* examines twelve central ideas, demonstrates why they are necessary for a free society and applies them to political controversies.

Readers are given the intellectual tools to contribute to the debate about the future of their country and the world. This book has been used as a study guide at almost a hundred seminars arranged by the Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation. A couple of thousand participants have been able to study the *Principles for a Free Society* since the book was first published in 1999. The book has been translated into six languages and is currently available in English, Lithuanian, Spanish, Russian, Azerbaijani (Azeri), Serbian, Swedish and Turkish.



The anthology *Triumph of Democracy* was published 20 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain. Six authors tell their stories and give analyses of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. What happened and why?

The book *Communism in the Baltic States* was published the first time in 1999. It is still one of the most extensive documentations of the crimes against human rights in the Baltic States committed by the Soviet communists. The book was written by Andres Küng, author, debater and entrepreneur.

*Diaries of Dissidents* is a collection of 15 diaries written by political prisoners in Belarus prisons. The foreword is written by Vytautas Landsbergis, Head of state of Lithuania after its independence and today Member of the European Parliament.

In the anthology *Balkan Blend – the Road to Renewal* eight diverse stories are told how the Balkan countries are dealing with the legacy of Communist Yugoslavia as well as the regional wars and demands of the EU –to become EU members.

*Elections in Belarus 2010 - Repressions intended to wipe out the Democrat Opposition* can be found on [www.hjalmarsonfoundation.se](http://www.hjalmarsonfoundation.se). The report is updated once a week. In this online publication developments are told, day by day, since the Presidential elections on December 19, 2010.

Ten times a year the Hjalmarson Foundation publishes a newsletter which is mainly distributed via email. The content is foreign policy as well as news from and analysis of the countries where the Foundation is running projects.

## Other Political Foundations And Think Tanks:

### European Ideas Network

The European Ideas Network is a pan-European process designed to promote new thinking on the key policy challenges facing the European Union and its Member States. Launched in 2002 by the then EPP-ED Group with the active support of the EPP, the network has rapidly emerged as an important meeting point and intellectual cross-roads for the centre-right in European Politics. With an active membership of around 600 policy makers and opinion-shapers across the EU, the EIN brings together politicians, businessmen, academics, policy advisors, think tankers, journalists as well as outside non-party experts and commentators interested in the issues being addressed.

The EIN currently has 12 working groups, addressing key domestic and international questions. Operating on an annual cycle, they undertake research and develop new thinking, to prepare in-puts into the annual summer university. They attract prominent policy experts as chairmen and rapporteurs.

The EIN is chaired by **Jaime MAYOR OREJA**.

For more on the EIN, please visit: [www.ein.eu](http://www.ein.eu)

### The Robert Schuman Institute

The Union of the Robert Schuman Institute for Developing Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe (RSI) has been operating under the auspices of the EPP with an extended scope of activities since 1995. RSI organises international courses for potential young leaders, party members and officials of the EPP sister and co-operating parties of the developing democracies in the region receiving both theoretical and practical training.

The EU accession of the CEE countries in 2004/2007 triggered an important shift in the target countries of RSI's activities. The mission of the Institute, however, has been uninterrupted and consistent for countries of the Western Balkans of the Eastern Partnership.

RSI is also well-experienced in organizing educational activities in a European framework. A large number of trainings were organized before the EU enlargements of 2004/2007 for politicians from the candidate states such as potential members of the European Parliament/EPP Group, parliamentary officials and parliamentary assistants.

After 2007 political education was further provided for the students from member states, (potential) accession countries as well as Eastern Partnership states.

The President of the Institute is **Othmar KARAS**,  
the Director is **Kinga SZABÓ**.

For more information, please visit: [www.schuman-institute.eu](http://www.schuman-institute.eu)

## The Robert Schuman Foundation

The Robert Schuman Foundation for Cooperation among Christian Democrats in Europe, founded in 1989, is an entity of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, registered in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Since its establishment, the Foundation has provided one month internships in the European Parliament for more than 500 young people, primarily from Central and Eastern Europe, but also from Latin America, Russia and the southern Caucasus. Every two years the Foundation organises meetings of former interns in the form of political seminars.

The Foundation is chaired by **Jacques SANTER**.

For more on the Robert Schuman Foundation, please visit:  
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# Section 4,

**APPENDICES**

Amended by the EPP Congress on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011,  
Marseille, France

## **BY-LAWS OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (international non-profit association)**

### PREAMBLE

"Political parties at European level are important as a factor for integration within the European Union. They contribute to forming a European awareness and to expressing the political will of the citizens of the Union." (Article 191 of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

On the basis

- of the Christian view of mankind and the Christian Democratic concept of society,

- of their joint will to create a federal European Union as a Union of free peoples and citizens conscious of their own responsibilities,

the Christian Democrat, Centrist and like-minded parties of the European People's Party as heirs of Europe's Founding Fathers accept these responsibilities and create an international non-profit association. This association will be a member of the Christian /Centrist Democrat International (CDI), a worldwide organisation of Christian Democrats and like-minded political parties and the International Democrat Union (IDU), a worldwide organisation of Conservative, Christian Democrat and like-minded political parties of the centre and centre right.

Therefore,

1) – the "Christen Democratisch Appèl (CDA)", having the legal personality according to dutch law of an association with full legal competence (Verening met volledige rechtsbevoegdheid), with registered office in 2512 XA Den Haag, Buitenom 18, represented by Wilfried Martens, lawyer, domiciled in 1050 Ixelles (Brussels), place Marie-José 14/10, having the power of attorney to participate in the constitution of the international non-profit association "Parti Populaire Européen, in short PPE/EVP/EPP";

2) – the “Partido Popular (PP)”, having the legal personality according to Spanish law of an association with full legal competency (enregistered in the Register of Political Parties (Ministry of Interior Affairs), with registered office in 28004 Madrid, Calle Génova nº 13, represented by Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ, Avda Menendes Pelayo 27, Madrid, Spain, lawyer, having the power of attorney to participate in the constitution of the international non-profit association “Parti Populaire Européen, in short PPE/EVP/EPP”;

agree to create an international non-profit association according to Belgian law and determine its by-laws as follows:

## **I. NAME – OFFICE – PURPOSE - DURATION**

### Article 1

The association, an alliance of political parties at European level, is named “Parti populaire européen / Europese Volkspartij / Europäische Volkspartei / European People’s Party”, abbreviated as “PPE/EVP/EPP”). This name must always be preceded or followed by the words “association internationale sans but lucratif / internationale vereniging zonder winstoogmerk” or the abbreviation AISBL / IVZW.

The association is governed by title III of the law of 27 June 1921 on the non-profit associations, the foundations and the international non-profit associations.

### Article 2

The registered office of the association is established at rue du Commerce 10, 1000 Brussels, in the Brussels judicial district.

The Presidency is authorized to transfer the registered office of the association to another location within this judicial district and to establish other offices and/or subsidiaries within or outside this judicial district.

### Article 3

The purpose of the association is to:

- promote and foster close and ongoing collaboration among its members for the purpose of implementing their common policy at European level;
- encourage and organise unanimous action by its members at European level;
- work (i) to achieve free and pluralistic democracy, (ii) for respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law on the basis of a common programme;
- promote the process of unification and federal integration in Europe as a constituent element of the European Union.

In order to realize this purpose and in order to establish, develop, implement and promote its policies, the association organizes several discussion and decision forums, major events and fact finding missions according to strict democratic principles and issues publications of all sorts.

The association is also authorised to execute all legal instruments (including real estate transactions) directly or indirectly useful or necessary for the promotion and achievement of the above-mentioned aims.

Through their national policies the member parties of the association support positions taken by the association in the context of the European Union. In the context of national responsibilities, they shall maintain their own name, their identity and their freedom of action. The association is represented in the European Parliament by the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) (Group of the EPP in the European Parliament).

Member parties oblige parliamentarians elected to the European Parliament on their list, and/or sent to the Committee of the Regions, or the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, to join the EPP Groups therein.

#### Article 4

The association is incorporated for an indefinite duration.

## **II. MEMBERSHIP**

#### Article 5

The number of members is unlimited, but may not be less than two. Requests for membership shall be submitted to the Presidency in writing. They shall comprise a statement on the adoption of the Political programme and by-laws and internal regulations of the association, in addition to a copy of the by-laws of the applicant party and information on the background and organisation of said applicant. The Presidency will transmit the application to the Political Assembly.

Without prejudice to article 6 and subject to what follows, the Political Assembly is authorised to grant, at its own discretion, the applicant one of the following member status in the EPP: Ordinary Member Party, Associated Member Party, Member Association or Individual Member (as defined here below).

#### **- Ordinary Member Parties**

The Political Assembly is authorised to grant member status in the association to any Christian Democrat or like-minded party, based in the European Union, which subscribes to the association's political programme and accepts its by-laws and internal regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Ordinary Member Parties").



## **- Associated Member Parties**

The Political Assembly is also authorised to grant member status to any political party of Christian Democrat or like-minded orientation, based outside the European Union, from states whose applications for membership of the European Union have been introduced and / or states belonging to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), which subscribe to the objectives referred to in article 3 of the by-laws and to the association's political programme, and which accept its by-laws and internal regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Associated Member Parties"). They shall not participate in decisions involving the policies and structure of the European Union nor of its institutional system. If the state in which the Associated Member Party is established effectively becomes a member of the European Union, such Associated Member Party shall automatically become an Ordinary Member Party as from the date of the adherence of such state to the European Union.

## **- Member Associations**

The status of Member Association can be granted to any Member Association within the meaning of article 26 of the by-laws and section XI of the internal regulations and which subscribes to the association's political programme and accepts its by-laws and internal regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Member Associations").

## **- Individual Members**

In addition, all members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament elected on a list of a member party are also members ex officio of the association (hereinafter referred to as "Individual Members"). Other members of the European Parliament can become Individual Members of the association by decision of the Political Assembly on the proposal of the Presidency of the association. The speaking and voting rights of the Individual Members within the organs of the association are personal and inalienable.

If a candidate for membership in the association is a legal person within the meaning of the law applicable to it, it must name in its application for membership a natural person who will represent it in the association. The same provision applies if the candidate does not have legal personality under the law applicable to it. It shall then designate a natural person who will act on behalf of all members of the candidate member without legal personality, as its representative. In case of a change of representation, the President of the association is immediately informed in writing.

In the transitional provisions, exception to these provisions is made for granting member status to the Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Observer Member Parties and Individual Members joining the association immediately after its incorporation, before the first meeting of the Political Assembly.

## Article 6

Parties close to the EPP, from (i) European Union Member States, (ii) states which have applied for European Union membership as well as from (iii) European states that are members of the Council of Europe, may be granted observer status by the Political Assembly, on the proposal of the Presidency, except for the parties granted observer status immediately after the incorporation of the association and before the first meeting of the Political Assembly, in accordance with the transitional provisions. This category of members is called “Observer Member Parties”.

## Article 7

Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Member Associations and Observer Member Parties individually pay annual dues of no more than 500.000 (five hundred thousand) euros. The amount of the dues is determined annually by the Political Assembly. Dues are payable within two weeks of having been set and communicated by the Political Assembly to the members.

## Article 8

The Presidency keeps a membership register at the registered office of the association. This register lists the surname, first name, place of residence, date and place of birth of members or, in the case of legal persons or de facto associations, the name, legal form, address of the registered office, identity of the representative and, where applicable, the registration number in accordance with existing legislation and/or regulations. All members may consult this register at the registered office of the association.

The EPP Membership is strictly exclusive. In no case may an EPP member as defined under Articles 5 and 6 Section II of the EPP Statutes also be member of any other Political Party at European Level recognized under Regulation (EC) N° 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 laying down the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding.

An EPP member that is found to be also member of another Political Party at European Level will be automatically excluded according to Article XIV of the EPP Internal Regulations.

## Article 9

Any member may resign from the association at any time. The member gives notice to the Presidency of the decision to resign by registered letter.

Members that resign are obliged to fulfil their financial obligations toward the association for the year during which the resignation is submitted and for all previous years.

The suspension and the exclusion of a member may only be decided by the

Political Assembly. It is not obliged to disclose its reasons. A proposal for the exclusion of a member may only be submitted by the Presidency, or seven Ordinary or Associated Member Parties from five different countries. The Presidency may hear the member concerned. A proposal for the exclusion of an Individual Member may only be submitted by the Presidency of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.

If a Member Party is not any more a viable political force in its respective country and, in particular, has not been represented in regional or national or European Parliament(s) for two consecutive parliamentary terms, the EPP Presidency can recommend to the Political Assembly its suspension or exclusion, according to the procedures stated in the previous paragraph.

A member's affiliation ceases automatically upon death, disqualification, liquidation or in cases of temporary administration, court-ordered settlement or insolvency. The affiliation of an individual member ends automatically when this member is no longer a member of the European Parliament and the affiliation of a Member Association ends automatically when this member does no longer fulfil the criteria that were necessary for its preliminary recognition as a Member Association and which are set out in the internal regulations.

Members that resigned or were excluded and the legal successors of such members or of deceased members have no claims on the assets of the association and may never be reimbursed for dues paid, contributions or any other payments made to the association, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the by-laws.

In no case may a member that resigned or was excluded demand the communication of or a copy of the accounts, the placing of official seals on the property of the association or the drawing up of an inventory.

### **III. ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### Article 10

The organs of the association are:

- (i) The Presidency
- (ii) The Political Assembly
- (iii) The Congress.

The EPP strives towards equal participation of women and men in all its organs.

## IV. PRESIDENCY

### Article 11

The association is managed by the Presidency, the executive organ. The Presidency is composed of:

- (i) the President of the EPP;
- (ii) the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Council, the High Representative on Foreign and Security Policy, the President of the European Parliament (to the extent that these persons are affiliated to the EPP);
- (iii) the Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament;
- (iv) the Honorary President(s);
- (v) ten Vice-Presidents;
- (vi) the Treasurer; and
- (vii) the Secretary General.

Except for the Honorary President(s) who are elected by the Political Assembly, and for the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Council, the High Representative on Foreign and Security Policy, the President of the European Parliament, the Chairman of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament, who are ex officio members of the Presidency, the members of the Presidency are elected by the Congress by secret ballot and by separate vote, for a renewable term of three years, exception made for the first nomination of the members of the Presidency immediately after the incorporation of the association, which will be carried out in accordance with the transitional provisions.

The Congress elects first the President who, subsequently, proposes to the Congress a Secretary General to be elected. Only representatives of Ordinary and Associated Member Parties are eligible for these functions.

Candidates who obtain a simple majority of the valid votes cast are elected. Abstentions are not considered valid votes.

Candidates for the functions of President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer must be nominated, in writing, to the Secretariat General, seven days prior to the date of the election. Presidents and Secretaries General are entitled, on behalf of Ordinary and Associated Member Parties and on behalf of Member Associations, to propose candidates provided that all candidates are member of an Ordinary or Associated Member Party. All Ordinary and Associated Member Parties and all Member Associations shall be informed of the names of the candidates not less than three days prior to the elections.

The members of the Presidency may resign at any time, by giving notice to the Presidency of the decision to resign by registered letter. Their mandate is at any time revocable by the Congress.

If a mandate falls vacant, the Political Assembly may, in accordance with the previous paragraphs of this article, elect a replacement. At the following Congress, confirmation of this election is requested and the Congress determines the duration of the term of office. Members of the Presidency may be re-elected.

Members of the Presidency whose terms of office are coming to an end must, before expiry of the term, call a Congress for the purpose of electing new members of the Presidency. If they fail to do so, they are obliged to remain in office until such time as a replacement can be found, without prejudice to their responsibility for any damage caused by their omission.

On the proposal of the President, and in accordance with the requirements of the agenda, the following persons may be invited to attend meetings of the Presidency:

- members of the European Commission who are member of a Member Party
- the President of the EPP Group at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO as well as in the Committee of the Regions

The following persons are permanently invited:

- the Deputy Secretary(ies)-General of the EPP
- The Secretary-General of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.

The EPP President and/or Secretary General can attend, at will, any meetings of any organs of EPP Groups and Associations.

The members of the Presidency are not remunerated for the exercise of their mandate, unless decided otherwise by the Political Assembly.

In case the President would be prevented to fulfil his powers, as attributed to him by these by-laws and the internal regulations, he will delegate one of the Vice-Presidents as his representative.

## Article 12

The Presidency has the powers attributed to it by the law, these by-laws and the Internal Regulations. Its competences consist inter alia of:

- ensuring the implementation of decisions taken by the Political Assembly;
- preparing the annual accounts and budget;
- ensuring the permanent political presence of the EPP;
- monitoring the work of the General Secretariat, and more in particular the budget management;
- issuing statements on behalf of the EPP in the framework of its political program further to a decision of the Political Assembly;
- proposing candidates for the function of Deputy Secretary(ies)

General to the Political Assembly in agreement with the Secretary General;  
- proposing candidates for nomination as Honorary President to the Political Assembly.

### Article 13

The members of the Presidency shall meet at least eight times annually, upon convocation by the President, by letter, fax or email at the latest two weeks in advance, unless in case of urgency. The meetings take place on the day and at the time and place stated in the convocation notice. The notice also contains the agenda, which is fixed by the President. The Presidency may only debate the items on the agenda, unless all the members are present and unanimously agree to deliberate and to approve the agenda set at that time.

The Presidency shall validly deliberate if a majority of its members are present.

In case of failure to achieve this quorum, a second meeting shall be convened with the same agenda, which can validly deliberate, regardless of the attendance quorum.

Decisions shall be taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast. All members of the Presidency shall have one vote. In case of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

The meetings are chaired by the President.

The Secretary General or a Deputy Secretary General shall draw up the minutes of the meetings, which shall be kept at the registered office of the association.

Membership of the Presidency is strictly personal. A representative of a member of the Presidency will not be admitted to meetings. The mandate of the members of the Presidency will automatically expire if, during the course of the year, a member has not participated in at least half of the meetings.

On the proposal of the President, the Presidency may share work between its members or mandate certain members for specific tasks and delegate specific powers to one or more of its members.

### Article 14

If the President considers it advisable, the Presidency may approve a proposal by having all members of the Presidency sign for approval a circular setting out the proposal.

In this case, the Presidency is not required to call a meeting. The circular must include the following information:

- a statement that the text is a proposal for a decision of the Presidency;
- a statement that the decision shall only be approved if signed by all the members of the Presidency;
- a statement that the decision may not be amended and that no reservations may be expressed by members of the Presidency;
- a statement that all the members of the Presidency must return the document signed and with the handwritten words “read and approved”;
- a statement that the signed circular must be returned within ten days to the association.

The meetings of the Presidency may also be organized by video- or teleconference.

## **V. POLITICAL ASSEMBLY**

### Article 15

The Political Assembly is the strategic organ of the association.

It is composed of:

a. members ex officio:

- members of the Presidency;
- members of the Presidency of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament;
- Presidents of Ordinary or Associated Member Parties, Member Associations or their mandated representatives;
- Presidents of national delegations of member parties of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament;
- Members of the Presidency of the European Parliament, of the European Commission and of the Presidency of the Committee of the Regions, provided they belong to an Ordinary Member Party;
- Presidents of the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associate Member Party.

The mandate of these members of the Political Assembly ends when they lose the capacity in which they became member of the Political Assembly.

b. delegated members:

- Representatives of Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties.

The Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties shall nominate their delegates together with an equivalent number of substitutes.

- The delegates and voting rights of Ordinary Member Parties are assigned proportionally to the number of Individual Members of the association;
- The delegates and voting rights of the Associated Member Parties are assigned by the Presidency.

The mandate of these members of the Political Assembly ends when the delegation by which they became member of the Political Assembly comes to an end. The composition of the Political Assembly is calculated by the Secretary General twice in a legislature of the European Parliament (i): at the beginning and (ii) half-way through the European parliament legislature (any delay in these calculations is limited to a maximum of six months). This calculation must be approved by the Political Assembly.

#### c. non voting members

- The deputy Secretary(ies) General of the Association;
- The Secretary General of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, and Secretaries General of the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions and in the parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO;
- Two delegates of each Observer Member Party.

On the proposal of the President, the Political Assembly may invite certain personalities to give advice.

#### Article 16

The Political Assembly has the powers attributed to it by the law, these by-laws and the Internal Regulations. Its competences consist inter alia of:

- ensuring unity of action by the EPP and influencing the achievement of European policy in the spirit of its program;
- electing the Deputy Secretary(ies) General on the proposal of the Presidency;
- stimulating and organizing systematic relations between national parliamentary groups and member parties in agreement with the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament;
- adopting the annual accounts and the budget;
- deciding on the applications for membership as well as on the recognition of Member Associations;
- deciding on the exclusion of members and revoking the recognition of Member Associations;
- deciding on the amount of annual dues to be paid by the members;
- formulating recommendations to the Congress as to modifications of the by-laws;
- adopting the Internal Regulations;
- electing the Honorary President(s) on the proposal of the Presidency, except for the first Honorary President(s) elected before the first meeting of the Political Assembly in accordance with the



- transitional provisions;
- appointing the statutory auditor.

The Political Assembly may establish standing commissions and ad hoc working groups to study specific problems, and decide to dissolve them after having heard the president of the commission or working group.

#### Article 17

On the invitation of the President, the Political Assembly meets at least four times annually, whenever the object or the interest of the association so requires; an extraordinary meeting can be held at the request of either one-third of the Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties, or of the Presidency of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament.

The Political Assembly shall validly deliberate if it is convened regularly, i.e. by letter, fax or email at the latest two weeks in advance, unless in case of urgency, and if a majority of its members are present. Failure to achieve this quorum can only be established on the basis of a formal proposal, at the request of the delegations of at least seven Ordinary Member Parties or Associated Member Parties. If a second meeting has been convened with the same agenda, within at least two weeks and at most two months after the establishing of the failure to achieve the quorum, this second meeting can validly deliberate, regardless of the quorum.

The convocation notice sets out the agenda. Meetings are held at the registered office of the association or at the place stated in the notice of the meeting. For an item not listed on the agenda to be validly put to the vote, at least two thirds of members present must consent.

All votes and election procedures shall be made by absolute majority of the members present. In case of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

The meetings are chaired by the President.

The Secretary General or a Deputy Secretary General shall draw up the minutes of the meetings, which shall be kept at the registered office of the association. All members will receive copies of these minutes within four weeks of each meeting.

The Political Assembly normally meets "in camera". On the request of the Presidency or of one tenth of the delegates, the Political Assembly may decide, by simple majority, to admit the public to the meeting.

## **VI. CONGRESS**

### Article 18

The Congress has the following competences:

- deciding on the political program of the EPP;
- deciding on modifications of the by-laws;
- electing the President, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General and the Treasurer;
- deciding on the dissolution of the association.

The composition and the functioning of the Congress are regulated in the Internal Regulations.

## **VII. SECRETARY GENERAL**

### Article 19

Exception made for the first nomination of the Secretary General immediately after the incorporation of the association, which will be carried out in accordance with the transitional provisions, the Congress elects, on the proposal of the President, a Secretary General, in charge of the day-to-day management of the association, including the representation of the association within the limits of the day-to-day management.

This day to day management includes inter alia (i) the management of the General Secretariat and exercise of the decisions taken by the organs, (ii) the supervision of the cooperation between Ordinary Member Party, Associated Member Party and Member Association, General Secretariats, Member Associations, and the General Secretariat of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament, (iii) the drawing up, in agreement with the President, of agendas for meetings of organs, the supervision of the convening of meetings, their preparation, and the writing of minutes, (iv) the responsibility to the Presidency and the Political Assembly for proper and adequate budgetary management, and (v) the drawing up of a report of the activities of the General Secretariat and organisational perspectives to the Political Assembly at the beginning of each year.

The Secretary General is also entitled to implement decisions of the Presidency and in particular to authorize an attorney at law to represent the association in judicial proceedings either as applicant or defendant.

On the proposal of the Presidency and in agreement with the Secretary General, the Political Assembly, following the election of the Presidency, elects the Deputy Secretary (ies) General for a period of three years.

## **VIII. REPRESENTATION**

### Article 20

All legal acts on behalf of the association not falling within the scope of the day-to-day management or of a special delegation of powers, must be signed by the President or by two members of the Presidency.

## **IX. MODIFICATIONS OF THE BY-LAWS**

### Article 21

Proposals for modifications of the by-laws may be introduced by the Presidency, Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties or Member Associations and by the EPP Group at the European Parliament and the Presidents of the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associated Member Party.

Proposals must be presented in writing to the Secretary General who will transmit them to the Members of the Political Assembly for deliberation at least four weeks prior to the meeting at which the Political Assembly will deliberate on those proposals.

Proposals shall be presented to the Congress for adoption only if they have obtained a two-thirds majority in the Political Assembly. Approval of modifications to the by-laws presented by the Political Assembly requires a simple majority of the members of Congress present. The Congress may by a two-thirds majority of the members present overrule the proposals of the Political Assembly.

## **X. CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES**

### Article 22

The Centre for European Studies (CES) is the official European political foundation of the European People's Party. The CES will function as the sole and official think-tank of the EPP and shall, in particular, serve as a common European framework for national foundations/think-tanks recognized by EPP member-parties.

## **XI. FINANCIAL YEAR – ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET – STATUTORY AUDITOR**

### Article 23

Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Member Associations and Observer Member Parties contribute to the financing of the association. The conditions are strictly defined in the Internal Regulations.

### Article 24

The association's financial year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

At the end of each financial year, the Presidency closes the accounts for the year ended and establishes the budget for the following financial year in accordance with the applicable legal provisions; the annual accounts are submitted to the Political Assembly for approval.

The Treasurer will assist the Presidency in drawing up the accounts and the budget. He controls the budgetary management of the General Secretary and reports to the Presidency. He is responsible in particular for the financing of the association and its activities, by means of membership fees, donations or otherwise.

The surplus is added to the association's assets and in no case may be paid to members in the form of dividends.

### Article 25

Exception made for the first appointment of the statutory auditor immediately after the incorporation of the association, which will be carried out in accordance with the transitional provisions, the Political Assembly appoints one or more statutory auditors assigned with auditing the accounts submitted by the Presidency and presenting a report on the accounts.

The auditor is appointed for a renewable term of three years. The Political Assembly fixes his remuneration. His mandate may be revoked at any time by the Presidency.

In the absence of an auditor or if the auditor is unable to fulfil his functions, the President convenes within one month a meeting of the Political Assembly for the purpose of appointing an auditor or replacing the auditor.

The auditor appointed to replace an auditor who has resigned in the course of his term of office completes the latter's term.

## **XII. DISSOLUTION**

### Article 26

The association is not dissolved as a result of the death, dissolution or resignation of a member, provided the number of members is not less than two.

The association may be dissolved voluntarily by a decision of the Congress with a three-quarters majority of the members present, in accordance with the rules applicable to its functioning, as set out in the Internal Regulations.

In the event of voluntary dissolution, the Congress elects the liquidator(s). In the absence of liquidator(s), the members of the Presidency will act as liquidators.

In the event of dissolution, the Political Assembly decides on the disposal of the assets. Such disposal must serve a not-for-profit purpose.

## **XIII. INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

### Article 27

At the proposal of the Presidency, the Political Assembly decides on the Internal Regulations in which issues of internal order and of financial order not mentioned in these by-laws shall be set out. In the Internal Regulations, some additional bodies will be created, such as the EPP Summit and the notions of “Member Associations” and “Supporting Member” will be defined.

Proposals for amendments to the Internal Regulations may be submitted by the Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations and by the Presidency. Said proposals must be submitted in writing to the Secretary General four weeks prior to the meeting of the Political Assembly at which they will be considered and they must be notified to the members.

## **INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (international non-profit association)**

By and under supervision of the Political Assembly, the following additional bodies with decision-making powers will be established and function within the association. The rules regarding the functioning and composition of these bodies, as well as other rules relating to the functioning of the international association which are not set out in the by-laws, will be set out in these Internal Regulations.

### **I. CONGRESS**

#### a. Composition

The members of Congress are:

- Members of the EPP Presidency;
- Presidents of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations;
- Delegates of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Member Associations;
- Heads of State and of Government of Member States of the European Union, who are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- The President of the European Council provided he is member of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Individual Members of the Association (cf. article 5, alinea 4 of the by-laws) ;
- Members of the European Commission provided they are members of an Ordinary Member Party;
- Presidents of the EPP Groups at the Committee of the Regions, and at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and NATO, provided that they are a member of an Ordinary Member Party or an Associated Member Party;
- Delegates of the EPP Groups in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, provided that they are member of an Ordinary Member Party or Associated Member Party.

The overall number of delegates shall be decided upon by the Political Assembly prior to convening the Congress.

Delegates of Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Member Associations, the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe respectively form delegations.

They must, in the composition of their delegation, give priority to their representatives at the Political Assembly.

The number of delegates from each Ordinary Member Party, Associated Member Party and Member Association is calculated in accordance with the number of delegate members of the Political Assembly. Members ex officio are not taken into account.

Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties are entitled to a minimum of three delegates. Member Associations and the Groups of the EPP in the Committee of the Regions and in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe are entitled to six delegates.

The following are invited to the Congress as guests:

- three representatives of each Observer Member Party, in accordance with article 6 of the by-laws;
- members of the Presidency of the EPP Groups at the Committee of the Regions and at the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, at the OSCE and NATO;
- parliamentarians of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament who are not Individual Members of the association;
- all former Presidents and Secretaries-General of the party;
- Supporting Members.

The President has the right to invite other personalities to the meetings of the Congress.

#### b. Functioning

The Congress meets at least every three years. It is convened by a decision of the Political Assembly which determines the venue, date, agenda and regulations of the Congress. Convening of the Congress is the responsibility of the President on behalf of the Political Assembly.

The Political Assembly debates and approves the draft EPP Congress document.

Notice shall be made in writing and contain the venue, date and proposed agenda. It must be dispatched, together with a copy of the regulations of the Congress, four weeks prior to the Congress. Organisations that have delegates are responsible for informing them.

The venue and date of an ordinary Congress, as well as the number of delegates per delegation, must be communicated at least two months in advance.

The Political Assembly can decide to convene an extraordinary Congress. At the request of the Group of the EPP in the European Parliament or at least one-third of the Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties, the Political Assembly shall convene an Extraordinary Congress. The time period set out in the previous paragraphs shall be reduced to minimum three weeks.

The Congress can validly take decisions if it has been correctly convened and if the majority of its members are present. Failure to reach a quorum must be established by a formal motion.

A motion preventing valid deliberation may be introduced by:

- the presidency of the Congress;
- at least seven Ordinary Member Parties and Associated Member Parties from five different countries;
- the Presidency of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.

If the Congress is unable to make a valid deliberation, the President shall, after consultation with the EPP Presidency, determine the date and agenda of an extraordinary Congress. The stipulations concerning the notice and notice period shall not apply. This extraordinary Congress may nonetheless validly deliberate. This must be mentioned in the invitation.

Decisions shall be taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast. Decisions on modifications to the by-laws are governed by article 21 of the by-laws. Each member of Congress has one vote.

The Congress normally meets in public. On the request of the Congress Presidency, the Congress may decide, by simple majority, to meet “in camera”.

## **II. POLITICAL ASSEMBLY**

Following Article 15 b) of the EPP By-laws, the number of the delegates and voting rights of the Associated Member Parties and Member Associations are assigned by the Presidency. The number of delegates shall be limited to a maximum of 2 besides the Party Chairman.

## **III. EPP SUMMIT**

### **a. Competences**

The EPP Summit prepares the position to be taken by the EPP Heads of State and of Government at the European Council and issues recommendations on the strategy and political orientation of the association.



b. Composition

The EPP Summit is composed of:

- the members of the EPP Presidency;
- the members of the European Council (Heads of State and of Government), the President of the European Parliament and the President of the European Commission or a Vice-President to represent members of the European Commission, as far as they are a member of an EPP Ordinary Member Party;
- Presidents of parties in coalition governments in EU Member States in cases where the Head of Government is not a member of an EPP Ordinary Member Party;
- the President of the largest opposition party in each Member State of the European Union in the event that no EPP Ordinary Member Party is part of the government. Where EPP Ordinary Member Parties candidate only in complementary regions, the President of each party is invited.

The President has the right to invite other personalities to the meetings of the EPP Summit.

The President will report to the Political Assembly on the outcome and general direction of the EPP Summit.

#### **IV. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIES STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Secretary General chairs the 'International Secretaries Steering Committee', an ad hoc consultative body that will assist, when necessary, the work of the institutional bodies of the EPP. All international, external or related Secretaries have the right to participate in this Committee.

#### **V. EPP MINISTERIAL MEETINGS**

The EPP organizes on a regular basis EU Ministerial Meetings of Foreign Ministers and ECOFIN Ministers in order to improve political coordination and policy synergy in the Council. Ministerial Meetings will be organized in relevant EU policy sectors. At the recommendation of the EPP President, EPP Vice-Presidents or other outstanding EPP political personalities may chair such meetings if they have relevant policy experience and expertise.

#### **VI. WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN**

The Members of the Presidency should commit themselves in the bodies of the party, e.g. working groups, fora, ad-hoc committees. In case of vacancies, the Presidency together with the Secretary General will appoint a high profile EPP personality to Chair a working Group. In case of poor performance by an appointed working Group Chairperson, the Presidency and the Secretary General have the right to replace the Chairperson with a new appointment.

Member Parties who do not participate in two consecutive meetings of the Working Group Meetings, will not be able to present and/or vote amendments to EPP Working Group documents or resolutions in the two following Working Group Meetings, unless otherwise agreed by the relevant Working Group.

## **VII. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS**

The EPP has the right to establish Bilateral Agreements with parties, organisations, think tanks, NGOs, etc., as an instrument to develop broader relations. The specific terms of the Agreement have to be accepted by the Presidency and approved by the Political Assembly. At the proposal of the Presidency, the Political Assembly has the right to revoke a Bilateral Agreement if the terms of the Agreement have been breached.

## **VIII. SECRETARY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

EPP's bilateral and multilateral relations with like-minded political parties and organisations beyond the EU and in other continents shall be coordinated by the Secretary of External Relations. The Secretary of External Relations will perform his task under the monitoring of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General (responsible for political affairs). Adopting the same nomination and election procedure of the Statutes/By-laws stated in Article 12 (point 6, Article 16 (point 2) and Article 19 (last paragraph), the Secretary for External Relations is elected for a period of three years.

## **IX. SPOKESPERSON**

EPP's Press and Communication department will be headed by the Spokesperson. The Spokesperson is responsible for promoting the profile and work of the EPP and the members of the EPP Presidency in all media and related public fora. The Spokesperson performs his/her tasks under the direction of the President and Secretary General, and receives guidelines from the Presidency. Adopting the same nomination and election procedure on the Statutes/By-laws stated in Article 12 (point 6), Article 16 (point 2), and Article 19 (last paragraph), the Spokesperson is elected for a period of three years.

## **X. MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

Recognition as an Association presupposes that:

- national sections, linked to an Ordinary Member Party of the EPP, exist in at least half the Member States of the EU;
- their activities are performed on the basis of by-laws governing their responsibilities and the right of representation;
- their activities and the positions taken are in line with the EPP Program and the party's political directives.

The EPP Member Associations must clearly indicate in their name their relationship to the EPP. As a general rule, the Member Associations must accept the participation of the corresponding national associations of the Ordinary

Member Parties and Associated Member Parties.

Associations may apply in writing to the Presidency to be recognized. The application must include the program and by-laws of said association and information concerning the organisation and the number of members.

The Presidency must submit the application to the members of the Political Assembly at least one month prior to its examination.

The Political Assembly may decide to hear representatives of an applicant association.

On the proposal of the Presidency, and after having heard the association concerned, the Political Assembly may revoke its recognition of an association.

## **XI. BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS**

At the first meeting of each odd-numbered year, the Political Assembly elects four Internal Auditors who may not be members of the EPP Presidency. Their mandate lasts two years.

## **XII. MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION**

During its preliminary examination of the membership application as mentioned in article 5 of the By-Laws, the Political Assembly may decide to hear a representative of the applicant party.

After its preliminary examination, the Political Assembly transmits the application for advice to the EPP Working Group on 'EPP Membership'. The Political Assembly will take a decision on the application on one of its next meetings following the receipt of the advice of the EPP Working Group on 'EPP Membership'.

## **XIII. MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION**

The suspension of a member as defined in article 9 of the By-Laws may only be decided by the Political Assembly after hearing the member concerned. If the member fails to turn up for the hearing, the Political Assembly is authorized to decide on the suspension of the member.

Suspended members lose their speaking and/or voting rights within the organs and bodies of the association as well as their right to propose candidates for positions within the association, until the Political Assembly has lifted the suspension, it being understood that they have to continue to comply with their membership obligations during the whole time of the suspension.

## **XIV. MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSION**

The exclusion of a member as defined in article 9 of the By-Laws may only be decided by the Political Assembly after hearing the member concerned. If the

member fails to turn up for the hearing, the Political Assembly is authorized to decide on the exclusion of the member.

## **XV. SUPPORTING MEMBERS**

The Presidency may also grant the title of Supporting Member to other persons or associations. They do not enjoy the same rights as the members mentioned in article 5 of the by-laws but may be invited by the President to attend meetings of certain organs or bodies of the association.

## **XVI. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

### **a. Membership Fees of EPP Ordinary Member Parties**

The annual Membership Fees of the EPP Ordinary Member Parties is based on:

- a) a basic sum calculated on the basis of the votes obtained by that party in the last European Elections
- b) a basic sum per member of that party in the EPP Group in the European Parliament

The basic calculation is made for the first budget following European Elections, on the proposal of the Treasurer and the Secretary General and after approval of the Political Assembly.

When a modification in Membership Fees is necessary, it is possible to vote for either a modification of basic sum a) or for a modification of basic sum b) or for a modification of both sums.

### **b. Membership Fees for Associated Member Parties and Observer Member Parties**

On the proposal of the Treasurer and Secretary General, the Membership Fees of EPP Associated Member Parties, is calculated by the Political Assembly on the basis of the votes obtained by these Associated Member parties during the last national elections. The Associated Member Parties will start paying Membership Fees immediately after their admission as an Associated Member Party, pro rata temporis. The same procedure is for 50 % applied to Observer Member Parties.

### **c. Membership Fees for Member Associations**

The Membership Fees of EPP Member Associations are determined by the Political Assembly upon proposal of the Treasurer and Secretary General.

### **d. Contribution of Supporting Members**

Supporting Members can contribute to the financing of the EPP. The Supporting Member Contribution is at least 20 euro.

e. General Stipulations

Membership Fees are fixed in euro; they are payable without deduction of incurred costs. Membership Fees are adjusted annually in line with Belgian inflation levels.

f. Arrears

Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties and Observer Member Parties which accumulate arrears in the payment of their annual Membership Fee lose their speaking and/or voting rights within the organs and bodies of the association as well as their right to propose candidates for positions within the association, until they have paid off their arrears.

The Presidency will propose to the Political Assembly to exclude Ordinary, Associated and Observer Member Parties which accumulated arrears for two years.

Interest, equivalent to double the relevant year's annual inflation rate in Belgium, will be added to the amount of the arrears. A list outlining the current Membership Fees' situation will be distributed at each meeting of the EPP Political Assembly.

g. Subventions to Member Associations

1. The EPP in so far as possible supports the activities of its Member Associations. The nature and conditions of this support is determined by the EPP authorities responsible for the budget.

2. Each Member Association submits its budget at the beginning of the budgetary year (by 1 February at the latest) to the Political Assembly. It also furnishes its accounts and balance sheet of the year prior to the previous budgetary year. The balance sheet and accounts are to be accompanied by the report of the financial auditors and the minutes of the meeting at which this report was approved.

3. Each Member Association must present an activity report of the previous 12 month period to the EPP Political Assembly at the very latest at the time of the final adoption of the EPP budget.

4. Each Member Association must present a draft Activity Programme for the year to come to the EPP General Secretariat at the latest on November 1.

5. Following this, each Member Association receives (following the approval of the EPP budget) a subvention for its normal administrative costs ("office costs"). This subvention will be maximum 30% of the total amount of financial means put at the disposal of the Member Associations by the EPP.

6. Furthermore, each Member Association receives a credit line (following the approval of the EPP budget) for the realization of the activities as mentioned

in point 4 and enlisted in the EPP Grant Application to the European Parliament as 'co-productions'. This credit line is allocated in part or in whole on a case by case basis following an agreement with the EPP General Secretariat.

7. For the granting of such subventions, the following provisions must be ensured:

On all invitations to the activities and on all publications concerning the activities of the Member Associations as mentioned in point 4, the EPP logo must be present and clearly identified. This is a necessary prerequisite for every single use (in part or in whole) of the credit line.

h. Financial support to related organisations

Should the EPP Political Assembly decide to give annual financial support to other related organisations, these organisations should follow the same procedure as described above, in section g.

i. Administration of Resources

The EPP Treasurer and Secretary General are entrusted by the EPP Presidency and Political Assembly with the proper administration and use of the financial resources of the association.

j. Financial Year – Annual Accounts and Budget – Statutory Auditor

In accordance with Article 12 and Article 24 of the By-laws, any member of the EPP Presidency who is a Member of the European Commission or President of the European Parliament does not take part in the decision-making process regarding the annual accounts and budget of the association. These persons cannot be appointed as Statutory Auditor according to Article 25 of the By-laws.

## **XVII. EPP MERIT AWARD**

The EPP Presidency has the right to grant an "EPP Merit Award" to individuals that have made an outstanding contribution in promoting the EPP. The EPP Presidency will receive nominations and examine them on a case-by-case basis before granting the Award.

### **BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES (international non-profit association)**

Brussels, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007

(Amended 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010)

The following individuals, representing the interests of the European People's Party (EPP) and its member-parties:

- Wilfried Martens, lawyer, domiciled in 1050 Ixelles (Brussels), place Marie-José 14/10, Born in Sleidinge on 19.04.1936;
- Antonio López-Istúriz White, lawyer, domiciled in Ronda de la Sacedilla 13.1 BAJO B, 28221 Madrid, Spain, Born in Pamplona on 1.04.1970;

and the following organizations which are national political foundations/think-tanks linked to EPP member-parties:

- Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy, scientific non-profit company, 10, Vas.Sofias Ave., 10674 Athens, represented by Skilas, Pantelis, Head of the international cooperation department;
- Fundación para el análisis y los estudios sociales, foundation, calle Juan Bravo nro 3-C, 7th floor, Madrid, represented by Magaz van Nes, Juan Alejandro, Lawyer;
- Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung e.v., registered association, Lazarettstrasse 33, D-80636 München represented by Luther, Susanne, Head of the Office for Foreign Relations;
- Jarl Hjalmarson Stiftelsen, foundation, Stora Nyagatan 30, Old Town, Stockholm, Box 2080, SE-103 12 Stockholm, Sweden, represented by Gustavsson, Eva, Managing Director;
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V., registered association, Rathausallee 12, D-53757 Sankt Augustin, Germany represented by Weilemann, Peter, Director;

- Politische Akademie der ÖVP, registered association, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna, represented by Kroiher, Erik, Head of the International Office of Political Academy and International Secretary of ÖVP;
- Stichting Wetenschappelijk Instituut voor het CDA, foundation, Buitennom 18, 2512 XA Den Haag / The Hague, The Netherlands, represented by Van Asselt Evert-Jan, Deputy Director;
- Szövetség A Polgári Magyarorszáért Alapítvány, foundation, 1062 Budapest, Lendvay utca 28, Hungary, represented by Balog, Zoltán, Chairman of the executive board.

have agreed to incorporate a Belgian non-profit organization (*“Association sans but lucratif/Vereniging zonder winstoogmerk”*) pursuant to the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit associations, international non-profit associations and foundations, the By-laws of which are as follows:

## **TITLE I – NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, PURPOSE, DURATION**

### **Article 1. Name**

The name of the non-profit association is: *“Centre for European Studies ASBL”*, abbreviated as *“CES”*, referred to here below as the *“Centre”*.

### **Article 2. Registered office**

**2.1.** The registered office of the Centre is located at 1000 Brussels, Rue du Commerce, 10, in the judicial district (*“arrondissement judiciaire/gerechtelijk arrondissement”*) of Brussels.

**2.2.** The registered office can be transferred to any other place in Belgium by a decision of the General Assembly complying with the linguistic legislation in Belgium.

**2.3.** By decision of the General Assembly – according to the provisions of the Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding - the Centre has the right to re-register its office in any other Member State of the European Union.

### **Article 3. Object and Purpose**

**3.1.** The Centre shall constitute the official think-tank of the European People’s Party (EPP) and shall, in particular, serve as a common European framework for national foundations/think-tanks recognized by EPP member-parties.



In this respect, the Centre, as a non-profit entity, shall amongst others:

- monitor, analyze and contribute to the debate of the policy priorities of the European Union;
- organize and support seminars, training, conferences and publications on important European themes;
- collaborate with high-profile academics, journalists, experts and opinion-makers, as well as with independent centres and institutes.
- use all possible means to disseminate the results of its activities.

**3.2.** The Centre will realize these objectives in close cooperation with its members. It can undertake any action directly or indirectly related to the above-mentioned purposes or to facilitate the development or achievement thereof.

**3.3.** The Centre is affiliated to the EPP and will function as its sole European political foundation in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding.

#### **Article 4. Duration**

The Centre has an unlimited duration and can only be dissolved by judicial decision or a decision of the General Assembly pursuant to Article 26.

## **TITLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Article 5. Minimum Number of Members**

**5.1.** The Centre has at least three ordinary members. The number of ordinary members is limited to seventy (70). Additionally, the Centre can accept supporting members as non-voting members. All members have to be committed to support the objectives and aims of the Centre.

**5.2.** An ordinary members' registry is kept updated at the registered office of the Centre and a copy thereof is filed with the Clerk's office of the Commercial Court. The ordinary members are entitled to consult the member's registry at the registered office of the Centre.

#### **Article 6. Admission of Members**

**6.1.** Ordinary members of the Centre are **individuals** and **political foundations/think-tanks**. Every ordinary member has the right to vote. Up to 35 of the number of the ordinary members will represent political foundations/think-tanks.

**6.2. Individuals** are accepted as ordinary members by a simple majority vote in the General Assembly, after recommendation of the EPP Presidency to the Executive Board. These individuals represent the interests of the EPP and its member-parties. The EPP Presidency must submit to the Executive Board a written proposal, at least 14 days prior to a General Assembly meeting. Individuals have a mandate of three years. The EPP Presidency will be requested to review CES Individual Memberships every 3 years and present its recommendations for Individual Members, to be accepted by the General Assembly.

**6.3.** In order for a **political foundation/think-tank** to become a ordinary member of the Centre, it must be recognized by its respective EPP member-party and be engaged in promoting political information and debate and facilitating EU integration, for instance, by:

- observing, analyzing and contributing to the debate on public policy issues at national or at European level;
- supporting seminars, training, conferences, publications or studies on such issues;
- serving as framework for national experts, politicians and academics to work together at national or at European level.

A political foundation/think-tank must have staff, demonstrate regular activity and issue regular financial reports.

**6.4.** In order to consider a new political foundation/think-tank for membership, an application must be submitted to the Executive Board. The application must be accompanied by a letter of recognition from an EPP member-party, signed by the President or Secretary General of the respective EPP member-party confirming that:

(1) the applicant is considered as the official political foundation/think-tank of the respective EPP member-party, and (2) the political foundation/think-tank fulfills the criteria of Article 6.3. Only one endorsement of a foundation/think-tank per EPP member-party shall be accepted.

**6.5.** The General Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Executive Board on membership applications of political foundations/think-tanks, approves their admission as ordinary members by a simple majority of the votes cast.

**6.6.** The Executive Board can recommend to the General Assembly the acceptance of **supporting members**. Supporting members can be individuals representing academic institutions or other relevant organizations. Supporting members do not have the right to vote. The supporting members have the right to participate in the meetings of the General Assembly as observers.

**6.7.** Apart from the rights and obligations that are specified in these By-laws and in the relevant provisions of the Belgian law, members do not have any additional obligations towards the Centre.

## **Article 7. Resignation and Expulsion of Members**

7.1. A member can terminate its membership in the Centre by giving the Executive Board written notice of resignation with immediate effect.

7.2. The expulsion of members from the Centre can be proposed to the General Assembly by the Executive Board if there is sufficient evidence that the member in question has violated the by-laws of the Centre or if a member does not participate in 2 consecutive meetings of the General Assembly. The Executive Board notifies to the member its proposal to the General Assembly to expel it. The member will automatically be suspended between the date of such notification and the date of the General Assembly. The expulsion of a member requires a vote with a special majority of 2/3 of the votes cast by the General Assembly.

## **TITLE III – ORGANS**

### ***SUBTITLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS***

#### **Article 8. Statutory and Non-Statutory Organs**

8.1. The Statutory organs of the Centre are the 'General Assembly', and the 'Executive Board'.

8.2. The Non-Statutory organs are the 'Honorary Board' and the 'Academic Council'.

### ***SUBTITLE II - GENERAL ASSEMBLY***

#### **Article 9. Composition**

9.1. The General Assembly is composed by all the ordinary members of the Centre. Every new ordinary member has the right to vote (one vote per member). The President of the Centre can invite guests as observers at the General Assembly meeting.

9.2. The General Assembly is chaired by the President or in his absence and in agreement with the Executive Board, the most senior member of the Executive Board.

9.3. **Individual** ordinary members cannot be represented in the General Assembly by proxy. A political foundation/think-tank ordinary member can only be represented in the General Assembly according to its own organizational rules.

## **Article 10. Competences**

The competences of the General Assembly are:

- amendment of the By-laws of the Centre;
- admission (upon recommendation of the Executive Board) and exclusion of members of the Centre;
- appointment and dismissal of the members of the Executive Board;
- appointment and dismissal of the statutory auditor, if any, and determination of its remuneration if the mandate is remunerated;
- grant of discharge to the members of the Executive Board and to the statutory auditor, if any;
- approval of the budget and the annual accounts;
- approval of the annual program;
- dissolution of the Centre;
- conversion of the Centre into a *“société à finalité sociale/vennootschap met een sociaal oogmerk”*

## **Article 11. Meetings**

**11.1.** The General Assembly meets at least once a year and is convened by the Executive Board or upon request of at least 1/5 of the ordinary members. In any case, an statutory General Assembly meeting shall be held at latest on 31 May of each year, in order to deliberate on the approval of the annual accounts of the preceding accounting year and on the discharge of the members of the Executive Board and the statutory auditor, if any, as well as on the budget for the next accounting year.

**11.2.** Ordinary members are convened in writing (by mail and/or e-mail), at least 28 days in advance. The convocation letter shall include date, time and location of the General Assembly meeting, as well as the agenda thereof. Each agenda item proposal, signed by 1/20 of the ordinary members, shall be added to the agenda. Such a proposal has to be sent to the Executive Board at least 14 days prior to the date of the General Assembly meeting.

## **Article 12. Decisions**

**12.1.** Each ordinary member is entitled to one vote.

**12.2.** Unless otherwise stated in the By-laws or in the relevant provisions of

the Belgian Law, General Assembly decisions are validly taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

12.3. In the event of a tie vote, the vote of the President shall be decisive.

### **Article 13. Minutes**

13.1. Minutes of the General Assembly shall be signed by the President and by the ordinary members wishing to do so.

13.2. The minutes shall be recorded in a special register to be kept at the registered office of the Centre.

13.3. Copies or extracts of the minutes to be produced in court or elsewhere shall be signed by two members of the Executive Board.

### ***SUBTITLE III – EXECUTIVE BOARD***

#### **Article 14. Composition**

14.1. The Executive Board of the Centre is composed by a total maximum of eight members - including President and Secretary-Treasurer - and is elected by the General Assembly.

14.2. The members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly as follows:

- following the recommendation of the EPP Presidency, elect maximum **three** individual ordinary members, as members of the Executive Board.
- elect maximum **three** political foundation/think-tank ordinary members, as members of the Executive Board. All resolutions of appointment must specify the identity of the natural person who will be entitled to represent, on a permanent basis, the political foundation/think-tank within the Executive Board for the entire duration of the elected term;
- additionally, elect maximum **two** individual ordinary members, as members of the Executive Board.

The normal duration of the term of the Executive Board is 3 years.

14.3. The Director has a standing invitation to attend the meetings of the Executive Board without the right to vote.

14.4. Political foundation/think-tank members of the Executive Board must represent the interests of all political foundations/think-tanks that are members of the General Assembly.

**14.5.** If a member of the Executive Board fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, the Executive Board may recommend to the General Assembly the replacement of this member with the election of a new member, in accordance and in the spirit of the provisions of Article 14.2.

## **Article 15. Competences**

The Executive Board manages the Centre and has all the competences which are not attributed to the General Assembly, including:

- ensuring the implementation of the decisions taken by the General Assembly;
- ensuring the general management of the Centre;
- drafting the annual program;
- preparing the annual accounts and the budget;
- monitoring the work of the Director and staff;
- the legal representation of the Centre;
- the appointment of external auditors, e.g. accountants;
- the proposal of admission and exclusion of the members of the General Assembly;
- the supervision and control of the activities and the assets of the Centre.

## **Article 16. Meetings**

**16.1.** The Executive Board has to convene at least twice a year. The President shall announce meetings of the Executive Board no later than 28 days prior to such meeting.

**16.2.** In addition, meetings of the Executive Board shall be convened if at least two members make a written request. This request must be addressed to the President.

**16.3.** Members of the Executive Board shall be convened by invitation (mail or email), at least 14 days in advance. The invitation shall include the date, time and location of the Board meeting, as well as the agenda thereof.

**16.4.** Every member of the Executive Board has one vote each. The decisions of the Executive Board are taken by simple majority. In the event of a tie vote, the vote of the President is decisive. The Executive Board cannot validly deliberate unless the majority of the members are present. There shall be no voting by proxy.

## **Article 17. Minutes**

**17.1.** Minutes of the Executive Board shall be signed by the President and the members of the Executive Board who wish to do so.

**17.2.** The minutes shall be recorded in a special register to be kept at the registered office of the Centre.

## ***SUBTITLE IV - PRESIDENT, SECRETARY-TREASURER***

### **Article 18. President**

The President is elected by the General Assembly following the recommendation of the EPP Presidency. The President chairs the Executive Board.

### **Article 19. Secretary-Treasurer**

The Secretary-Treasurer is elected by the General Assembly following the recommendation of the EPP Presidency. The Secretary-Treasurer oversees the administrative and financial management of the Centre.

## ***SUBTITLE V - DIRECTOR***

### **Article 20. Director**

The Director is elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term which can be renewed, following the recommendation of the EPP Presidency. The General Assembly can dismiss the Director at any time. The Director is responsible for the daily management and the implementation of the activities of the Centre and accordingly, reports to the Executive Board. The Executive Board can delegate specific responsibilities and competences to the Director.

## ***SUBTITLE VI – NON-STATUTORY ORGANS***

### **Article 21. Honorary Board**

For the purpose of enhancing the profile of the Centre, the Executive Board can nominate high-profile personalities as members of the Honorary Board.

### **Article 22. Academic Council**

For the purpose of enhancing the academic scope of the Centre and oversee the scientific standards of the research and studies, the Executive Board can nominate esteemed academics and researchers as members of the Academic Council.

## ***SUBTITLE VII – REPRESENTATION***

### **Article 23. Representation**

The Centre is validly represented by the President or the Secretary-Treasurer, acting solely or alternatively, two members of the Executive Board acting jointly. With regard to the daily management, the Centre is validly represented by the Director acting solely.

## **TITLE IV – FINANCES**

### **Article 24. Finances**

The activities and projects of the Centre shall be financed by subventions as specified in the budget of the European Union, fundraising activities and voluntary contributions. Members are not obliged to submit financial contributions.

### **Article 25. Accounting year and annual accounts**

**25.1.** The accounting year of the Centre begins on the first of January and ends on the thirty-first of December of each year.

**25.2.** Should the Centre meet at least two of the three criteria set out in Article 17 §3 of the Law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit associations, international non-profit associations and foundations, then the General Assembly must appoint a statutory auditor and determine its/his/her remuneration, if any.

## **TITLE V – DISSOLUTION**

### **Article 26. Dissolution**

**26.1.** Any proposal for the dissolution of the Centre shall be addressed by registered letter to the ordinary members so that they receive it at least two months prior to the meeting of the General Assembly when the proposal for a decision is submitted for a vote.

**26.2.** The Centre can be dissolved by a decision taken by a four fifths majority of the votes cast in the General Assembly where two thirds of the ordinary members are present or represented. Should this last quorum not be met at the first meeting, then a second meeting will be convened which will be allowed to deliberate regardless of the number of ordinary members present or represented.

**26.3.** The General Assembly or the liquidators will decide on the allocation of the net assets of the Centre.



## **TITLE VI – INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

### **Article 27. Internal Regulations**

Internal regulations of the Centre shall be adopted and, if applicable amended, by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Board. Internal Regulations regulate issues of internal order not mentioned in these By-laws. Also, the way of functioning of the non-statutory organs will be further detailed.

## **TITLE VII – FINAL PROVISION**

### **Article 28. Final Provision**

Matters not expressly referred to in these By-laws are subject to the provisions of the Law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit associations, international non-profit associations and foundations.

## **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

The first members of the Executive Board of the Centre will be, as a transitional measure and subject to confirmation by the next General Assembly:

Wilfried Martens, lawyer, domiciled in 1050 Ixelles (Brussels), place Marie-José 14/10, Born in Sleidinge on 19.04.1936;

Antonio López-Istúriz White, lawyer, domiciled in Ronda de la Sacedilla 13.1 BAJO B, 28221 Madrid, Spain, Born in Pamplona on 1.04.1970;

Joseph Daul, farmer, domiciled in 2, rue de Berstett, F - 67370 Pfettisheim, Born in Strasbourg on 13.04.1947:

Peter Weilemann, Director, domiciled in Jägerweg 33, D - 53177 BONN, Born in Kaiserslautern (Germany) on 6.8.1949.

The first Director of the Center will be Tomi Huhtanen, Avenue Albert Lancaster 9, b6, B-1180 Uccle (Brussels), Born in Helsinki on 20.10.1972.

The first accounting year of the Centre will end on 31 December 2007. Therefore the first statutory General Assembly will be held in 2008.

Done in Brussels in 2 originals copies on 13 September 2007.

# **INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES (international non-profit association)**

Brussels, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010

## **Part 1 | GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **1. OBJECTIVE OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

- 1.1 The objective of the Internal Regulation is to establish specific guidelines for the daily operations of the Centre.
- 1.2 In case of conflicts of interpretation between an article in the Statutes and one in the internal regulations, the interpretation given to the article in the Statutes prevails.

### **2. LANGUAGE OF THE CENTRE**

- 2.1 The working language of the Centre is English.

### **3. THE TASKS, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NON-STATUTORY BOARDS**

#### The Honorary Board

- 3.1 The Honorary Board and its Chairman are nominated by the Executive Board.
- 3.2 The Honorary Board has the power to have meetings to enhance the profile and exposure of the Centre.
- 3.3 Meetings have to be approved by the Executive Board.

#### The Academic Council

- 3.4 The members of the Academic Council and its Chairman are nominated by the Executive Board for a period of 3 years.
- 3.5 The Academic Board is composed of esteemed academics and researchers.

- 3.6 The Academic Board secures and maintains the high academic standards of the Centre by reviewing the progress of the Research, publications and Studies of the Centre and giving recommendations to the Executive Board.
- 3.7 The Academic Board has a duty of promoting the Centre and its activities to the academic world.
- 3.8 The Academic board has a maximum of 15 members.
- 3.9 The Academic Council will be supported by an 'Academic Council Group of Experts' composed of a maximum of 40 experts.
- 3.10 The Experts are nominated by the Executive Board.
- 3.11 Experts are academics, researchers and individuals who can contribute significantly to the research and communication projects of the Centre.
- 3.12 Experts function as a network of the Centre and support the Research Activities of the Centre.
- 3.13 Experts are not members of the Academic Council.
- 3.14 The Academic Council can nominate temporary ad-hoc working groups of experts to assist in a particular research project.
- 3.15 The members of the Academic Council Group of Experts and of the ad-hoc working groups do not have regular meetings unless otherwise instructed by the Executive Board.

#### **4. POLITICAL AUDITORS**

- 4.1 Political Auditors are responsible for conducting an independent appraisal of the Centre's financial activities within the limits of the council regulation (EC, Euratom) No1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.
- 4.2 The political auditors are responsible for giving assurance to the General Assembly and the Executive Board on financial aspects of the Centre.
- 4.3 The political auditors have the right to access all financial documents of the Centre which it considers necessary to fulfill its responsibility.
- 4.4 The political auditors are nominated by the General Assembly for a mandate of 2 years.

- 4.5 Political auditors are not a statutory position unlike the external auditors and hold no executive position in the Centre.
- 4.6 There is a maximum of 4 political auditors.

## **5. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 The Fundraising Committee will be responsible for searching for sponsors, and donors and for their screening. The Fundraising Committee will be responsible for planning all fundraising activities in support of sponsored events and/or sponsored publications of the Centre for European Studies. The Committee will be chaired by the Chairperson appointed by the Executive Board.
- 5.2 The members of the Fundraising Committee will be proposed by the Chair of the Fundraising Committee and accepted by the Executive Board.
- 5.3 The Fundraising Committee and its Chair will be responsible to the Executive Board and all the decisions regarding the functioning of the Fundraising Committee and the sponsoring activities will be due for the approval of the Executive Board.

## **6. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES**

### Guidelines for Co-operation

- 6.1 Centre in this section refers to Statutory and non statutory boards, auditors and the Secretariat of the Centre
- 6.2 Co-operations in the sense of the internal regulations do not imply any obligations unless specifically agreed upon.
- 6.3 To fulfill its objectives and to broaden its exposure, the Centre has the right to enter on an individual basis to specific forms of co-operation with Universities, organizations, think tanks, institutes, foundations, NGOs and other relevant organizations.
- 6.4 Co-operations must be completed in order to enhance the work of the Centre.

### Guidelines for the election of the executive board

- 6.5 All candidatures for a position on the Executive Board must be submitted to the Secretariat at least a week prior to the election.
- 6.6 The Secretariat then informs the Executive Board of the candidatures.

### Guidelines for membership

- 6.7 For the ordinary member application of a Political Foundation/Think Tank to be valid it must be submitted at least 28 days prior to the next General Assembly meeting.
- 6.8 Political foundation/Think-tank ordinary membership applicant will be invited to a General Assembly meeting to present the membership application with the agreement with the President of the Centre.

### Guidelines for Membership Suspension

- 6.9 An expulsion of a Member under article 7 of the Bylaws of Centre can only be exercised by the General Assembly once the concerned member has had a hearing on the matter of expulsion in front of the General Assembly.
- 6.10 If a member is absent at his expulsion hearing the General Assembly has the right to suspend the member at its discretion.
- 6.11 A suspended member loses his voting powers, his speaking power and the right to propose candidates for positions within the Centre until the suspension is lifted by the General Assembly.

### Guidelines for expulsion

- 6.12 An expulsion under article 7 of the By-Laws may only be decided after a hearing of the member concerned by the General Assembly.
- 6.13 If the member does not show up for his hearing the General Assembly has the power to expulse him at its discretion.

## Part 2 | INTERNAL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

**The 'Regulations governing Political parties at European level: statute and funding (amend. Reg. (EC) 2004/2003)' prevail over the internal regulations of the Centre in case of conflict of interpretation.**

### 1. SIGNATORIES

- 1.1 Authorised signatories for the approval of orders and issues of cheques on behalf of Centre are:
  - The President
  - The Secretary Treasurer
  - The Director
- 1.2 All payments need to be approved and signed by two signatories.
- 1.3 Authorised signatories cannot approve costs incurred by their person.

### 2. BANKING

- 2.1 The Director and/or the Secretary Treasurer are responsible for, on behalf of the Executive Board, liaison with the Centre's bankers in relation to all bank accounts and the issue of cheques.
- 2.2 Cheques/Paying in slips shall be ordered only by the Director who shall make arrangements for their safe keeping.
- 2.3 All bank accounts shall be in the name of Centre for European Studies.
- 2.4 The Director is responsible for ensuring that all bank accounts are regularly reconciled.

### 3. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 The Director will keep the following documents on behalf of the Centre for a period of six years:
  - Orders
  - Invoices
  - Bank statements
  - Receipts
  - Audited accounts

- 3.2 The Treasurer will arrange for an annual audit of the Centre's accounts to be presented to the General Assembly meeting once a year.
- 3.3 The audit will be exercised by the external statutory auditor and the Internal Auditors.
- 3.4 All invoicing will be arranged through the Director.

#### **4. BUDGET**

- 4.1 The Executive Board will prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval.
- 4.2 Projects with a value of 50.000 Euros or more must be approved by the Executive Board prior to being executed.
- 4.3 The Executive Board when face with a 4.2 request can take a decision outside of a scheduled meeting via mail, fax or email.
- 4.4 A decision taken by the Executive Board outside of a scheduled meeting requires a simple majority of Members in order to be valid.
- 4.5 All expenses of over 10.000 Euros outside of research proposals and expenses falling under the "restricted calls"<sup>1</sup> must go through a tender a process and be presented with three competitive offers.

#### **5. AUTHORITY TO PLACE ORDERS**

- 5.1 All substantial purchases for goods and/or services must have prior approval of the Executive Board.

#### **6. EVENT INCOME**

- 6.1 The Event organiser will submit the balance from the conference to the Director as soon as possible after the end of the conference.

#### **7. EXPENSES**

- 7.1 Members of the Secretariat may make claims for reimbursement of reasonable travel and subsistence when on an official Centre mission. All the requests need to be approved by the Director.

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*(1) i.e. only possible service provider, one specific location or venue suitable for person or the service provider has been used before and it can be demonstrated that services is still the most advantageous.*

- 7.2 All claims for payment of travel, subsistence and incidental expenses should be presented to the Director within one month of being incurred using a Centre claim form and be accompanied by appropriate invoices.
- 7.3 Any claims for overnight accommodation must first be approved by the Director.
- 7.4 Claims for work lunches or dinners by staff members must be introduced with the bill of the set lunch or dinner accompanied with the names of the people attending it and the purpose of the meal. The reimbursement if it meets the criteria must be approved by one of the authorized signatories for the claim to be executed.
- 7.5 The nature of costs spent while representing the Centre must remain reasonable and proportional to the occasion. Luxurious consumable items are not authorized.
- 7.6 No internal representation is allowed between staff members of the Centre.
- 7.7 Honorariums and financial fees paid to the Members of the CES organs and advisory bodies should be considered exceptions and require decisions of the Executive board.

## **8. LOANS**

- 8.1 No Staff member of Centre may enter into loans or other credit on its behalf.

## **9. INVENTORY**

- 9.1 An inventory of all equipment owned by the Centre will be kept by the Director and reported to the General Assembly.
- 9.2 The disposal of any assets must be agreed in advance by the Executive Board.



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### **REGULATION (EC) No 2004/2003 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**of 4 November 2003**

**on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 191 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission, Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty <sup>(1)</sup>,

Whereas:

(1) Article 191 of the Treaty states that political parties at European level are important as a factor for integration within the Union and that they contribute to forming a European awareness and to expressing the political will of the citizens of the Union.

(2) A number of basic rules should be laid down, in the form of regulations, for political parties at European level, in particular with regard to their funding. Experience acquired in applying this Regulation should reveal the extent to which these regulations should, or should not, be supplemented by further rules.

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*(1) Opinion of the European Parliament of 19 June 2003 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 29 September 2003.*

(3) Experience has shown that a political party at European level will have as its members either citizens gathered together in the form of a political party or political parties which together form an alliance. The terms 'political party' and 'alliance of political parties' used in this Regulation should therefore be clarified.

(4) In order to be able to identify a 'political party at European level', it is important to set certain conditions. In particular, it is necessary for political parties at European level to observe the principles on which the European Union is founded, as set out in the Treaties and recognised in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

(5) The procedure to be followed by political parties at European level which wish to receive funding pursuant to this Regulation should be laid down.

(6) Provision should also be made for regular verification of the conditions applied for identifying a political party at European level.

(7) Political parties at European level which have received funding under this Regulation should submit to obligations aimed at ensuring transparency of sources of funding.

(8) In accordance with Declaration No 11 on Article 191 of the Treaty establishing the European Community annexed to the Final Act of the Treaty of Nice, the funding granted pursuant to this Regulation should not be used to fund, either directly or indirectly, political parties at national level. By virtue of same declaration, the provisions on the funding of political parties at European level should apply, on the same basis, to all the political forces represented in the European Parliament.

(9) The nature of the expenditure that can be funded under this Regulation should be defined.

(10) The appropriations allocated to funding under this Regulation should be determined in accordance with the annual budgetary procedure.

(11) It is necessary to ensure maximum transparency and financial control of political parties at European level funded from the general budget of the European Union.

(12) A scale should be set for distributing the appropriations available each year, taking into account, on the one hand, the number of beneficiaries and, on the other, the number of elected members in the European Parliament.

(13) Technical assistance to be afforded by the European Parliament to political parties at European level should be guided by the principle of equal treatment.

(14) The application of this Regulation and the activities funded should be examined in a report from the European Parliament which should be published.

(15) The judicial control which falls within the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice will help ensure the correct application of this Regulation.

(16) In order to facilitate transition towards the new rules, the application of some of the provisions of this Regulation should be postponed until the European Parliament has been formed after the elections due in June 2004,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

### **Subject matter and scope**

This Regulation establishes rules on the regulations governing political parties at European level and rules regarding their funding.

Article 2

### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation:

1. 'political party' means an association of citizens:
  - which pursues political objectives, and
  - which is either recognised by, or established in accordance with, the legal order of at least one Member State;
2. 'alliance of political parties' means structured cooperation between at least two political parties;
3. 'political party at European level' means a political party or an alliance of political parties which satisfies the conditions referred to in Article 3

Article 3

### **Conditions**

A political party at European level shall satisfy the following conditions:

- (a) it must have legal personality in the Member State in which its seat is located;
- (b) it must be represented, in at least one quarter of Member States, by Members of the European Parliament or in the national Parliaments or regional Parliaments or in the regional assemblies, or it must have received, in at least one quarter of the Member States, at least three per cent of the votes cast in each of those Member States at the most recent European Parliament elections;

(c) it must observe, in particular in its programme and in its activities, the principles on which the European Union is founded, namely the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law;

(d) it must have participated in elections to the European Parliament, or have expressed the intention to do so.

#### Article 4

##### **Application for funding**

1. In order to receive funding from the general budget of the European Union, a political party at European level shall file an application with the European Parliament each year. The European Parliament shall adopt a decision within three months and authorise and manage the corresponding appropriations.

2. The first application shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) documents proving that the applicant satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 3;

(b) a political programme setting out the objectives of the political party at European level;

(c) a statute defining in particular the bodies responsible for political and financial management as well as the bodies or natural persons holding, in each of the Member States concerned, the power of legal representation, in particular for the purposes of the acquisition or disposal of movable and immovable property and of being a party to legal proceedings.

3. Any amendment concerning the documents referred to in paragraph 2, in particular a political programme or statute, which have already been presented, shall be notified to the European Parliament within two months. In the absence of such notification, funding shall be suspended.

#### Article 5

##### **Verification**

1. The European Parliament shall verify regularly that the conditions set out in Article 3(a) and (b) continue to be met by political parties at European level.

2. With regard to the condition specified in Article 3(c), at the request of one quarter of its members, representing at least three political groups in the European Parliament, the European Parliament shall verify, by a majority of its members, that the condition in question continues to be met by a political

party at European level. Before carrying out such verification, the European Parliament shall hear the representatives of the relevant political party at European level and ask a committee of independent eminent persons to give an opinion on the subject within a reasonable period.

The committee shall consist of three members, with the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission each appointing one member. The secretariat and funding of the committee shall be provided by the European Parliament.

3. If the European Parliament finds that any of the conditions referred to in Article 3(a), (b) and (c) is no longer satisfied, the relevant political party at European level, which has for this reason forfeited this status, shall be excluded from funding under this Regulation.

## Article 6

### **Obligations linked to funding**

A political party at European level shall:

(a) publish its revenue and expenditure and a statement of its assets and liabilities annually;

(b) declare its sources of funding by providing a list specifying the donors and the donations received from each donor, with the exception of donations not exceeding EUR 500;

(c) not accept:

- anonymous donations,
- donations from the budgets of political groups in the European Parliament,
- donations from any undertaking over which the public authorities may exercise directly or indirectly a dominant influence by virtue of their ownership of it, their financial participation therein, or the rules which govern it,
- donations exceeding EUR 12 000 per year and per donor from any natural or legal person other than the undertakings referred to in the third indent and without prejudice to the second subparagraph. Contributions from political parties which are members of a political party at European level shall be admissible. They may not exceed 40 % of that party's annual budget.

## Article 7

### **Prohibition of funding**

The funding of political parties at European level from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may not be used for the direct or indirect funding of other political parties, and in particular national political parties, which shall continue to be governed by national rules.

## Article 8

### **Nature of expenditure**

Appropriations received from the general budget of the European Union in accordance with this Regulation may only be used to meet expenditure directly linked to the objectives set out in the political programme referred to in Article 4(2)(b). Such expenditure shall include administrative expenditure and expenditure linked to technical assistance, meetings, research, cross-border events, studies, information and publications.

## Article 9

### **Implementation and control**

1. Appropriations for funding political parties at European level shall be determined under the annual budgetary procedure and shall be implemented in accordance with the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities <sup>(1)</sup>.
2. The valuation of movable and immovable property and its depreciation shall be carried out in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2909/2000 of 29 December 2000 on the accounting management of the European Communities' non-financial fixed assets <sup>(2)</sup>.
3. Control of funding granted under this Regulation shall be exercised in accordance with the Financial Regulation and the implementing rules thereto. Control shall also be exercised on the basis of annual certification by an external and independent audit. This certification shall be transmitted, within six months of the end of the financial year concerned, to the European Parliament.
4. Further to application of this Regulation, any funds improperly received by political parties at European level from the general budget of the European Union shall be refunded to that budget.
5. Any document or information required by the Court of Auditors in order to carry out its task shall be supplied to it at its request by the political parties at European level receiving funding granted under this Regulation. Where expenditure is committed by political parties at European level jointly with national political parties and other organisations, evidence of the expenditure incurred by the political parties at European level shall be made available to the Court of Auditors.

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*(1) Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).*

*(2) OJ L 336, 30.12.2000, p. 75.*

6. Funding of political parties at European level in their capacity as bodies pursuing an objective of general European interest shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 113 of the Financial Regulation relating to the decreasing of the funding.

#### Article 10

##### **Distribution**

1. Available appropriations shall be distributed annually as follows among the political parties at European level which have obtained a positive decision on their application for funding as referred to in Article 4:

(a) 15 % shall be distributed in equal shares;

(b) 85 % shall be distributed among those which have elected members in the European Parliament, in proportion to the number of elected members. For the application of these provisions, a Member of the European Parliament may be a member of only one political party at European level.

2. Funding charged to the general budget of the European Union shall not exceed 75 % of the budget of a political party at European level. The burden of proof shall rest with the relevant political party at European level.

#### Article 11

##### **Technical support**

All technical support from the European Parliament to political parties at European level shall be based on the principle of equal treatment. It shall be granted on conditions no less favourable than those granted to other external organisations and associations that may be accorded similar facilities and shall be supplied against invoice and payment. The European Parliament shall publish details of the technical support provided to each political party at European level in an annual report.

#### Article 12

##### **Report**

The European Parliament shall publish a report not later than 15 February 2006 on the application of this Regulation and the activities funded. The report shall indicate, where appropriate, possible amendments to be made to the funding system.

#### Article 13

##### **Entry into force and application**

This Regulation shall enter into force three months following the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. Articles 4 to 10 shall

apply from the date of the opening of the first session held after the European Parliament elections of June 2004.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 November 2003.

For the European Parliament  
The President  
P. COX

For the Council  
The President  
G. TREMONTI



27.12.2007

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## **REGULATION (EC) No 1524/2007 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**of 18 December 2007**

**amending Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 on the regulations governing  
political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 191 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,  
Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251  
of the Treaty <sup>(1)</sup>,

Whereas:

(1) Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup> provides that the European Parliament is to publish a report on the application of that Regulation, including — where appropriate — possible amendments to be made to the funding system.

(2) In its Resolution of 23 March 2006 on European political parties <sup>(3)</sup>, the European Parliament considered that, in light of experience gained since its entry into force in 2004, Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 should be improved as regards a number of points, all of them with the overriding objective of improving the funding situation of those political parties and the foundations affiliated with them.

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(1) Opinion of the European Parliament of 29 November 2007 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 17 December 2007.

(2) OJ L 297, 15.11.2003, p. 1.

(3) OJ C 292 E, 1.12.2006, p. 127.

(3) Provisions to provide financial support for political foundations at European level should be laid down, as political foundations at European level affiliated with the political parties at European level may through their activities support and underpin the objectives of the political parties at European level notably in terms of contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and on European integration, including by acting as catalysts for new ideas, analysis and policy options. This financial support should be provided in the section headed 'Parliament' of the general budget of the European Union, as is the case for political parties at European level.

(4) It remains an important objective to ensure the broadest possible participation of citizens in the democratic life of the European Union. In this context, political youth organisations can play a special role in fostering interest in, and concrete knowledge about, the political system of the European Union amongst young people, actively promoting their participation in democratic activities at European level.

(5) In order to improve the conditions for the funding of political parties at European level, while encouraging them to ensure adequate long-term financial planning, the minimum co-funding requirement should be adjusted. The same level of co-funding should be required for political foundations at European level.

(6) With a view to further enhancing and promoting the European nature of the elections to the European Parliament, it should be established clearly that appropriations received from the general budget of the European Union may also be used for the financing of campaigns conducted by the political parties at European level in the context of European Parliament elections, provided that this does not constitute a direct or indirect financing of national political parties or candidates. Political parties at European level act in the context of European Parliament elections in particular in order to highlight the European character of those elections. In accordance with Article 8 of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, annexed to Council Decision 76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom <sup>(4)</sup>, the funding of and limitation of election expenses at European Parliament elections is governed in each Member State by national provision. National law also applies for election expenses at national elections and referenda,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

### **Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003**

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(4) OJ L 278, 8.10.1976, p. 1. Decision as amended by Decision 2002/772/EC, Euratom (OJ L 283, 21.10.2002, p. 1).

Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 is hereby amended as follows:

**1.** the following points shall be added to Article 2:

4. “political foundation at European level” means an entity or network of entities which has legal personality in a Member State, is affiliated with a political party at European level, and which through its activities, within the aims and fundamental values pursued by the European Union, underpins and complements the objectives of the political party at European level by performing, in particular, the following tasks:

- observing, analysing and contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and on the process of European integration,

- developing activities linked to European public policy issues, such as organising and supporting seminars, training, conferences and studies on such issues between relevant stakeholders, including youth organisations and other representatives of civil society,

- developing cooperation with entities of the same kind in order to promote democracy,

- serving as a framework for national political foundations, academics, and other relevant actors to work together at European level;

5. “funding from the general budget of the European Union” means a grant within the meaning of Article 108(1) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (\*) (hereinafter referred to as the Financial Regulation).

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(\*) Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1525/2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p. 9);

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**2.** in Article 3, the sole paragraph shall become paragraph 1 and the following paragraphs shall be added:

‘2. A political foundation at European level shall satisfy the following conditions:

(a) it must be affiliated with one of the political parties at European level recognised in accordance with paragraph 1, as certified by that party;

(b) it must have legal personality in the Member State in which its seat is located. This legal personality shall be separate from that of the political party at European level with which the foundation is affiliated;

(c) it must observe, in particular in its programme and in its activities, the principles on which the European Union is founded, namely the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law;

(d) it shall not promote profit goals;

(e) its governing body shall have a geographically balanced composition.

3. Within the framework of this Regulation, it remains for each political party and foundation at European level to define the specific modalities for their relationship, in accordance with national law, including an appropriate degree of separation between the daily management as well as the governing structures of the political foundation at European level, on the one hand, and the political party at European level with which the former is affiliated, on the other hand;

**3.** Article 4 shall be amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 2(a) shall be replaced by the following:

‘(a) documents proving that the applicant satisfies the conditions laid down in Articles 2 and 3;’

(b) the following paragraphs shall be added:

‘4. A political foundation at European level may apply for funding from the general budget of the European Union only through the political party at European level with which it is affiliated.

5. Funding for a political foundation at European level shall be allocated on the basis of its affiliation with a political party at European level, subject to Article 10(1). Articles 9 and 9a shall apply to the funds thus allocated.

6. Funding allocated to a political foundation at European level shall only be used for the purpose of financing its activities in accordance with Article 2(4). On no account may it be used to finance elections or referenda campaigns.

7. Paragraphs 1 and 3 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the political foundations at European level when assessing applications for funding from the general budget of the European Union;’

**4.** the following paragraphs shall be added to Article 5:

‘4. Paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the political foundations at European level.

5. If the political party at European level with which a political foundation at European level is affiliated forfeits its status, the political foundation at European level in question shall be excluded from funding under this Regulation.

6. If the European Parliament finds that any of the conditions referred to in Article 3(2)(c) are no longer satisfied, the political foundation at European level in question shall be excluded from funding under this Regulation.;

5. Articles 6, 7 and 8 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 6

**Obligations linked to funding**

1. A political party at European level as well as a political foundation at European level shall:

(a) publish its revenue and expenditure and a statement of its assets and liabilities annually;

(b) declare its sources of funding by providing a list specifying the donors and the donations received from each donor, with the exception of donations not exceeding EUR 500 per year and per donor.

2. A political party at European level as well as a political foundation at European level shall not accept:

(a) anonymous donations;

(b) donations from the budgets of political groups in the European Parliament;

(c) donations from any undertaking over which the public authorities may exercise directly or indirectly a dominant influence by virtue of their ownership of it, their financial participation therein, or the rules which govern it;

(d) donations exceeding EUR 12 000 per year and per donor from any natural or legal person other than the undertakings referred to in point (c) and without prejudice to paragraphs 3 and 4;

(e) donations from any public authority from a third country, including from any undertaking over which the public authorities may exercise directly or indirectly a dominant influence by virtue of their ownership of it, their financial participation therein, or the rules which govern it.

3. Contributions to a political party at European level from national political parties which are members of a political party at European level or from a natural person who is a member of a political party at European level shall

be admissible. Contributions to a political party at European level from national political parties or from a natural person shall not exceed 40 % of the annual budget of that political party at European level.

4. Contributions to a political foundation at European level from national political foundations, which are members of a political foundation at European level, as well as from political parties at European level, shall be admissible. Those contributions shall not exceed 40 % of the annual budget of that political foundation at European level and may not derive from funds received by a political party at European level pursuant to this Regulation from the general budget of the European Union.

The burden of proof shall rest with the political party at European level concerned.

## Article 7

### **Prohibition of funding**

1. The funding of political parties at European level from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may not be used for the direct or indirect funding of other political parties, and in particular national parties or candidates. These national political parties and candidates shall continue to be governed by national rules.

2. The funding of political foundations at European level from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source shall not be used for the direct or indirect funding of political parties or candidates either at European or national level or foundations at national level.

## Article 8

### **Nature of expenditure**

Without prejudice to the funding of political foundations, appropriations received from the general budget of the European Union in accordance with this Regulation may only be used to meet expenditure directly linked to the objectives set out in the political programme referred to in Article 4(2)(b).

Such expenditure shall include administrative expenditure and expenditure linked to technical assistance, meetings, research, cross-border events, studies, information and publications.

The expenditure of political parties at European level may also include financing campaigns conducted by the political parties at European level in the context of the elections to the European Parliament, in which they participate as required in Article 3(1)(d). In accordance with Article 7, these appropriations shall not be used for the direct or indirect funding of national political parties or candidates.

Such expenditure shall not be used to finance referenda campaigns.

However, in accordance with Article 8 of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, the funding of and limitation of election expenses for all parties and candidates at European Parliament elections is governed in each Member State by national provision.;

**6.** in Article 9, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. Appropriations for funding of political parties at European level and political foundations at European level shall be determined under the annual budgetary procedure and shall be implemented in accordance with the Financial Regulation and its implementing provisions.

The implementing procedures of this Regulation shall be laid down by the authorising officer.

2. The valuation of movable and immovable property and its depreciation shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions applicable to the institutions as laid down in Article 133 of the Financial Regulation.

3. Control of funding granted under this Regulation shall be exercised in accordance with the Financial Regulation and its implementing provisions.

Control shall also be exercised on the basis of annual certification by an external and independent audit. This certification shall be transmitted, within six months of the end of the financial year concerned, to the European Parliament.;

**7.** the following Article shall be inserted:

'Article 9a  
**Transparency**

The European Parliament shall publish jointly in a section of its website created for the purpose the following documents:

- an annual report with a table of the amounts paid to each political party and each political foundation at European level, for each financial year for which grants have been paid,
- the report of the European Parliament on the application of this Regulation and the activities funded, as referred to in Article 12,
- the provisions for the implementation of this Regulation.;

8. in Article 10, paragraph 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'2. Funding charged to the general budget of the European Union shall not exceed 85 % of those costs of a political party or political foundation at European level which are eligible for funding. The burden of proof shall rest with the relevant political party at European level!';

9. Article 12 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 12

### **Evaluation**

The European Parliament shall publish, by 15 February 2011, a report on the application of this Regulation and the activities funded. The report shall indicate, where appropriate, possible amendments to be made to the funding system.'

Article 2

### **Transitional provisions**

The provisions laid down by this Regulation shall apply to grants awarded to political parties at European level as from the financial year 2008.

For the financial year 2008, any applications for funding of political foundations at European level pursuant to Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 shall relate exclusively to eligible costs incurred after 1 September 2008.

Political parties at European level that have duly submitted their applications for grants for 2008 may, by 28 March 2008, submit a supplementary application for funding based on the modifications introduced by this Regulation and, where appropriate, an application for a grant for the political foundation at European level affiliated to that political party. The European Parliament shall adopt appropriate implementation measures.

Article 3

### **Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2007.

For the European Parliament  
The President | H.-G. PÖTTERING

For the Council  
The President | M. LOBO ANTUNES



# **European Parliament resolution of 6 April 2011 on the application of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding (2010/2201(INI))**

**Rapporteur: Marietta Giannakou, Committee on Constitutional Affairs**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 224 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 12(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
- having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level (political parties and their foundations as defined in Article 2(3) and (4) thereof) and the rules regarding their funding<sup>1</sup> (the Funding Regulation), particularly Article 12 thereof,
- having regard to its resolution of 23 March 2006 on European political parties<sup>2</sup>,
- having regard to the Secretary-General's report to the Bureau of 18 October 2010 on party funding at European level, submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Bureau decision of 29 March 2004<sup>3</sup> on implementing the Funding Regulation,
- having regard to the Bureau note of 10 January 2011 as the revised version of the Bureau decisions taken on 13 December 2010,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 297, 15.11.2003, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 292 E, 1.12.2006, p. 127.

<sup>3</sup> Amended by Bureau decision of 1 February 2006 and 18 February 2008.

- having regard to Rules 210(6) and 48 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A7-0062/2011),

- A.** whereas Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union states that ‘political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union’, while Parliament and the Council, in accordance with Article 224 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, lay down the regulations governing these parties and their political foundations and, in particular, the rules regarding their funding,
- B.** whereas the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states clearly that political parties at Union level contribute to expressing the political will of the citizens of the Union,
- C.** whereas the European Union must function on the basis of the principle of ‘representative democracy’, as stated in Article 10(1) of the Treaty on European Union,
- D.** whereas the foundations for European political parties were laid in the Treaties of Maastricht and Nice, which introduced the possibility of funding and thus gave them operational autonomy vis-à-vis the parliamentary groups,
- E.** whereas in 2007, following a call by Parliament<sup>1</sup>, the Commission presented a proposal introducing the funding of political foundations at European level (European political foundations), which was adopted in December 2007, with a view to supporting the European political parties in the debate on public policy issues and on European integration,
- F.** whereas the 2007 amending Regulation<sup>2</sup> seeks to facilitate the integration process for European political parties by enabling the political parties within the Union to structure and organise themselves more effectively,
- G.** whereas the 2007 amending Regulation considerably enhanced the role of the European political parties in elections to the European Parliament by stipulating that their expenditure could include funding for election campaigns; whereas, however, this option was restricted by the condition that the appropriations concerned should not be used for the direct or indirect funding of national political parties or candidates,
- H.** whereas all the European political parties that are funded have signed a code of conduct, regarded by the Bureau as binding on all parties, laying down rules to be complied with during election campaigns,

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution of 23 March 2006 on European political parties, paragraph 14 (OJ C 292 E, 1.12.2006, p. 127).

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1524/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2007, OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p. 5.

- I.** whereas the enhancement of the role of European political parties is necessarily tied to their involvement in elections to the European Parliament,
- J.** whereas the 2007 amending Regulation calls for more formal recognition of the European political parties,
- K.** whereas the 2007 amending Regulation is oriented towards the creation of fully organised and effective political parties at European and Member State level through a balanced process of institutionalisation,
- L.** whereas the 2007 amending Regulation seeks to bring about the organisational convergence of political parties and their foundations at European level, while at the same time recognising the different tasks pursued by, respectively, political parties and political foundations,
- M.** whereas this organisational convergence can be achieved only by establishing a common political, legal and fiscal status for the European political parties, although this must not entail any standardisation of the organisation of European political parties and their foundations, for which the European political parties and their foundations themselves have sole competence,
- N.** whereas the requirement to adopt a legal statute for the European political parties and their political foundations based on the law of the European Union is a clear and substantial step towards enhancing democracy in the Union,
- O.** whereas organisational and functional convergence and improvements to the funding process can be achieved only by adopting a uniform and common European statute for all European political parties and their political foundations based on the law of the European Union,
- P.** whereas the regulation on political parties at European level does not draw a distinction between the recognition and the funding of political parties,
- Q.** whereas the Bureau note of 10 January 2011 recommended tightening the criteria for the funding of European political parties; whereas this amounts to a restriction of party competition at European level as long as the criteria for the legal recognition and funding of political parties are identical,
- R.** whereas the 2007 amending Regulation provides a clear legal and financial basis for the establishment of integrated political parties at European Union level in order to raise European awareness and effectively express the will of the citizens of the European Union,
- S.** whereas the funding of European political parties is subject to the provisions of Title VI, 'Grants', of the Financial Regulation<sup>1</sup> and its Implementing Rules<sup>2</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002, OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002, OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- T.** whereas the Bureau, as the body responsible for implementing the Funding Regulation within Parliament, decided in 2006 on a number of significant improvements to the implementing rules, such as increasing the prefinancing option from 50 % to 80 % in order to simplify the procedure and improve the solvency of the beneficiaries, and relaxing the rules on transfers between chapters in the budgets of beneficiaries in order to enable them to adjust their budgets to changing political circumstances,
- U.** whereas experience with the funding of European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations has shown that they need more flexibility and comparable conditions as regards the carrying-over of funds to the following financial year and the building-up of reserves from own resources over and above the prescribed minimum level of expenditure to be financed from their own funds,
- V.** whereas the European political parties spend on average almost half of their budgets on centralised administration (staff, rent, etc.) and another quarter on meetings of (statutory and non-statutory) party bodies, the rest being spent on election campaigns and support for affiliated organisations,
- W.** whereas the European political foundations have a different expenditure pattern, spending on average 40 % of their budgets on centralised administration and meetings and another 40 % on external services, such as studies, research, publications and seminars,
- X.** whereas the main source of the European political parties' own resources is membership fees collected from the member parties, and whereas less than 5 % of their total income is made up of individual membership subscriptions and donations,
- Y.** whereas the share of their total income accounted for by funding from the Union budget is higher in the case of the European political parties than in that of the European political foundations,
- Z.** whereas donations do not yet represent a significant part of the funding, with only three parties and two foundations receiving donations on a regular basis in 2009,
- AA.** whereas there is a potential conflict between, on the one hand, the aim of facilitating and speeding up funding, thus making it more effective, and, on the other, the aim of minimising the financial risk to the Union budget,
- AB.** whereas during the period covered by this report, 2008-2011, no penalties have had to be imposed on any party or foundation funded,
- AC.** whereas the European political parties and foundations have to acquire legal personality in accordance with the law of the Member State of their seat in order to be eligible for funding, and whereas they do not have a common legal status,

**AD.** whereas the subsidies for European political parties and foundations are ‘grants’ within the meaning of Title VI of the Financial Regulation and its Implementing Rules, but their specific nature means that they are not comparable with any grant awarded and administered by the Commission; whereas this is reflected in a significant number of provisions in the Funding Regulation setting out exceptions; whereas this solution is not satisfactory,

## **The new political environment**

- 1.** Notes that political parties – and their linked political foundations – are essential instruments of a parliamentary democracy, holding parliamentarians to account, helping to shape the political will of citizens, drawing up political programmes, training and selecting candidates, maintaining dialogue with citizens and enabling citizens to express their views;
- 2.** Stresses that the Treaty of Lisbon provides for this role of the political parties and their foundations with a view to creating a European polis, a political space at EU level, and a European democracy, of which the European Citizens’ Initiative is a key constitutive element;
- 3.** Notes that the European political parties, as they stand, are not in a position to play this role to the full because they are merely umbrella organisations for national parties and not directly in touch with the electorate in the Member States;
- 4.** Notes with satisfaction, however, that the European political parties and political foundations have nevertheless become indispensable actors in the political life of the European Union, in particular by shaping and voicing the respective positions of the various ‘political families’;
- 5.** Emphasises the need for all European political parties to conform to the highest standards of internal party democracy (as regards the democratic election of party bodies and democratic decision-making processes, including for the selection of candidates);
- 6.** Takes the view that, once it has met the conditions for being regarded as a political party at EU level, a party may receive funding only if it is represented in the European Parliament by at least one of its members;
- 7.** Points out that political parties have rights, obligations and responsibilities and should therefore follow converging general organisational patterns; considers that this organisational convergence can only be achieved by establishing a common legal and fiscal status based on EU law for the European political parties and their political foundations;
- 8.** Is convinced that authentic legal status for the European political parties and a legal personality of their own, based directly on the law of the European Uni-

on, will enable the European political parties and their political foundations to act as representative agents of the European public interest;

9. Takes the view that the European political parties should interact and compete on matters relating to common European challenges and the European Union and its development at three levels: regionally, nationally and at European level; considers that it is of the utmost importance for European political parties to be efficient and productive at EU and national level and beyond;
10. Stresses the important challenges in terms of organisational capacity that the European political parties will have to face in the light of the reforms that may be made to the European electoral system (creation of an additional constituency, establishment of transnational lists), ;
11. Notes that this is, in principle, in keeping with the idea of European political parties participating in referendum campaigns, when the referendums concerned are directly linked to issues relating to the European Union;
12. Decides, therefore, to request the Commission to propose a draft statute for European political parties in accordance with Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
13. Notes that what is needed on a shorter-term basis is an improved regulatory environment for the European political parties and foundations, involving, as a first step, the adoption of the European statute;

### **Additional reform proposals**

14. Considers that Members sitting in regional parliaments or assemblies should be taken into account in connection with the fulfilment of the funding conditions only if the parliament or assembly in question is endowed with legislative powers;
15. Points out that the award of funding and the closure of the accounts of the European political parties and foundations are bureaucratic and cumbersome procedures; considers that this stems to a great extent from the fact that funding payments are regarded as 'grants' within the meaning of the Financial Regulation, which is appropriate for the funding of projects or associations, but not for parties;
16. Takes the view, therefore, that the Commission should propose the creation of a new title in the Financial Regulation devoted solely and tailored specifically to the funding of European parties and foundations; considers that the Funding Regulation should, as far as its implementation is concerned, refer to the provisions of this new title;
17. Stresses that the self-financing of parties and foundations is a sign of vitality; believes that it should be encouraged by raising the present limit

of EUR 12,000 per year for donations to EUR 25 000 per year/per donor, combined, however, with a requirement to disclose the donor's identity at the time of receipt, in accordance with the legislation in force and in the interests of transparency;

- 18.** Considers that requiring the submission of 'annual work programmes' as a pre-condition for funding is inappropriate for political parties; points out, moreover, that such a requirement does not exist in any EU Member State;
- 19.** Underlines the fact that the timing of funding is crucial if it is to fulfil its purpose; calls, as an exception to the implementing rules for the Financial Regulation, for the funding to be made available at the beginning of the financial year at 100 %, not 80 %; considers that in view of positive past experiences the risk to Parliament is negligible;
- 20.** Points out that the Financial Regulation stipulates that grants 'may not finance the entire operating expenditure of the beneficiary body'; observes that complying with this rule is especially difficult for foundations and leads to evasive bookkeeping techniques (for example 'contributions in kind'); points out that almost none of the funding schemes in Member States require partial self-financing, as this can disadvantage smaller or recently established parties;
- 21.** Points out that the independent resources that the European political parties are required to demonstrate could be reduced to 10 % of their total budget, in order to further enhance their development; at the same time, believes that their own resources in the form of physical resources should not exceed 7.5 % of their total budget;
- 22.** Notes that in the case of European political foundations the revision of the legal instrument should be taken as an opportunity to abolish the requirement to demonstrate that they have resources of their own;
- 23.** Points out that in the context of this revision the limitation imposed on European political foundations requiring them to use their funds within the European Union should be removed; thereby enabling the foundations to play a role both inside and outside the EU;
- 24.** Emphasises, however, that relaxing the funding regime would have to be counterbalanced by providing for sanctions in the Funding Regulation where they are currently lacking; these sanctions could take the form of financial penalties in the event of infringements of the rules concerning, for example, the transparency of donations; emphasises the need to lay down the same conditions governing the building-up of reserves from own resources above the limit and the carrying-over of funds for both European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations;
- 25.** Points out that since 2008 European political parties have been entitled to use sums received as grants for 'financing campaigns conducted ... in the context of the elections to the European Parliament' (Article 8, third paragraph, of the Funding Regulation); also points out, however, that they are prohibited from

using these sums for financing 'referendum campaigns'; believes, however, that if European political parties are to play a political role at EU level, they should have the right to participate in such campaigns as long as the subject of the referendum has a direct link with issues concerning the European Union;

- 26.** Invites the European political parties to start a process of considering the terms for direct individual membership and appropriate arrangements for individuals' direct or indirect participation in the internal activities and decision-making processes of the parties;

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- 27.** Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.



# RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

June 2009

## CHAPTER I THE EPP GROUP

### Article 1

#### **Constitution**

The Group was constituted on 11 September 1952. It was officially recognised on 23 June 1953, pursuant to the Resolution adopted on 16 June 1953 by the Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community. It was reconstituted on 19 March 1958 within the framework of the European Parliament.

The Declaration of Constitution, containing the first name of the Group, the signatures of its founder members and the composition of its Bureau, was handed to the President of the Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community and published on 28 April 1954 in the Official Journal of the European Coal and Steel Community (Vol. 3, No 7, page 309).

The Declaration of Reconstitution, also containing the signatures of the Group members, was forwarded to the President of the European Parliament.

### Article 2

#### **Name of the Group**

The political group is called:

in Bulgarian: Група на Европейската Народна Партия  
(Християндемократи)  
ЕНП

in Czech: Poslanecký klub Evropské lidové strany (Křesťanských  
demokratů)  
ELS

in Danish:	Det Europæiske Folkepartis Gruppe (Kristelige demokrater) EPP
in Dutch:	Fractie van de Europese Volkspartij (Christen Democraten) EVP
in English:	Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) EPP
in Estonian:	Euroopa Rahvapartei (kristlike demokraatide) fraktsioon ERP
in Finnish:	Euroopan kansanpuolueen ryhmä (kristillisdemokraatit) EPP
in French:	Groupe du Parti Populaire Européen (Démocrates-Chrétiens) PPE
in Gaelic:	Grúpa Pháirtí an Phobail Eorpaigh (Na Daonlathaithe Críostaí) PPE
in German:	Fraktion der Europäischen Volkspartei (Christdemokraten) EVP
in Greek:	Κοινοβουλευτική Ομάδα του Ευρωπαϊκού Λαϊκού Κόμματος (Χριστιανοδημοκράτες) ΕΛΚ
in Hungarian:	Európai Néppárt (Kereszténydemokraták) Képviselőcsoport ENP
in Italian:	Gruppo del Partito Popolare Europeo (Democratico Cristiano) PPE
in Latvian:	Eiropas Tautas partijas (Kristīgie Demokrāti) grupa ETP
in Lithuanian:	Europos liaudies partijos (krikščionių demokratų) grupė ELP
in Maltese:	Grupp tal-Partit Popolari Ewropew (Demokristjani) PPE
in Polish:	Grupa Europejskiej Partii Ludowej (Chrześcijańscy Demokraci) EPL
in Portuguese:	Grupo do Partido Popular Europeu (Democratas-Cristãos) PPE

- in Romanian: Grupul Partidului Popular European (Creștin Democrat)  
PPE
- in Slovak: Poslanecký klub Európskej ľudovej strany (kresťanský demokrati)  
EĽS
- in Slovenian: Poslanska skupina Evropske ljudske stranke (Krščanskih demokratov)  
ELS
- in Spanish: Grupo del Partido Popular Europeo (Demócratacristianos)  
PPE
- in Swedish: Europeiska folkpartiets grupp (kristdemokrater)  
EPP

### Article 3

#### **Membership of the Group**

(1) The Group shall consist of Members elected to the European Parliament on the lists of the member parties of the European People's Party.

(2) Other Members of the European Parliament may become Members of the Group of the European People's Party if they subscribe to the political programme of the European People's Party and accept these Rules of Procedure.

(3) These Members (Article 3 paragraph 1 and paragraph 2) are committed to a policy, which, on the basis of a Constitution, pursues the process of federal unification and integration in Europe, which is a constituent element of the European Union as a Union of citizens and States.

(4) Acting on the basis of the Community model within the EU, they define their values and aims in line with the current election programme of the EPP, in accordance with principles such as freedom and democracy, as well as the rule of law, respect for human rights and subsidiarity.

### Article 4

#### **Allied Members of the Group**

Members of the European Parliament may become allied Members of the Group if they subscribe to the basic policies of the Group of the European People's Party and if they accept these Rules of Procedure.

## Article 5

### **Admission of Members**

(1) Decisions according to Article 3 paragraph 2 and Article 4 on the admission of Members have to be supported by the majority of Group Members. The delegation/delegations of the Members elected in the same Member State as the applicant shall be consulted at least 14 days prior to that decision.

(2) Each new Member shall sign two copies of the Declaration of Constitution of the Group. One copy shall be passed by the Group secretariat to the Secretary-General of the European Parliament; the other shall be preserved in the Group records.

## Article 6

### **Voting in Plenary and Committees**

(1) Members commit themselves to support, as a rule, the Group line during votes; however, they have the right to vote according to their conscience and political convictions. Members are supposed to inform the Chairman of the Group or the Group Plenary Assembly the day before the vote in case they intend not to vote along the Group line in an important issue.

(2) Members should inform, by electronic means, the responsible Vice-Chairman if they cannot participate in a vote in plenary.

(3) Paragraph 1 and 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to votes in committees.

## Article 7

### **Termination of Membership**

(1) Membership or allied membership of the Group shall end on the termination of a Member's appointment to the European Parliament or on resignation.

(2) The Group's Plenary Assembly can decide upon the exclusion of a Member of the Group by secret ballot. A proposal for exclusion from the Group has to be submitted to all Members of the Group in writing at least three days before the vote. The Group shall hear the opinion of the Members of the same nationality as the Member in question. The decision is taken by a two-thirds majority of votes cast. The decision shall be valid if at least half the Members have participated in the vote.

## **CHAPTER II GROUP ORGANS**

## Article 8

### **Group Organs: Membership and Powers**

The organs of the Group of the European People's Party are:

- the Plenary Assembly (Art. 9);
- the Presidency (Art. 11);
- the Group Presidency and Heads of National Delegations (Art. 14);
- the Bureau (Art. 15).

## Article 9

### **Group Plenary Assembly**

(1) The Plenary Assembly meets on convocation of the Presidency at least once during group weeks and once during plenary sessions.

(2) At the request of one third of the Members or one national delegation, the Presidency convenes the Plenary Assembly to an extraordinary meeting.

(3) The Plenary Assembly may deliberate, adopt the agenda and vote, whatever the number of Members present.

(4) At the invitation of the Presidency, other persons may attend meetings and speak.

(5) The minutes of the Group Plenary Assembly meetings shall include a record of attendance, the names of speakers and the decisions taken. They shall be made available to the Members of the Group and preserved in the records of the Group.

## Article 10

### **Responsibilities of the Group Plenary Assembly**

The Plenary Assembly shall:

- (a) decide on admissions and termination of membership of the Group;
- (b) take decisions on all political matters dealt with inside or outside the European Parliament;
- (c) elect the Presidency;
- (d) set up Standing Working Groups of the Group;
- (e) appoint, on proposal by the Presidency, Members to fill any vacancies set aside for the Group on Committees, Sub-Committees, Temporary Committees and Inter-Parliamentary and other Delegations;
- (f) establish, on proposal by the Presidency, the Group's annual budget, adopt the balance sheet (statement of accounts) and decide whether to grant a discharge in respect of the implementation of the annual budget;

(g) appoint three auditors;

(h) take decisions concerning the Group's Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulation (revisions and amendments).

#### Article 11

##### **Composition of the Presidency**

(1) The Presidency shall consist of the Group Chairman and ten Vice-Chairpersons.

(2) The Members of the Presidency shall agree among themselves on an allocation of tasks, including the task of Treasurer and the Chairmanships of the Standing Working Groups. This decision shall be brought to the notice of the Group.

#### Article 12

##### **Responsibilities of the Presidency**

The Presidency shall be responsible for:

(a) convening and presiding over Group meetings, the meetings of the Standing Working Groups and leading the Group in plenary sittings;

(b) representing the Group externally;

(c) taking decisions, on proposal by the Secretary-General, on the composition of the secretariat and the working method of the secretariat;

(d) informing the Group on strategic and political decisions it has taken at its meetings;

(e) taking decisions in urgent cases instead of the competent body; any such decisions shall be submitted to the competent body;

(f) preparing Bureau and Group decisions in the financial field;

(g) preparing the Bureau's deliberations on the Group's Financial Regulation (revisions and amendments);

(h) external communications, including press releases, on behalf of the Group.

#### Article 13

##### **Election of the Group Presidency**

(1) The Group Plenary Assembly shall elect the Chairman and the ten Vice-Chairpersons.

(2) The elections shall be held before the beginning of the new legislature.

(3) The term of office of the Group Presidency shall be the same as the effective term of office of the President of Parliament. If this term ends before the end of the legislature, new elections shall be held at least one month before the end of term of office of the President of Parliament.

#### Article 14

### **Group Presidency and Heads of National Delegations**

The Group Presidency and the Heads of National Delegations shall meet at least once a month to discuss key and strategic issues, to prepare political decisions of major importance and to deliberate on questions of special internal relevance to the Group.

#### Article 15

### **Composition of the Bureau of the Group**

(1) The Bureau of the Group shall consist of:

- (a) the Members of the Presidency;
- (b) the Heads of National Delegations and an additional Member for every ten Members;
- (c) the Members of the Presidency of the Parliament belonging to the Group;
- (d) the Chairmen of Standing Committees belonging to the Group;
- (e) the Coordinator within each of the Standing Committees;
- (f) the Chairman and the Secretary-General of the European People's Party, if they are Members of the European Parliament.

(2) If the Chairman and the Secretary-General of the European People's Party are not Members of the European Parliament, they are permanently invited ad personam to the meetings of the Bureau.

#### Article 16

### **Responsibilities of the Bureau of the Group**

(1) The Bureau of the Group shall:

- (a) prepare the strategic and political decisions of the Group;
- (b) prepare for the plenary sessions highlighting the most relevant questions

for the Group from the different national perspectives;

(c) propose to the Group, on an initiative from the Presidency, the Group's Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulation.

(2) The Bureau shall meet at the invitation of the Presidency. The Bureau, a national delegation or one third of the Members of the Group may also request that a meeting be convened.

## **CHAPTER III ORGANISATION OF WORK WITHIN THE GROUP**

### Article 17

#### **Fixing of the Agenda, Quorum**

The Plenary Assembly may deliberate and fix the agenda whatever the number of Members present.

### Article 18

#### **Decisions**

Except where otherwise provided for in the Rules of Procedure, a simple majority of votes cast shall be required for the decisions of all organs.

### Article 19

#### **Elections**

(1) Elections shall be notified at least three days in advance. A deadline for nominations of at least two days shall be set; this deadline shall expire at least 24 hours before the vote starts.

(2) All elections shall be held by secret ballot.

(3) If a number of candidates have been nominated for one post, the candidate obtaining the absolute majority of the votes cast shall be elected. If more than two candidates participate and no candidate obtains the required majority at the first and second ballot a final ballot shall be held between the two candidates who got the highest number of votes at the second ballot.

(4) If the same number of candidates have been nominated for a number of posts, a collective ballot can be held. If a higher number of candidates have been nominated for a number of posts, the candidates obtaining the highest number of votes cast shall be elected.



## Article 20

### **Committee Working Groups**

(1) The Members of the Group belonging to the same Parliamentary Committee shall form a Working Group coordinated by a Coordinator elected from among these Members. The Working Group may elect a Deputy Coordinator.

(2) The Coordinator is the responsible spokesperson of the Group with respect to the remit of the Committee Working Group and is responsible for the coordination of the work of the Group's Members in the respective committee.

## Article 21

### **Standing Working Groups**

(1) Committee Working Groups may be grouped together to form Standing Working Groups. Each Member of the relevant Committee Working Groups is a Member of the Standing Working Group. Each Member of the Group can participate in every Working Group meeting and has an advisory vote.

(2) The Standing Working Groups shall be chaired by a Member of the Presidency (Vice-Chairperson of the Group); they are the responsible spokespersons of the Group with respect to the remit of the Standing Working Group and are responsible for the coordination of the work of the Group's Members in their respective committees.

(3) The Working Group proposes to the Group Plenary Assembly a list of Members who will speak in the Plenary on behalf of the Group.

(4) The agendas of the Working Groups are made available to all Members of the Group. Minutes are taken for each meeting and are sent to the Members of the Presidency.

## Article 22

### **Internal Rules of Working Groups**

The tasks of Standing Working Groups and Committee Working Groups shall be laid down by internal rules.

## Article 23

### **Parliamentary Initiatives**

Members shall inform the Presidency and the responsible Coordinator in advance on legislative initiatives in accordance with Article 5 of the Members' Statute.

## CHAPTER IV GROUP SECRETARIAT

### Article 24

#### **The Group Secretariat**

The staff of the Group secretariat shall fulfil a supranational function and is subject to the Regulation laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Community.

### Article 25

#### **Tasks of the Group Secretariat**

The secretariat shall assist the Group.

The secretariat shall perform conscientiously and to the best of their ability all duties assigned to them in the Group secretariat, exclusively serving the Group's interests and neither seeking nor accepting instructions from any body or person outside the Group in the performance of these duties.

### Article 26

#### **Secretary-General of the Group**

(1) The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Bureau on a proposal from the Presidency.

(2) The Secretary-General shall head and coordinate the Secretariat. He shall also prepare the deliberations of the Bureau and Presidency relating to the secretariat itself.

## CHAPTER V BUDGET

### Article 27

#### **Group Budget and Balance Sheet**

Before the beginning of a new financial year, the Treasurer shall, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, submit the draft estimates to the Presidency and to the Bureau which, having established them, shall forward them to the Assembly for approval.

### Article 28

#### **Representation**

The Chairman or his delegate shall be empowered to commit expenditure on

behalf of the Group within the limits of the estimates adopted by the Plenary Assembly.

#### Article 29

### **Auditing**

At the first meeting after the beginning of a new financial year, the Group shall appoint three auditors who are not Members of the Bureau. They shall audit the accounts of the previous financial year, submit a report in writing to the Plenary Assembly and propose that a discharge be granted in respect of the implementation of the annual budget.

#### Article 30

### **Group's financial regulations**

Financial transactions shall be governed by the Group's financial regulations.

## **CHAPTER VI FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### Article 31

### **Modifications of the Rules of Procedure**

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of votes cast. The decision shall be valid if at least half the Group Members have participated in the vote.

#### Article 32

### **Entry into force**

This version of the Rules of Procedures replaces that of 17 December 2008 with effect from 17 June 2009.

## **ANNEX**

A staff committee shall be constituted, consisting of members elected by the staff of the secretariat. This committee shall give its opinion to the Presidency of the Group on all problems concerning the staff. Its terms of reference shall be set out in details in a protocol established by common accord between the members of the secretariat and the Presidency of the Group.

## **RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

December 2009

### CHAPTER I • **Constitution**

#### **Rule 1**

The Group shall be called the "Group of the European People's Party"; hereinafter referred to as "the Group".

#### **Rule 2**

The Group was established on 8 March 1994.

### CHAPTER II • **Membership**

#### **Rule 3**

The Group shall comprise:

- a) Full and alternate members of the CoR, who belong to the member parties of the European People's Party.
- b) Full and alternate members of the CoR, belonging to parties whose MEPs have been members of the EPP Group and former EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament and are in sympathy with EPP's local and regional government policy, accept these Rules of Procedure, and who have indicated to the EPP General-Secretariat that they wish to join the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions.

#### **Rule 4**

Full and alternate members of the CoR may also join the Group, if they are in sympathy with the EPP's policy and accept these Rules of Procedure. The Group shall decide on their admission by a majority vote.

**Rule 5**

Membership of the Group shall end either on loss of CoR office, on resignation or on loss of membership of one of the EPP member parties or parties which belong to the EPP Group in the European Parliament, or by a decision adopted by two-thirds of the votes cast by Group members. Such decisions shall be valid only if an absolute majority (50% + 1) of entitled members has taken part in the vote.

**Rule 6**

Only full members are entitled to vote within the Group. Alternates may, however, vote if instructed to do so by a full member in the latter's absence.

**CHAPTER III • Constituent bodies: powers and membership****Rule 7**

The constituent bodies of the Group shall be:

- the Plenary Session;
- the Bureau;
- the Presidency;
- the President.

**Rule 8**

The Group Plenary Session shall:

- take decisions on all political matters dealt with inside or outside the CoR;
- elect the Group President and Vice-Presidents;
- nominate Commission spokesmen (coordinators) and other office holders;
- arrange funding for the Group's activities with particular responsibility for the preparation and discharge of the budget;
- take decisions on the Rules of Procedure.

**Rule 9**

The Group Bureau shall comprise:

- the Group President;
- the nine Group Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as treasurer;
- the CoR President, CoR Vice-President, full members of the CoR Bureau or in their absence, their duly mandated alternates, Commission Presidents, the heads of national delegations, and former Presidents of the CoR provided they are Group members.

**Rule 10**

The Group Bureau shall:

- prepare Group decisions on all political, administrative and financial matters and monitor their implementation;
- assign various responsibilities, after hearing the interested parties, if they so wish and shall brief the Group accordingly;
- monitor the work of the Secretariat.

**Rule 11**

The Group Presidency shall comprise the Group President and the Group Vice-Presidents. Its duties shall be as follows:

- to ensure implementation of the duties designated by the Group Bureau;
- to represent the Group inside and outside the CoR;
- to endeavour to support the President on Group matters;
- to ensure implementation of any other task determined by the President of the Group or the Group Bureau;
- in the event of an emergency, to take decisions on behalf of the competent bodies; in that event, the bodies concerned must be informed of the decisions taken.

**Rule 12**

The Group President, acting in conjunction with the Group Vice-Presidents, shall:

- convene and preside over Group meetings;
- represent the Group within and outside the CoR;
- take decisions, after consulting the Group Bureau, on the composition of the Group's Secretariat, recruitment, the termination of contracts and promotions;
- prepare decisions of the EPP Bureau.

**Rule 13**

The Group President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by secret ballot and their term of office shall coincide with that of the President of the CoR. This election shall take place before the beginning of the new term and at all events when the Plenary session is renewed. They shall be eligible for re-election. Candidates obtaining an absolute majority of votes cast by eligible members on the first ballot shall be elected; in the event of a second round a simple majority shall suffice. Abstentions will not be taken into account.

**CHAPTER IV · Organisation of Group activities****Rule 14**

The Group Plenary Session and the Group Bureau shall generally assemble for ordinary CoR meetings on notice from the Group President. Convening notices for Group Plenary Sessions must normally be sent out by the Secretariat two weeks before the meeting, at the latest. An extraordinary meeting may be convened at the request of one-third of Group members or by a majority of the Group's Bureau members.

**Rule 15**

Group Plenary Sessions and Group Bureau meetings shall not be public; the confidentiality of the discussions must be respected. Representatives of the European, national and regional institutions as well as members of national Parliaments or other officials may attend and address meetings at the invitation of the Group President.

The Group President may invite experts to assist the Group in defining its position on specific issues. By way of exception, persons not belonging to the Group may attend meetings as observers at the invitation of the Group President.

#### **Rule 16**

The Group's Plenary Session may deliberate regardless of the number of members present and define the agenda, provided it has been duly convened. It may take decisions where there is a quorum, i.e. where at least 50% of those entitled to vote are present; these are full members, or alternates who have been authorised to vote by an absent full member. Each Group member shall have a maximum of three proxy votes.

#### **Rule 17**

The decisions of all the Group bodies shall be taken by a simple majority, unless otherwise provided by the Rules of Procedure. Members must endeavour to achieve consensus; they are not, however, bound by Group decisions.

### **CHAPTER V • Group Secretariat**

#### **Rule 18**

The Group must have a Secretariat to service it in line with the CoR Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat shall assist the Group in the performance of its duties; its composition shall be decided by the Group Bureau. The Secretariat shall be headed by a Secretary-General who shall also prepare discussions of the Group Bureau and of the Group Presidency.

#### **Rule 19**

The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Group Bureau, on a proposal from the Group Presidency.

#### **Rule 20**

By signing the contract of employment, Secretariat staff undertake to carry out their duties conscientiously and loyally in the exclusive interests of the Group and not to seek nor accept instructions from any person outside the Group when carrying out these duties.

### **CHAPTER VI • Budget and balance sheet**

#### **Rule 21**

Before the beginning of each financial year, the Treasurer, assisted by the Secretary-General, shall submit the draft estimates to the Group Bureau for submission to the Group Plenary Session after review.

**Rule 22**

The Group President and Treasurer shall be empowered to incur expenditure on behalf of the Group, within the limits of the budget adopted and approved by the Group Plenary Session.

**Rule 23**

At the first meeting in each financial year, the Group shall designate three auditors who shall not be members of the Group Bureau. The auditors shall examine the accounts for the previous financial year, shall submit a written report to the Group Plenary Session and propose that a discharge be granted in respect of the annual budget.

**CHAPTER VII • General provisions****Rule 24**

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the Group Plenary Session. The requisite quorum shall be an absolute majority (50% + 1) of members entitled to vote.

**Rule 25**

The Group shall be represented in the constituent bodies of the European People's Party by its authorised members. Only members or alternate members belonging to a national party which is a member of the EPP can represent the EPP Group in the EPP Congress or in any other meetings of the EPP and/or EPP Group in the European Parliament.

**Rule 26**

Members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament and Commissioners of the European Commission as well as delegates of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (CLRAE) belonging to the EPP Group can participate in the Group's Plenary Sessions as observers.



# RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY / CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

July 2007

## A. OBJECTIVES, NAME, HEADQUARTERS

### Article 1. Objectives

The Group of the European People's Party/Christian Democrats in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe promotes cooperation in Europe in a democratic and social framework, based on individual freedom, linked to the concept of christian responsibility and according to the principles and the values of moral law.

### Article 2. Name

The name of the group is : Group of the European People's Party/Christian Democrats in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in its abbreviated form: EPP/CD hereafter referred to as „the Group“.

### Article 3. Headquarters

The Group has its headquarters in Strasbourg.

## B. MEMBERSHIP

### Article 4. Conditions for Membership

- 1) All members of the Parliamentary Assembly being members of a member, associated member or observer party of the European People's Party (EPP) can become members of the Group.
- 2) Any new member of the Parliamentary Assembly who is willing to fulfil his/her mandate in the Council of Europe in accordance with the values indicated in Article 1 of these Rules of Procedure may become a member of the Group.

3) Membership in the EPP/CD Group is also open to the representatives of member parties which were members of the EDU but not of the EPP at the time of the EDU's dissolution and who are willing to fulfil their mandate in accordance with the values indicated in Article 1.

#### Article 5. Procedure of Admission

1) Members of the Parliamentary Assembly qualifying under Article 4 (1) of these rules are automatically members of the Group, unless they explicitly disconnect themselves from the Group or if they affiliate themselves to another political group in the Parliamentary Assembly.

2) Insofar as a member of the Parliamentary Assembly would like to be admitted to the Group and being not a member party of the EPP, the approval of the majority of the members of the Group is required.

If an applicant to the EPP / CD Group is a representative of a Member State where the EPP already has a member party, the representatives of this party must indicate their approval of the admission. In the case that their approval is not forthcoming, the applicant can be admitted by a three quarters majority of the members of the Group after the opinion of the EPP Political Bureau has been requested and given.

#### Article 6. Observers

The EPP/CD Group can decide to accept and to invite observers coming from countries not being Member States of the Council of Europe, sharing the values articulated in Article 1.

#### Article 7. Rights of the Members

All Members have the right to take part in the activities of the Group, in votes and in elections within the Group.

#### Article 8. Guests

The Group can decide to invite members of the Parliamentary Assembly as guests to its Group meetings. Guests are allowed to be present but are not allowed to take the floor or to take part in elections or to vote.

#### Article 9.

Members, Assistant Members and Observers may not at the same time be Members, Assistant Members or Observers of another political group.

## C. ORGANS

### Article 10. Group Organs

The organs of the Group are:

- 1) the Plenary Assembly
- 2) the Enlarged Bureau
- 3) the Bureau

### Article 11. Composition of the Plenary Assembly

The Plenary Assembly is made up by all the members of the Group. It meets at least once during each Ordinary Part Session of the Parliamentary Assembly.

### Article 12. Competences of the Group

1) The Plenary Assembly deals with both matters relating to the Parliamentary Assembly and to the external affairs of the Council of Europe. The Plenary Session prepares decisions to be taken on the basis of Reports presented to the Parliamentary Assembly and elaborates its own proposals.

2) The Plenary Assembly decides also on the cooperation between the Group and other political groups within the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and with those represented in other European institutions.

3) The Plenary Assembly elects the members of the Bureau:  
- the President  
- fifteen Vice Presidents  
- the Treasurer

4) The Plenary Assembly examines the reports of the Bureau and of the Treasurer and takes appropriate decisions concerning these issues.  
The Plenary Assembly votes on the annual budget of the Group.

5) The Plenary Assembly elects two Auditors who notify it of the results of their audit.

6) The Plenary Assembly proceeds, if necessary, to the dissolution of the Group.

### Article 13. Composition of the Enlarged Bureau

1) The Enlarged Bureau of the Group consists of members of the Bureau and one representative of each national delegation which is not already represented within the Bureau of the Group.

2) The enlarged Bureau can invest the members of the Group with particular

missions. These members are therefore members of the Enlarged Bureau with non voting rights.

#### Article 14. Competences of the Enlarged Bureau

- 1) All political questions and issues concerning the organisations of the Group fall within the competence of the Enlarged Bureau insofar as such questions are not within the competence of the Plenary Assembly.
- 2) The Enlarged Bureau meets during each Ordinary Part Session of the Parliamentary Assembly, in order to prepare the plenary sittings of the Parliamentary Assembly.

#### Article 15. Composition of the Bureau

- 1) The Bureau consists of the President, fifteen Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, two Auditors and the Secretary General who is appointed by the Enlarged Bureau on the proposal of the President.
- 2) Members of the Bureau can not be substituted for in their absence.

#### Article 16. Competences of the Bureau

- 1) The Bureau leads the Group. It carries out decisions taken by the Plenary Assembly and the Enlarged Bureau.
- 2) The Group is represented in external matters by the President and the Secretary General.
- 3) The Treasurer manages the finances of the Group in agreement with the Bureau.
- 4) The day-to-day running of the Group is dealt with by the Secretary General of the Group working in close cooperation with the President of the Group.

#### Article 17. Elections

- 1) Members of Bureau of the Group are elected for two calendar years. The election should take place during the First Part of the Ordinary Session.
- 2) The election of each member of the Bureau requires an individual ballot.

#### Article 18. Sessions of the Organs of the Group

- 1) The President convenes the organs of the Group.
- 2) The President or one of fifteen Vice Presidents chairs Group meetings. During the re election of the Bureau, the oldest member of the Group exerts the presidency.

## D. PROCEDURES

### Article 19. Quorum

- 1) An election can only be valid if the members of the Group have been convened at least two weeks in advance of the meeting and have received the Agenda.
- 2) Within the Bureau and the Enlarged Bureau, at least half of the members having the right to vote, must be present in order to ensure that the election is valid.

### Article 20. Majorities Required

In matters upon which the present Regulations have not anticipated other arrangements, decisions are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast. If the vote is tied, the proposal is considered to be rejected.

Amendments to the present Regulations require an absolute majority of the members of the Plenary Assembly having the right to vote. A decision on the dissolution of the Group requires a three quarters majority of the votes.

### Article 21. Votes

- 1) Votes may take place by acclamation, by a show of hands, or by secret ballot if three members present so request it.
- 2) During a vote each member has the right to abstain if he/he so wishes.

### Article 22. Elections

- 1) The election of members of the Bureau shall take place by secret ballot. However, if there is only one candidate for one function, the election can take place by acclamation or by a show of hands in the event that there is no objection to this procedure.
- 2) The majority of valid votes cast is required for each election. In the event that no majority is reached, a second ballot shall take place between the two highest placed candidates. If several candidates obtain the same number of votes as the candidate in second place, they are included in the second ballot.
- 3) If following the second ballot none of the candidates has obtained a relative majority, lots will be drawn.
- 4) Abstentions and invalid votes are not taken into account in the calculation of the majority.

# GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY & LIKE-MINDED MEMBERS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

September 2008

## RULES OF PROCEDURE

### A. OBJECTIVES, NAME, SECRETARIAT

#### Article 1. Objectives

The Group of the European People's Party (EPP) and like-minded members strives to promote political cooperation at the level of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation (OSCE) in Europe and its respective participating states. Through its work, it will promote and uphold center-right values and democratic principles, with particular emphasis in countries of democratic transition.

#### Article 2. Name

The official name of the Group is: "Group of the European People's Party and like-minded members in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe." Its abbreviated form is: "EPP Group."

#### Article 3. Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Group is based in Brussels.

### B. MEMBERSHIP

#### Article 4. Conditions for Membership

All members of the Parliamentary Assembly being members of a full-member, associated-member or observer-member party of the European People's Party are automatically members of the EPP Group. Membership is also open to

members of member-parties of the International Democrat Union. All other membership requests are subject to approval by the Group Presidency. Group members may not at the same time be members of another political group.

#### Article 5. Guests

The Presidency of the Group can decide to invite members of the Parliamentary Assembly as guests to its Group meetings. Guests are allowed to be present but are not allowed to take the floor or to take part in elections or to vote.

#### Article 6. Rights of the Members

All Members have the right to take part in the activities of the Group, in votes and in elections within the Group.

### **C. ORGANS**

#### Article 7. Group Organs

The organs of the Group are: 1) the Plenary Assembly, 2) the Presidency.

#### Article 8. Composition of the Plenary Assembly

The Plenary Assembly is made up by all the members of the Group. It meets at least once during each Ordinary Part Session of the Parliamentary Assembly.

#### Article 9. Competences of the Plenary Assembly

- 1) The Plenary Assembly deals with all matters relating to the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE. The Plenary Session prepares decisions to be taken on the basis of Reports presented to the Parliamentary Assembly and elaborates its own proposals.
- 2) The Plenary Assembly decides also on the cooperation between the Group and other political groups within the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE. The Group cooperates on relevant matters with other EPP Groups in other international organisations and/or European institutions.
- 3) The Plenary Assembly elects the members of the Presidency:
  - the Chairman
  - five Vice Chairmen
  - the Treasurer
- 4) The Plenary Assembly examines the reports of the Presidency and takes appropriate decisions concerning these issues.
- 5) The Plenary Assembly proceeds, if necessary, to the dissolution of the Group.

#### Article 10. Composition of the Presidency

- 1) The Bureau consists of the Chairman, five Vice Chairmen, and the Treasurer.
- 2) Members of the Presidency can not be substituted for in their absence.

#### Article 11. Competences of the Presidency

- 1) The Presidency leads the Group. It carries out decisions taken by the Plenary Assembly.
- 2) The Group is represented in external matters by the Chairman. He/she also participates and reports at the Political Bureau of the European People's Party.
- 3) The Treasurer manages the finances of the Group in agreement with the Bureau.
- 4) The day-to-day running of the Group is run by the Brussels Secretariat in close cooperation with the Chairman of the Group. In particular, the Secretariat will disseminate all relevant information to the members of the Group and will update regularly the Group's membership list.

#### Article 12. Elections

Members of Presidency of the Group are elected for two calendar years. The election should take place during the First Part of the Ordinary Session.

#### Article 13. Sessions of the Organs of the Group

- 1) The Chairman convenes the organs of the Group.
- 2) The Chairman or one of the five Vice-Chairmen chairs the Group meetings.

### **D. PROCEDURES & PROVISIONS**

#### Article 14. Quorum

Within the Plenary Assembly and the Presidency, at least half of the members having the right to vote, must be present in order to ensure that the election is valid.

#### Article 15. Majorities Required

In matters upon which the present Regulations have not anticipated other arrangements, decisions are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast. If the vote is tied, the proposal is considered to be rejected. Amendments to the present Regulations require an absolute majority of the members of the Plenary Assembly having the right to vote. A decision on the dissolution of the Group requires a three-quarters majority of the votes.



#### Article 16. Votes

- 1) Votes may take place by acclamation, by a show of hands, or by secret ballot.
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- 1) The election of members of the Presidency shall take place by secret ballot. However, if there is only one candidate for one function, the election can take place by acclamation or by a show of hands in the event that there is no objection to this procedure.
- 2) The majority of valid votes cast are required for each election. In the event that no majority is reached, a second ballot shall take place between the two highest placed candidates. If several candidates obtain the same number of votes as the candidate in second place, they are included in the second ballot.
- 3) If following the second ballot none of the candidates has obtained a relative majority, lots will be drawn.
- 4) Abstentions and invalid votes are not taken into account in the calculation of the majority.

#### Article 18. Working Language

Due to financial limitations, which do not permit the hiring of translation services, the working language of the Group will be English.

Done in Toronto, Canada  
19 September 2008