

Manifesto for Europe 2030



We, Young Europeans, strongly believe that Europe needs a clear vision and objectives for the future, which would reflect its common principles, values and beliefs. With this Manifesto, we want to express our commitment to the European Project and present our ideas and suggestions for its evolution and development in the coming decades.

Firstly, we believe that instead of creating a “Single European Identity”, we need a focus on “Plural Identification”. In the EU of 2030, citizens will build their proper multicultural identities based on individual, regional, national and shared common European values. The linkage between these different values will be guaranteed by a culture of curiosity and active citizenship which we perceive to be one of the most important drives of European development.

To this purpose, we perceive as essential for Europe to preserve its cultural diversity and at the same time to maintain the ongoing process of common identification. Consequently, we call upon Europeans to:

- Learn about themselves, their values and hopes through common education and cultural policies involving compulsory workshops on the essence of the European Project for school pupils, to be managed by EU representations in the Member States;
- Encourage partnerships in the name of solidarity between various social actors being aware of their differences and similarities;
- Accelerate the identification process with the help of common learning materials and the exchange of information;
- Create an independent EU Communication Group (EUCG) that incorporates a free and accessible common EU television channel, press, and radio and makes use of the newest technologies;
- Demand common social and minority protection policies.

Secondly, in the spirit of the European Union, of which democracy is a key element, we call for a simplified and more effective EU institutional framework:

- 13 Commissioners selected from the elected MEPs, extending co-decision procedures and qualified majority voting in the Council of the EU and introducing legislative initiative of the European Parliament;
- An increased GDP-based contribution of the Member States to the European Union budget.

Thirdly, we ask for concrete changes in some of the EU's policies, referring to the following themes:

- **Welfare System:** Harmonisation of healthcare throughout the Member States of the EU and the creation of a fund that would partly support it; a policy of mobility for medical staff and patients in exceptional cases; a common retirement age across the European Union by sectors of activity and retirement funds run on a private/public hybrid basis;
- **Employment:** Balanced distribution of workforce throughout the European Union by facilitating workers' mobility via language and IT-skills training — this would be achieved in national centres relying on a system of Union-wide information and coordination agencies in order to compensate for regional variations in qualified workforce;
- **Sustainable Development:** A sustainable integrated habitat guaranteed by, among others, a clean environment and the security of basic needs for European citizens — this requires decreasing energy demand while raising energy efficiency, increasing the share of protected areas, redesigning human settlements together with promoting ecological lifestyle, reducing carbon emissions, allocating a higher share of the budget to R&D in environmental sciences and technologies related to the renewable energy sector and promoting closed life cycles for resource management.

We are firmly convinced that a comprehensive combination of value-driven structural and individual approaches is essential to achieve these goals. They will only be fulfilled if they are endorsed by active tolerance and solidarity.

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