

European Parliament election 11 challenges for human rights in Europe

DEFENDING THE RULE OF LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

1. According to your political group, what tools should the European Union (EU) use to ensure member states adhere to the founding principles of the EU, including respect for human dignity and human rights, democracy, equality, and the rule of law? Do you favor proposals to condition and restrict access to certain EU funding for member states that do not comply with EU standards on the rule of law and human rights?
2. Which steps should the EU take collectively to protect journalists against attacks for their work and media pluralism in EU countries?
3. Which steps should the EU take to protect civil society from legislations that can unduly restrict their rights, activities and access to funding?

TACKLING DISCRIMINATION AND PROMOTING EQUALITY

4. What are your group's plans to address discrimination against women, promote gender equality in EU countries and protect women and girls from gender-based violence?
5. What are your group's plans to address racial discrimination, antisemitism, islamophobia, attacks and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, disability, hate speech, racially motivated crimes, and attacks and promote tolerance in the EU?
6. What are your political groups' propositions to advance the rights of persons with disabilities?

RESPECTING MIGRANTS AND REFUGEE'S RIGHTS

7. What migration policy does your political group support that would ensure all migrants and asylum seekers who reach EU territory are treated humanely and that respects their right to asylum? Does your political group support a policy to secure responsibility sharing among EU member states to alleviate the pressure on first countries of arrival? If your party's migration policy does not address any of these goals can you explain why and what your political group supports?

8. What should the European Parliament do to ensure that EU external migration policy protects the rights of migrants and asylum seekers, including the right to seek asylum, and does not expose them to abuse?

RESPECTING RIGHTS WHILE COUNTERING TERRORISM

9. What concrete steps should the European Parliament take to ensure that human rights, including the right to privacy, are protected in the context of the EU directives and other EU policies to counter and prevent terrorism? What should the Parliament do to ensure that Directives are subject to oversight and, if necessary, revision if they violate rights when implemented, especially if poorly transposed into domestic law?

ENSURING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EU'S FOREIGN POLICY

10. What should the European Parliament do to ensure that respect for and promotion of human rights are at the centre the EU's bilateral and multilateral relations with third countries, including trade policy?
11. Do you support a Global EU Human Rights Sanction Regime against individuals or groups of individuals responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, including torture, rape, enforced disappearances, and extra-judiciary killings? How should the European Parliament further help advance justice and accountability for abuses?