

COLD WINDS ARE BLOWING THROUGH EUROPE. TIME FOR A WARMER POLICY.

We, the Swedish Green Party, want to be a warm voice in the EU Parliament. We are the antithesis when cold, xenophobic winds are sweeping across Europe and the outer borders are being shut to people in need. When we see attacks against Pride parades, and how asylum-seekers and Roma are treated in Europe, we feel strongly that the EU needs more green politicians. We want to work for an open and humane Europe, where human rights apply to all – regardless of where you live.

On climate policy, the EU is facing an important choice of paths. Conservative parties want to give up on ambitious climate targets and put the interests of big business before the future of our children. We in the Green Party, on the contrary, want the EU to take responsibility and fight against climate change. Therefore, more Green Party EU parliamentarians are needed! The EU could be a world leader within climate policy, but it really matters which politicians you vote for.

The driving force behind the Swedish Green Party is that we feel a responsibility for our children and grandchildren being able to breathe fresh air, drink and bathe in clean water and grow up without any dangerous chemicals in their bodies.

EU decisions impact on the food on your plate, the goods you buy, your rights on the internet, your opportunity to travel around Europe and much else. We want your food to be free from poisons and not to originate from maltreated animals. We prioritise investment in simple train journeys ahead of flying and motorways. We want plastic waste to be recycled, instead of ending up as waste in the sea. We say no to mass surveillance, and yes to you having control over your personal data on the internet.

The EU must concentrate its work on issues that really are common to us – the climate threat, cross-border environmental problems and standing up for human rights. In the Swedish Green Party, we have shown that we can make a difference to EU policy. Together with citizens and popular movements, we and our European green friends have managed to redirect the EU's fishing policy – which for the first time is setting sustainable fish stocks as its goal! We have also improved the protection against hazardous chemicals and time and time again defended citizens' freedom of expression and personal integrity.

The Swedish Green Party is critical to how the EU is constructed and functions. Therefore we are working to change the European Union. We want greater insight into the EU's decision-making process and fight for the principle of public access to official records from the EU's institutions.

We think that decisions should be made as close as possible to those affected by them. Many issues that the EU decides on are better handled at national, regional or local level. The parliaments of the member countries need greater opportunities to control that the EU does not make decisions it is not entitled to.

We want to work for more flexible EU collaboration, where each individual country can choose, within reasonable scope, which parts they want to take part in. The Swedish Green Party does not want the EU to develop into a European federation. But we do want every country in Europe that fulfils basic requirements for democracy and human rights to have the right to join the EU.

OUR CANDIDATES:

Isabella Lövin

“Sea and air know no borders. If we are to tackle the major global challenges that concern the climate and the sea environment, then the EU is the best arena we have for making a difference. The next major climate conference in Paris in 2015 is the world's chance. No other major power will take the lead, so we want to make sure the EU does.”

“I also want to continue working for a better sea environment. Over-fishing, sea acidification, over-fertilizing, emissions of chemicals and waste and protection of the Arctic region are all issues that must be tackled both at EU and global level. This is what I want to work with. I know the EU Parliament can make a difference, so your vote is important!”

Peter Eriksson

“Democracy and openness are the way. Today, walls against the surrounding world are rising. More and more people are even questioning the right of people to move freely between the countries of the EU. It would be a terrible step backwards if this became reality.”

“The EU can also set stricter requirements and have clearer rules against individual countries to reduce corruption and discrimination. In this way, by means of the election to the European Parliament, you can contribute to more decent and functioning societies on our continent.”

You now have the opportunity to use your voice to make Europe a little bit better.

Change Europe, vote Green.