

# Making Connections to Influence

*Some tools for TU in EU Advocacy*



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# PART I: What Advocacy means?





# 1. Identify the issue

YOU MUST HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGE YOU WANT TO ADDRESS AND A CLEAR IDEA OF HOW IT COULD BE SOLVED.

IF YOUR FOCUS AREA IS TOO WIDE, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO BRING ABOUT CONCRETE CHANGES;

IF IT IS TOO NARROW, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE TO POLICY-MAKERS, WHO MIGHT PERCEIVE IT AS TOO TECHNICAL.

## 2. Set the objective

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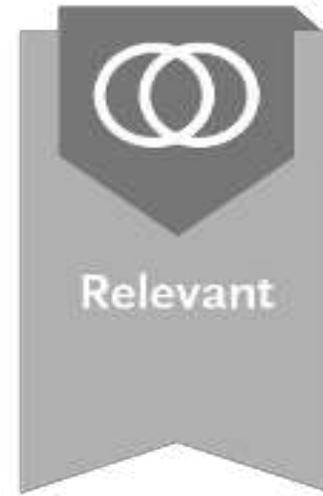
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# 3. Identify the target

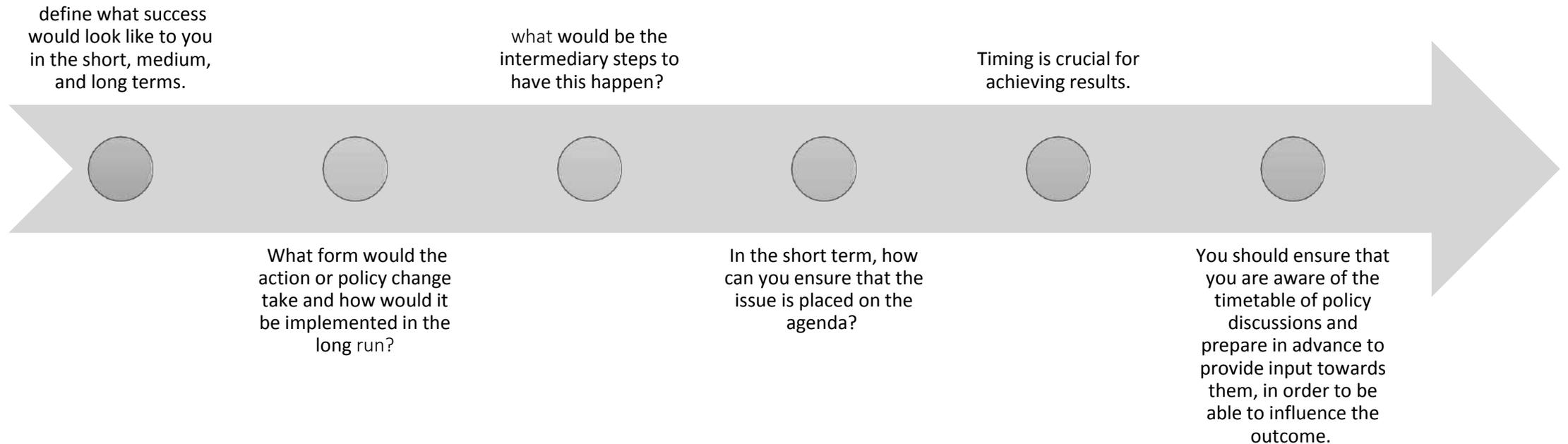
**Identify policy and decision-makers who have the power to introduce the policy changes you propose.**

» which ones have the greatest influence?

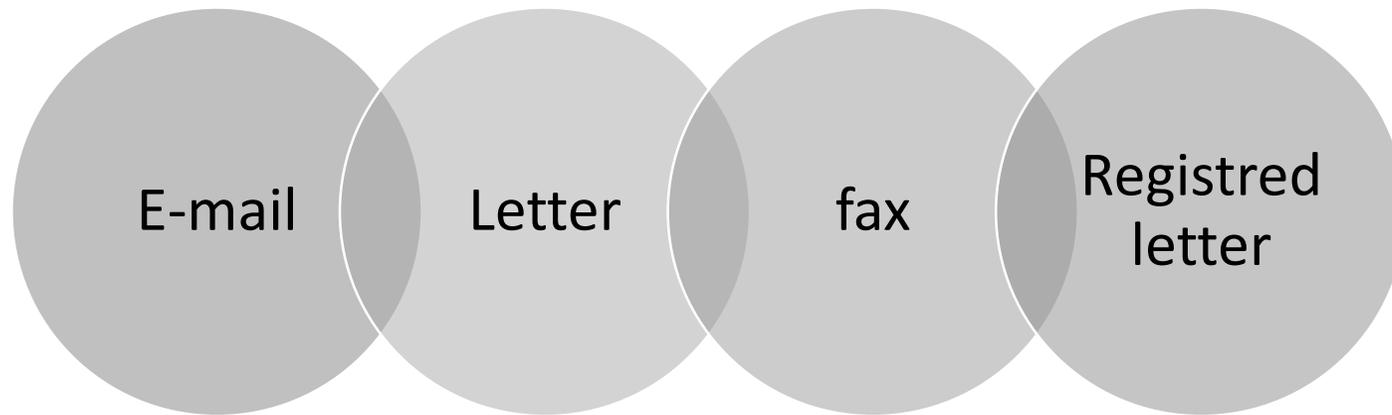
» who do you have existing contacts with?

**Consider the partnership; advocate towards allies to get them to propose or support actions on your issues**

# 4. Develop an action plan



# 5.How to connect



## 6. Develop key messages

Develop a set of **clear requests or recommendations.**

Use political arguments when addressing political bodies, and technical and legal arguments when dealing with civil servants.

Requests should be precise and targeted, tailored to the interlocutor and the kind of actions requested.

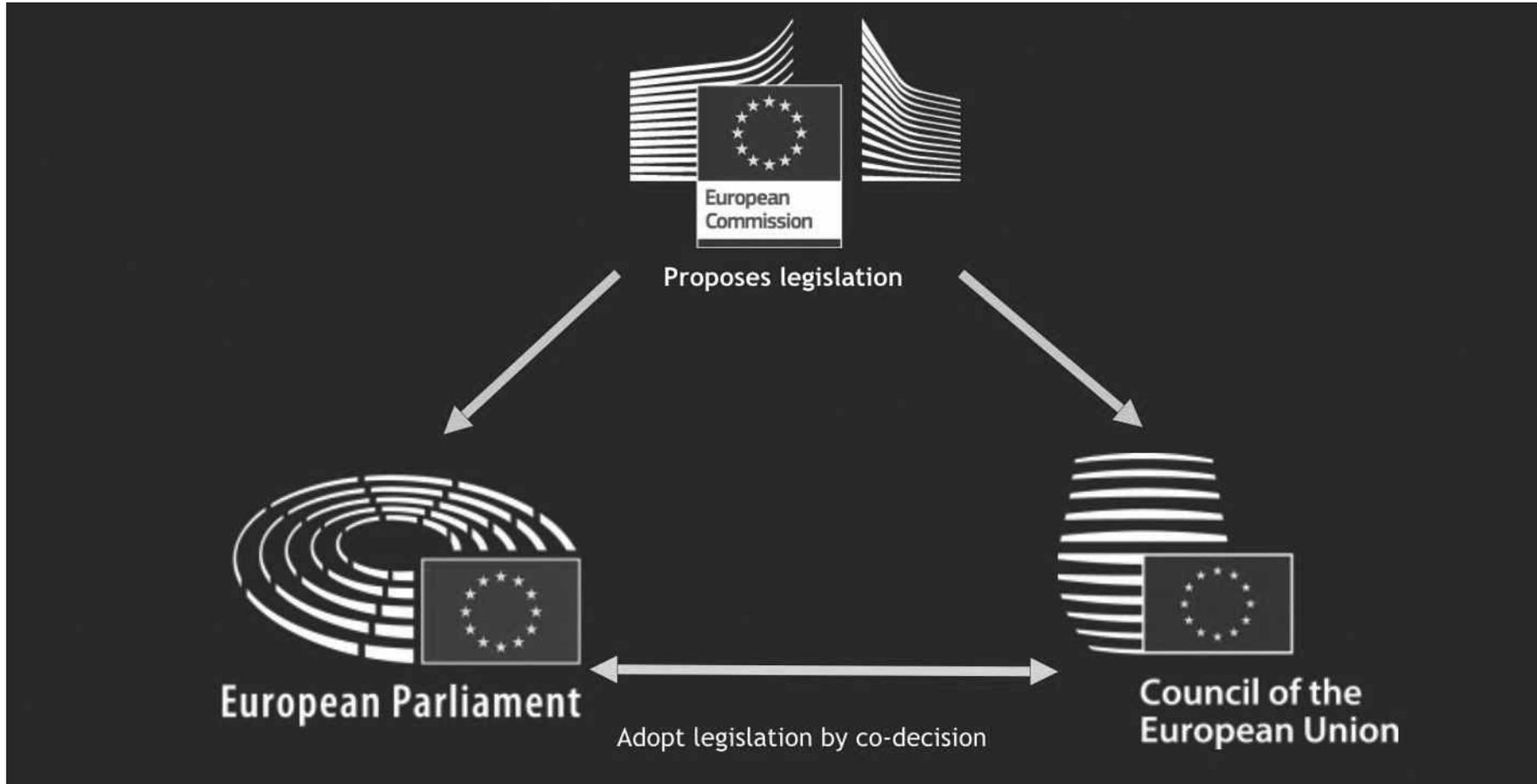
## 7. Follow the progress



# PART II: Advocacy in EU European Parliament & MEPs

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# The Legislative power in EU



# The European Parliament



## President David Maria SASSOLI

The President is elected for a renewable two and a half years, meaning half a Parliamentary term.

[> Go to the President's website](#)

## 751 MEPs

The European Parliament is made up of 751 Members, who are directly elected.

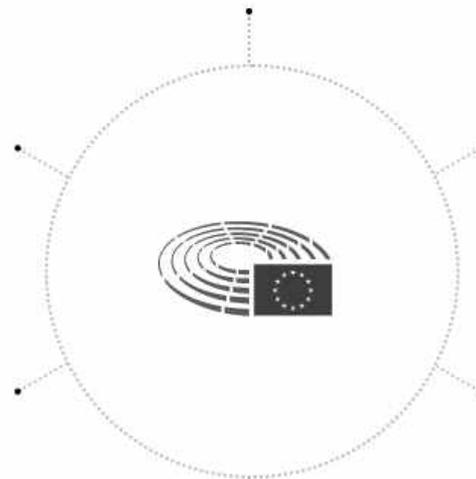
Search for your MEP



[> Go to the website](#)

## 22 Committees

MEPs participate in committees to prepare the work for Parliament's plenary sessions.



## 7 Political groups

MEPs sit in political groups. They are not organised by nationality, but by political affiliation.

Select a political group



[> Go to the website](#)

## 44 Delegations

Parliament's delegations maintain relations and exchange information with parliaments in non-EU countries.

# Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)

The European Parliament is made up of 751 Members

elected in the 28 Member States of the enlarged European Union.

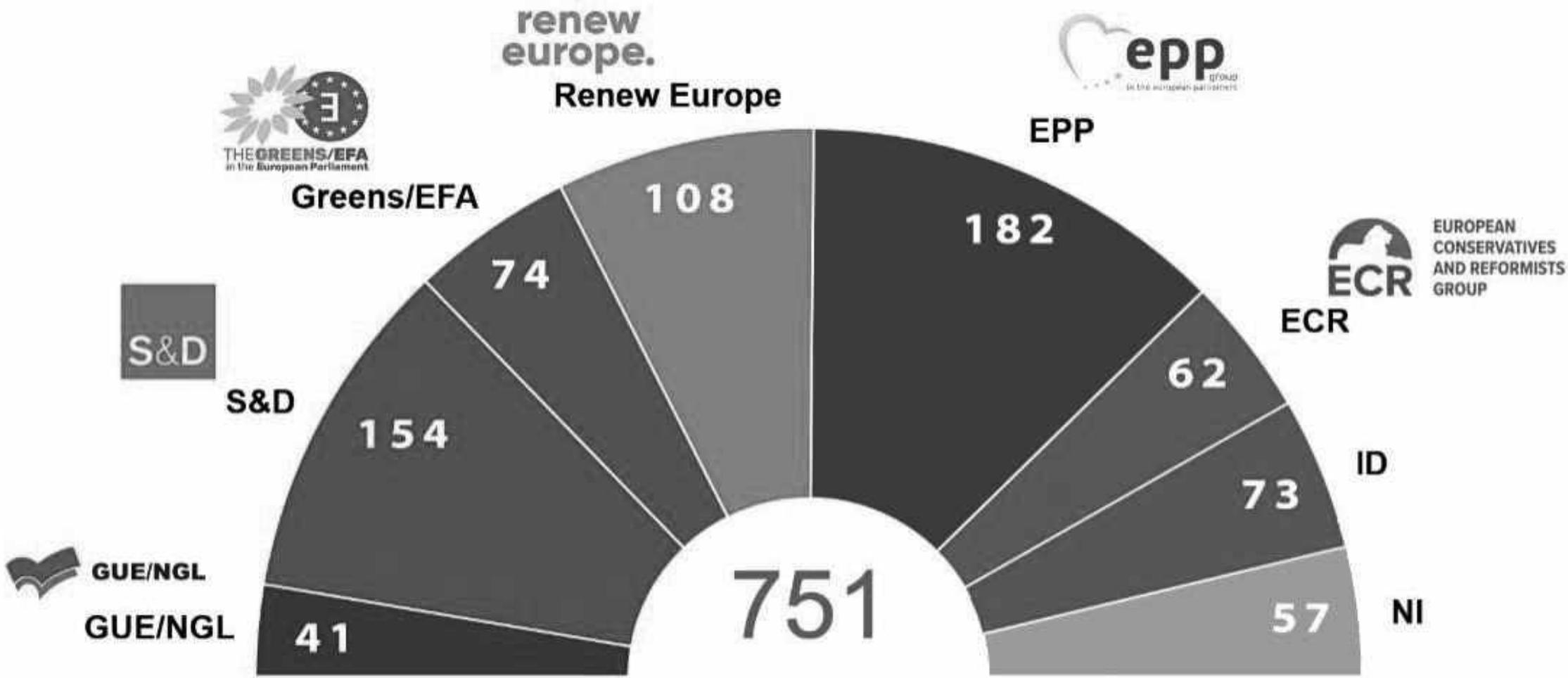
Since 1979 MEPs have been elected by direct universal suffrage

for a five-year period.

Seats are allocated on the basis of population of each Member State.

Slightly more than a third of MEPs are women.

MEPs are grouped by political affinity, not nationality.



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# The Committees of the European Parliament

Standing Committees are made up of **Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)**.

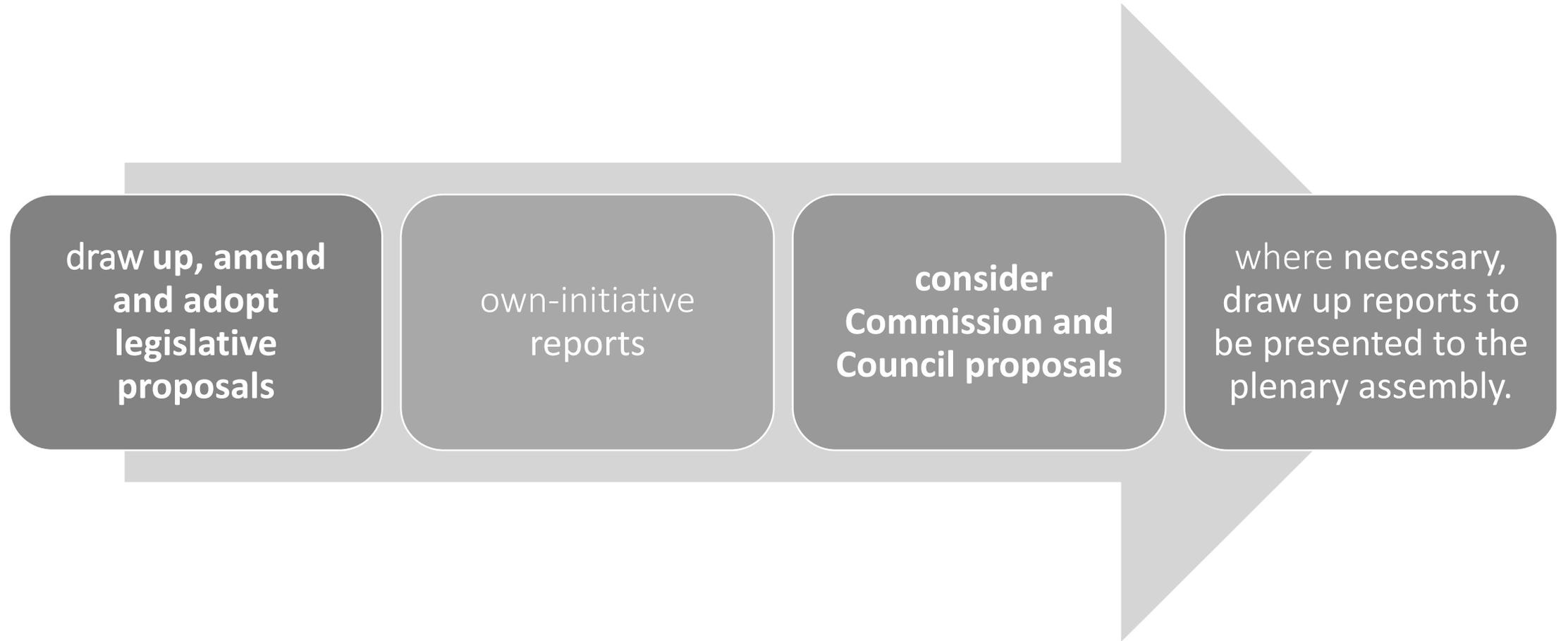
Each Committee consists of 25 to 70 MEPs, and has a chair, vice-chairs and a secretariat.

The political make-up of each committee reflects of the Parliament as a whole.

The parliamentary committees meet once or twice a month in Brussels.

Their debates are held in public.

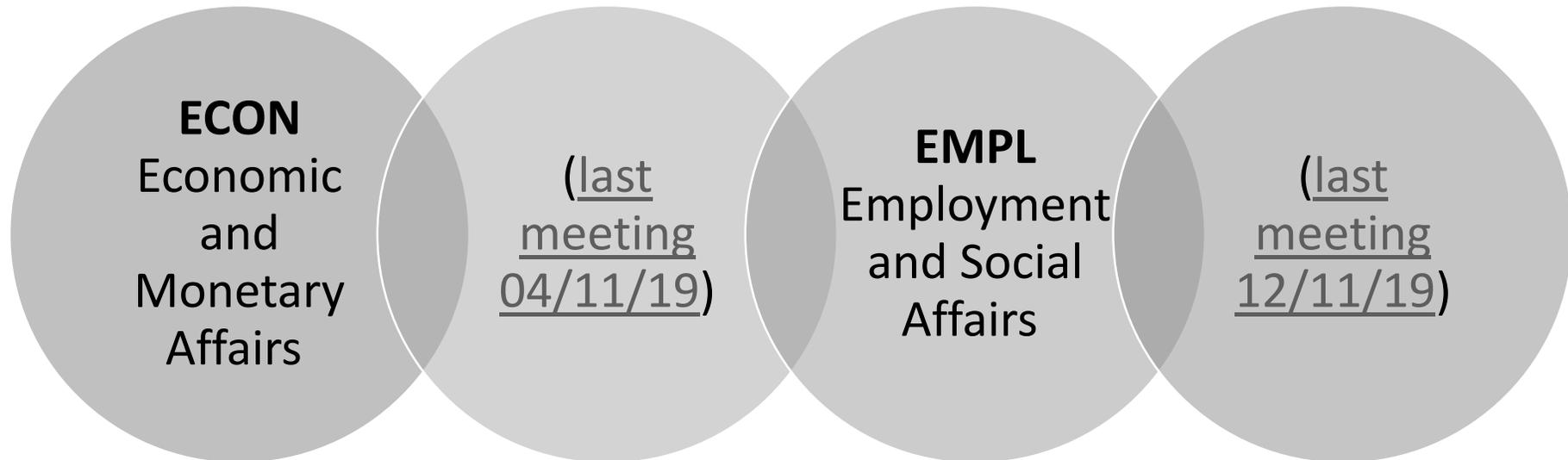
# What the Committees do



# The Committees

- **AFET** Foreign Affairs
- **DROI** Human Rights
- **SEDE** Security and Defence
- **DEVE** Development
- **INTA** International Trade
- **BUDG** Budgets
- **CONT** Budgetary Control
- **ECON** Economic and Monetary Affairs
- **EMPL** Employment and Social Affairs
- **ENVI** Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- **ITRE** Industry, Research and Energy
- **AGRI** Agriculture and Rural Development
- **PECH** Fisheries
- **CULT** Culture and Education
- **JURI** Legal Affairs
- **LIBE** Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- **AFCO** Constitutional Affairs
- **FEMM** Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- **PETI** Petitions
- **IMCO** Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- **TRAN** Transport and Tourism
- **REGI** Regional Development

# Relevant for Trade Unions



PART III: The MEPs of ECON and EMPL  
(sorted by nationality)

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2019-2024



# Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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# Chair – Irene Tinagli



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

Italy

# Germany:



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**Gunnar Beck** Identity and Democracy Group

**Stefan Berger** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Engin Eroglu** Renew Europe Group

**Markus Ferber** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Sven Giegold** Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

**Jorg Meuthen** Identity and Democracy Group

**Martin Shirdewan** Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left

**Joachim Schuster** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

# UK:

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**Neena Gill** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

**Ben Habib** Non-attached Members

**John Longworth** Non-attached Members

**Luisa Porritt** Renew Europa Group

**Jake Pugh** Non-attached Members

**Robert Rowland** Non-attached Members

**Molly Scott Cato** Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

**Richard Tiche** Non-attached Members



# Italy:

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**Raffaele Fitto** European Conservatives and Reformists Group

**Valentino Grant** Identity and Democracy Group

**Piernicola Pedicini** Non-attached Members

**Antonio Maria Rinaldi** Identity and Democracy Group

**Marco Zanni** Identity and Democracy Group

# Spain:

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**José Manuel García -Margallo Y Marfil** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Jonàs Fernandez** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

**Luís Graciano** Renew Europe Group

**Ernest Urtasun** Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

**Marco Zanni** Identity and Democracy Group



# France:

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**Stéphanie Yon-Courtin** Renew Europe Group  
(Vice Chair)

**Gilles Boyer** Renew Europe Group

**Herve Juvin** Identity and Democracy Group

**Aurore Lalucq** Group of the  
Progressive Alliance of Socialists and  
Democrats in the European Parliament

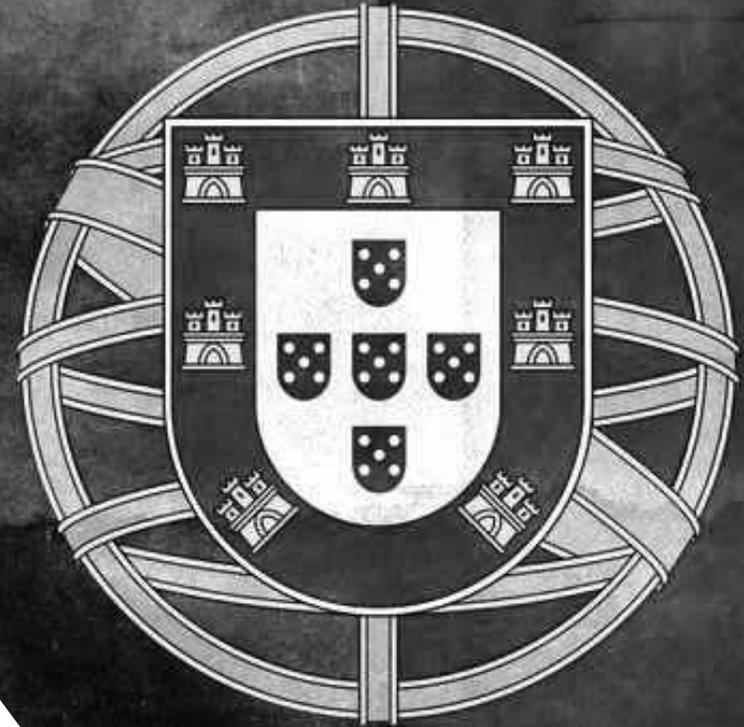
# Portugal:

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**Josè Gusmao** Confederal Group of the European United Left- Nordic Green Left (Vice-Chair)

**Pedro Silva Pereira** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

**Lidia Pereira** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)



# Poland:

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**Marek Belka** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

**Danuta Maria Hubner** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

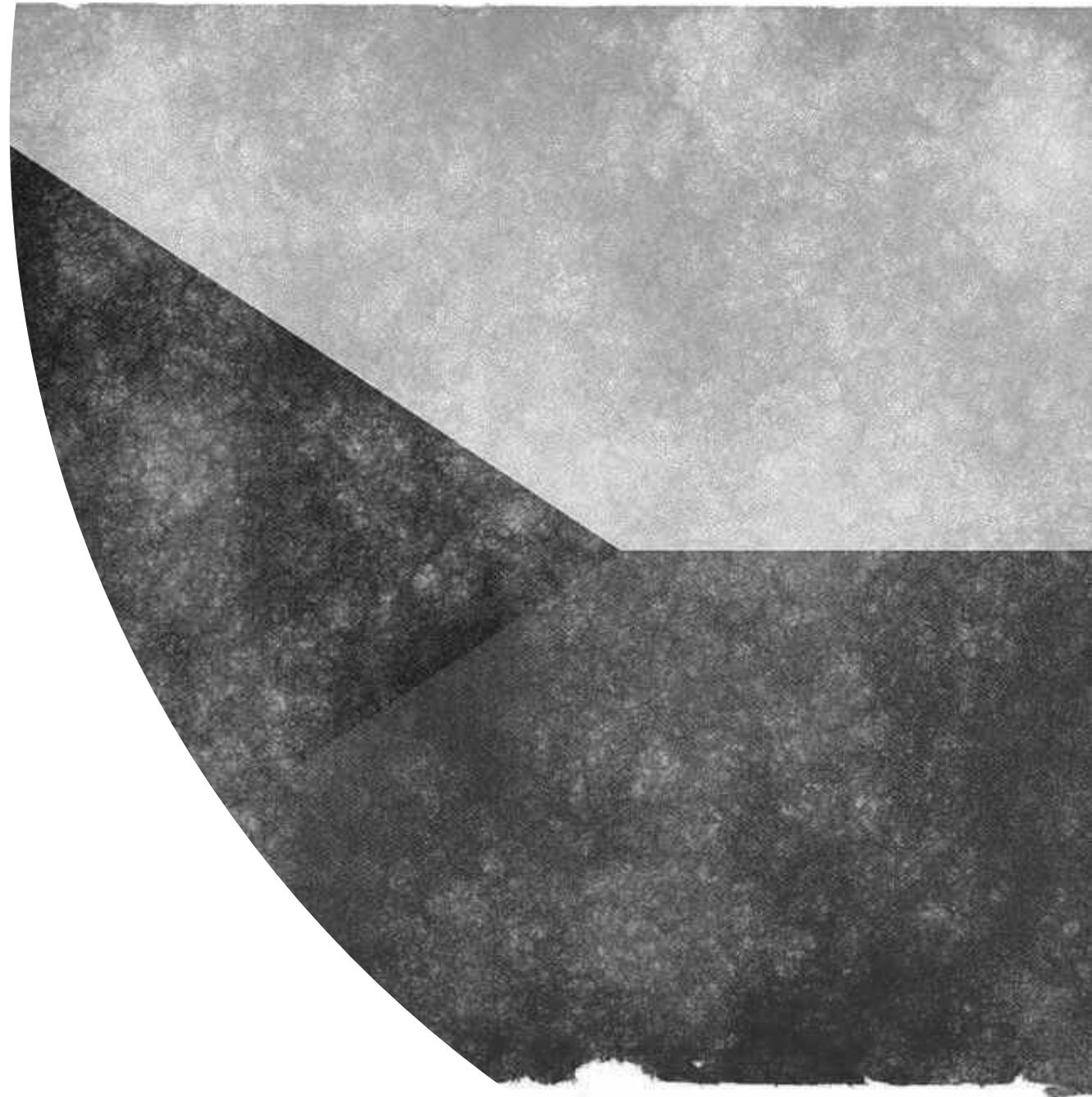
**Professor Ryszard Antoni Legutko** European Conservatives and Reformists Group

# Czechia:

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**Ludek Niedermayer** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) (Vice-Chair)

**Ondrej Kovarik** Renew Europe Group



# Netherlands:

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**Derk Jan Eppink** European Conservatives and Reformists Group (Vice-Chair)

**Paul Tang** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

# Hungary

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**Eniko Gyori** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Csaba Molnar** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament



# Romania

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**Cristian Silviu Busoi** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Dragos Pislaru** Renew Europe Group

# Finland:

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**Eero Heinaluoma** Group of the  
Progressive Alliance of Socialists and  
Democrats in the European Parliament

**Sirpa Pietikainen** Group of the European  
People's Party (Christian Democrats)

# Ireland:

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**Frances Fitzgerald** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Billy Kelleher** Renew Europe Group

# Belgium:

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**Philippe Lamberts** Group of the  
Greens/European Free Alliance

**Johan Van Overtveldt** European Conservatives  
and Reformists Group

# Lithuania:

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**Stasys Jakeliunas** Group of the  
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**Ausra Maldeikiene** Group of the European  
People's Party (Christian Democrats)

# Austria:

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**Othmar Karas** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Evelyn Regner** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

# Latvia:

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**Ines Vaidere** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Roberts Zile** European Conservatives and Reformists Group

# Greece:

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**Gergios Kyrtsos** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Dimitrios Papadimoulis** Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left



# Cyprus:

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**Costas Mavrides** Group of the  
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Democrats in the European Parliament



# Malta

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**Alfred Sant** Group of the  
Progressive Alliance of Socialists and  
Democrats in the European Parliament



# Committee Employment and Social Affairs

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# Chair – Lucia ĎURIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ



**European Conservatives and Reformists  
Group**

Slovakia

# Germany:

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**Katrin Langensiepen** Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (**Vice-Chair**)

**Gabriele Bischoff** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

**Ozlem Demirel** Confederal Group of the European United Left-Nordic Green Left

**Nicolaus Fest** Identity and Democracy Group

**Helmut Geuking** European Conservatives and Reformists Group

**Dennis Radtke** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

**Guido Reil** Identity and Democracy Group



# Italy:

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**Chiara Gemma** Non-attached Members

**Elisabetta Gualmini** Group of the  
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**Elena Lizzi** Identity and Democracy Group

**Daniela Rondinelli** Non-attached Members

**Stefania Zambelli** Identity and Democracy  
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**Leila Chaibi** Confederal Group of the European  
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**France Jamet** Identity and Democracy Group

**Mounir Satouri** Group of the Greens/European  
Free Alliance

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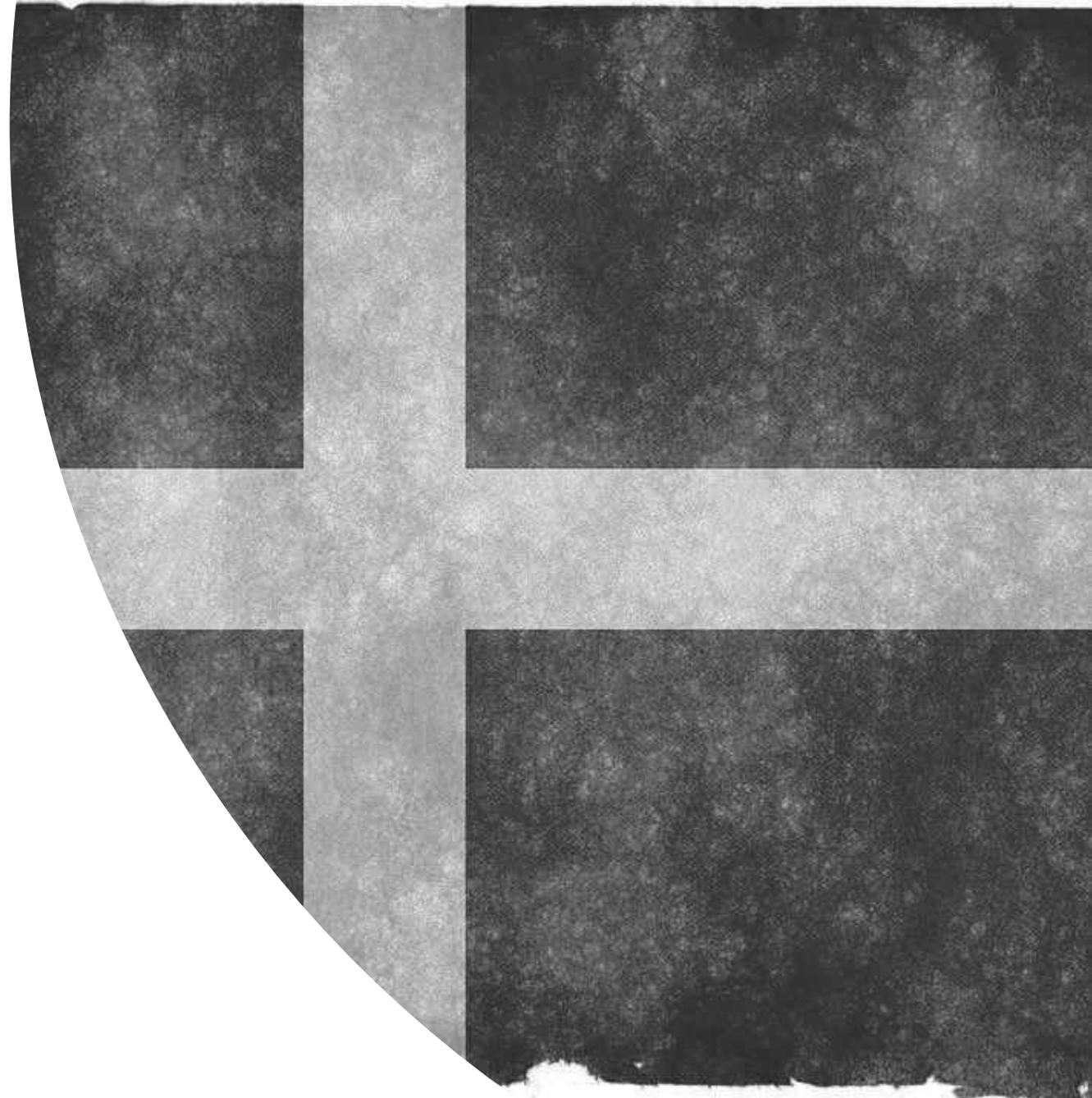
# Denmark:

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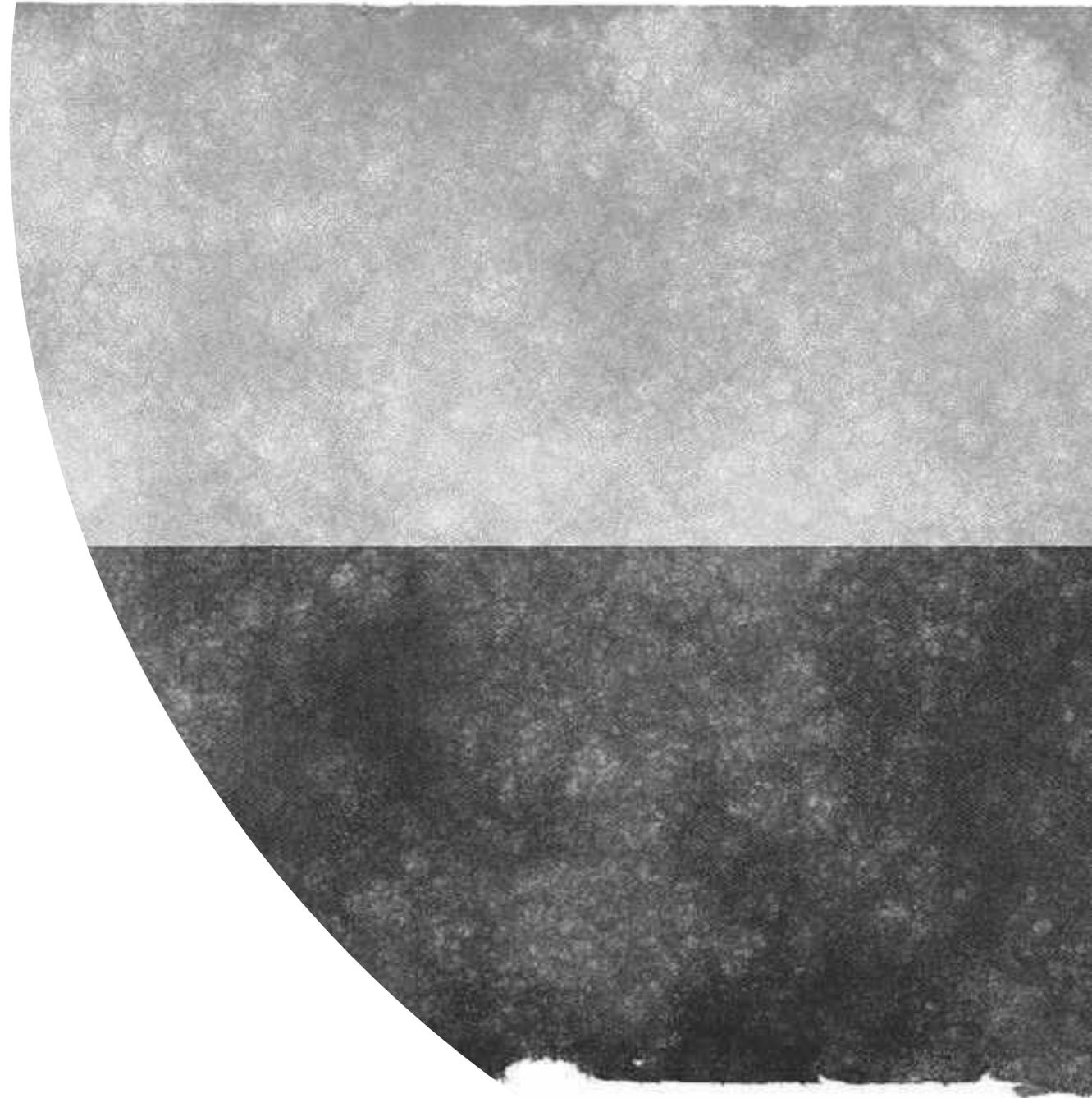
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**Beata Szydlo** European Conservatives and Refor  
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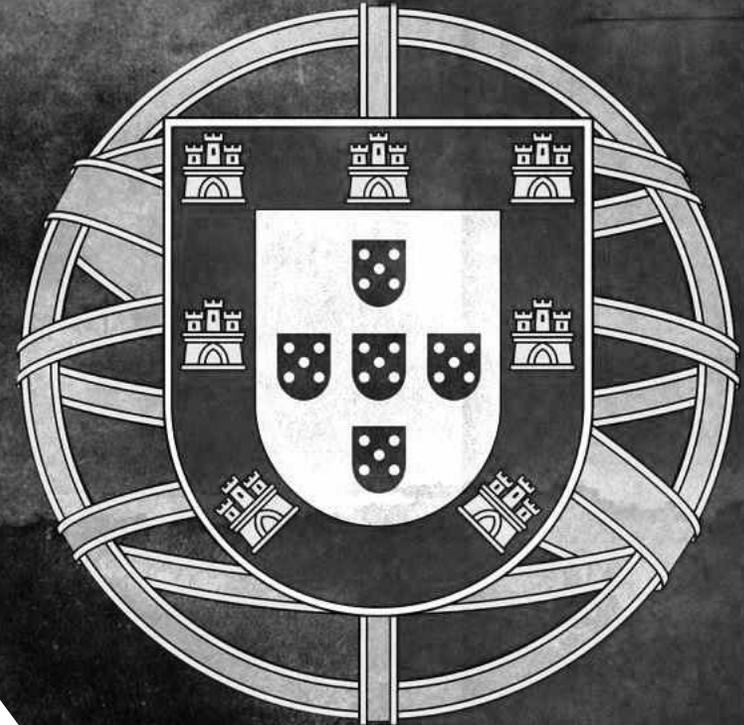


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# Greece:

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**Stelios Kypouropoulos** Group of  
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# Hungary

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**Adam Kosa** Group of  
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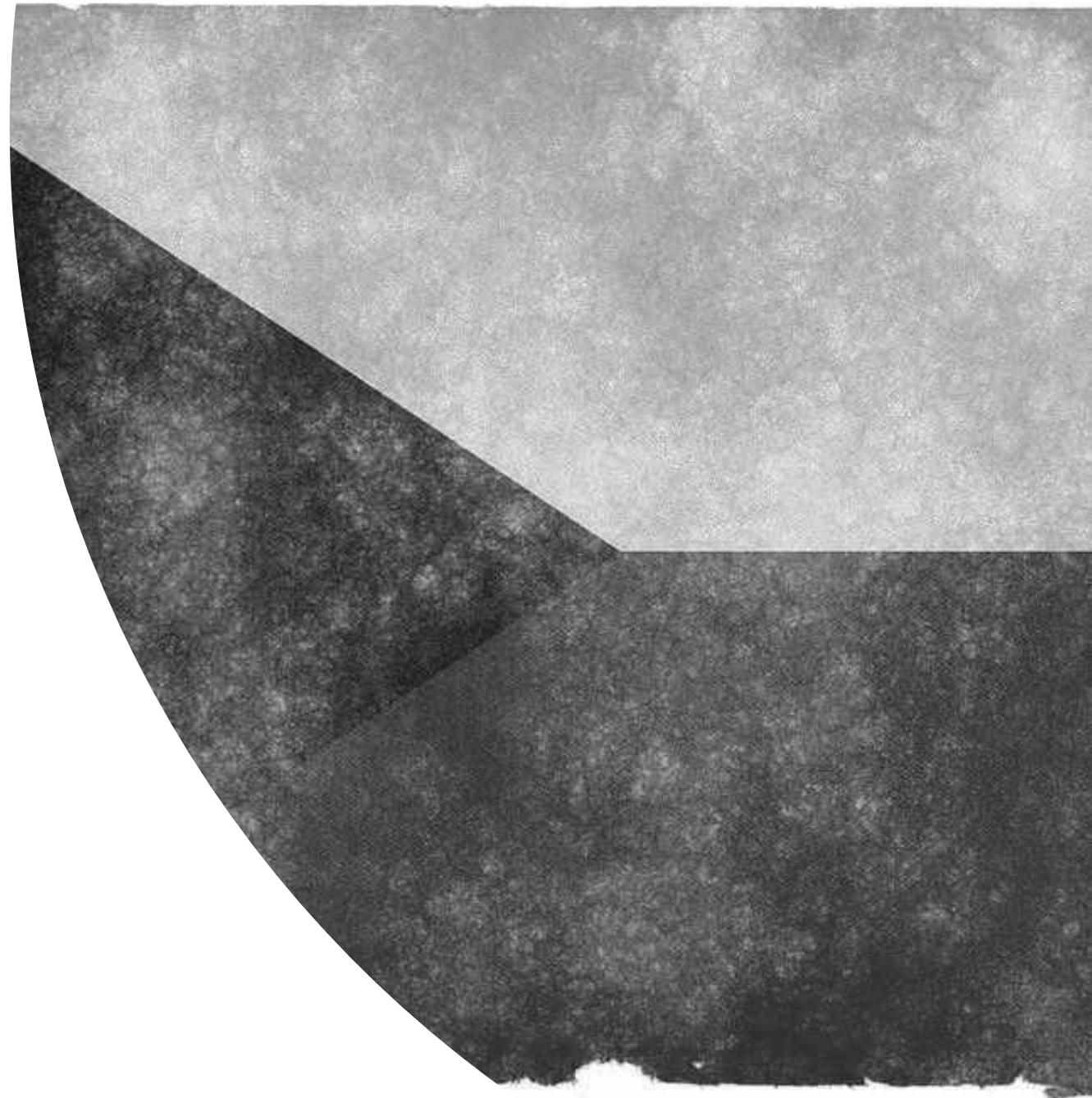
**Monica Semedo** Renew Europe Group

# Chzechia:

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(Christian Democrats) (Vice-Chair)

**Radka Maxova** Renew Europe Group



# Bulgaria:

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**Radan Kanev** Group of  
the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

# Slovenia:

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# Slovakia:

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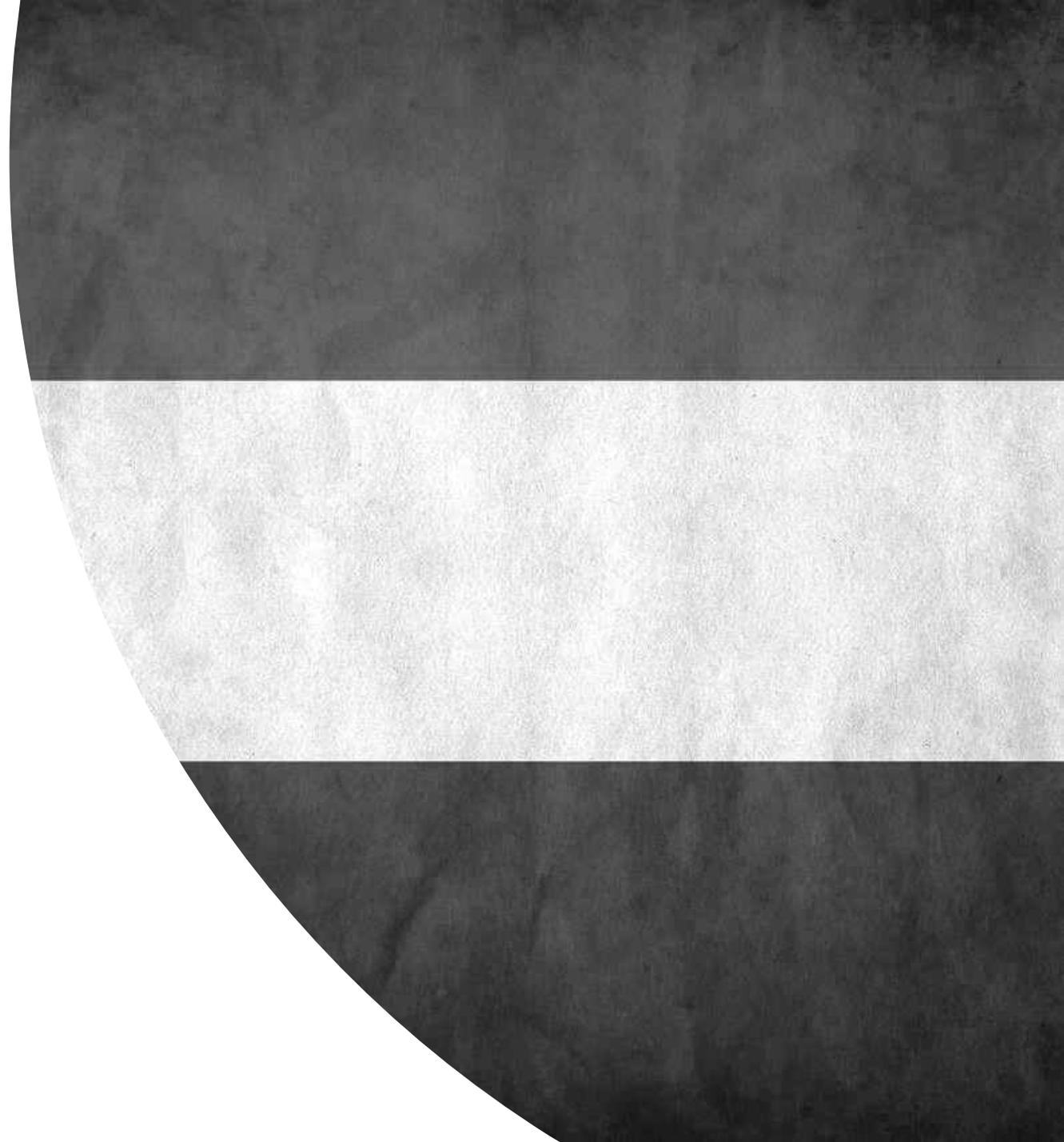
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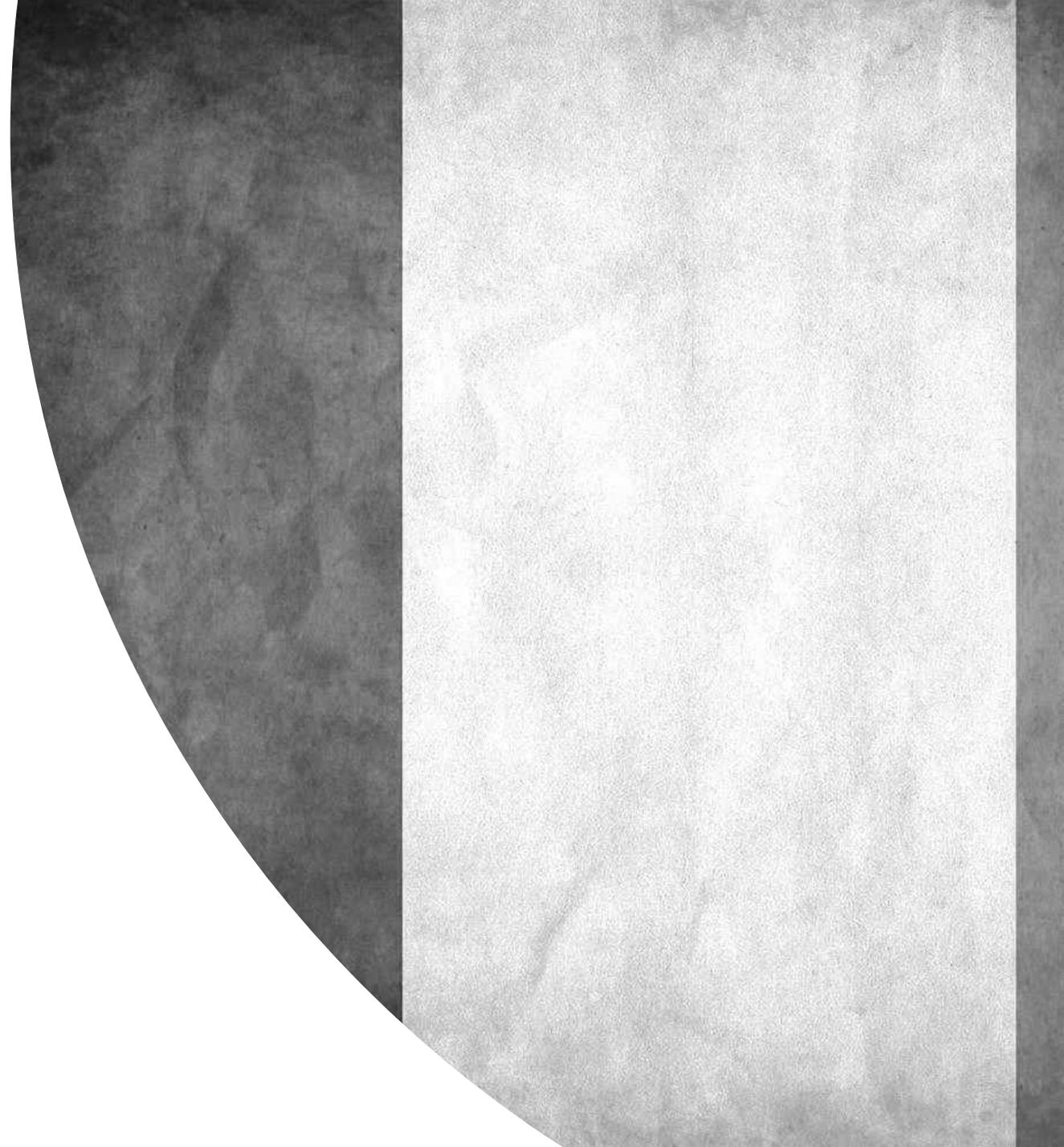
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# Ireland:

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# Belgium:

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# Lithuania:

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- **Vilija Blinkeviute** Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (Vice-Chair)

# Estonia:

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**Yana Toom** Renew Europe Group

# Latvia:

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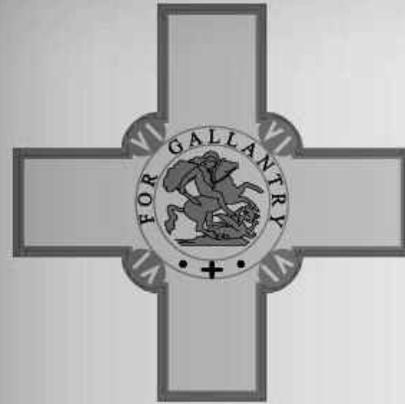
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# Malta:

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# How to Find EU Contacts



IN GENERAL, **EU CONTACTS** CAN BE FOUND ON:  
[WWW.EUROPA.EU/WHOISWHO/](http://WWW.EUROPA.EU/WHOISWHO/) (SEARCH POSSIBLE  
BY PERSON, BY ENTITY OR BY HIERARCHY)

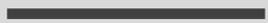


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