

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Manifesto of the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates

Our Vision for Europe

Preamble

The European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) bring together freedom-loving, conservative, patriotic, and sovereigntist parliamentarians in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. The ECPA is a political home for Members across Europe who share this worldview, regardless of whether their countries belong to military alliances, are neutral, or non-aligned.

Out of the catastrophic destruction of two World Wars, the founders of the Council of Europe created an international organisation dedicated to building and preserving peace in Europe by maintaining constant dialogue. This peace is fragile whenever coercion, domination, or imperial ambitions are allowed to trample the sovereignty of nations. Conservatism demands vigilance against every form of tyranny, whether ideological, bureaucratic, or imperial. To achieve this goal, the member states agreed on the inviolable values of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights.

Today, this heritage is in peril. European civilisation, rooted in the Greek and Roman heritage and shaped by the Christian-Judaic biblical tradition, faces existential threats. Chief among them are uncontrolled mass migration from outside Europe, bureaucratic overreach, and ideological agendas that weaken family, sovereign nation, traditions, social cohesion, and with it, the rule of law.

The ECPA, as guardian of the founding vision, holds it a duty to resolutely defend Europe as our common home: free, sovereign, and democratic.

Sovereign Nations in Cooperation

We reject the creation of a European super-state. Europe must remain a community of sovereign nation-states cooperating voluntarily for mutual benefit. Following the key principle of subsidiarity, political power must be exercised as close to the citizen as possible: in families, communities, and national parliaments.

The diversity of national histories, cultures, and traditions is a strength to be preserved. Nation-states remain the primary carriers of collective identity and the ultimate source of democratic legitimacy in Europe.

True sovereignty of nation-states requires that no nation be subjected to coercion, subjugation, or external domination. Cooperation among sovereign states means mutual respect for borders, independence, and the right of peoples to defend their way of life.

Freedom, Law, and the Council of Europe

Freedom requires the rule of law, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and equality before the law. The Council of Europe has a vital role in safeguarding these freedoms across the continent. The rule of law also means that no state may seek to erase another through force. Peace in Europe depends on rejecting every form of expansionism.

The European Court of Human Rights must focus on protecting the fundamental rights of individuals against tyranny and abuse of power while respecting the sovereignty of member states and the primacy of democratically elected parliaments.

Free speech has to be guaranteed to every citizen in daily life and on communication platforms, with the only limit of criminal violations. Political violence has to be strongly rejected and condemned and it can never be a means of political confrontation.

Prosperity through Free Enterprise

Prosperity is created by free individuals. We stand for free enterprise, fair competition, sound finances, low taxes, social cohesion and effective regulation.

A framework that rewards work and innovation is the foundation of Europe's prosperity.

Affordable and secure energy, resilient infrastructure, and safe supply chains are essential to competitiveness and sovereignty.

Secure Nations and Protection of Borders

A house without walls is no home. Likewise, a Europe that cannot protect its peoples from any form of aggression cannot remain free. Security means both external defence and internal cohesion.

Uncontrolled mass migration poses an existential threat to social cohesion, cultural identity, and internal security. It significantly stretches social systems and reception infrastructures to breaking point.

Europe requires effective protection of European external borders, dismantling of criminal smuggling networks, and the return of those without legal right to stay. A broader cooperation with third countries of origin and transit is needed to prevent illegal flows from the very beginning. Migration must be limited to levels that allow genuine integration and maintain broad public confidence. In this respect, the European Convention on Human Rights needs to be updated, preventing ideological interpretations that place the rights of foreign criminals above those of European citizens.

Family and Community First

Children are the future of our society. Strong families are the answer to Europe's demographic decline. We support policies that strengthen families and foster a resilient and responsible society, while preserving communities.

A Conservative Environmentalism

We recognise in ecology a profoundly conservative cause: the love of our common home, which binds us to safeguard our landscapes, territories and natural heritage.

We reject ideological environmentalism that portrays mankind as the enemy of the planet. Human beings are not destroyers of nature, but its responsible guardians, entrusted with preserving its beauty and integrity for future generations.

We support a pragmatic and non-punitive environmentalism, founded on technological neutrality, innovation and common sense, capable of advancing sustainability without sacrificing the well-being of our citizens or the vitality of our agricultural and industrial sectors. To protect the environment also means protecting the identity, beauty and continuity of our civilisation.

Defending Europe's Cultural Foundations

Europe's future must be built on confidence in its achievements and preservation of its heritage.

We affirm that Europe's core values — freedom of expression, equality before the law, human dignity and democratic self-government — are incompatible with all totalitarian ideologies that reject them. Successful integration requires loyalty to European civilisation, its laws, and its way of life. We reject ideological attempts to erase Europe's identities, traditions and cultural foundations.

Values of Our Cooperation

In full recognition of the sovereignty of European nations and the diversity of national interests, our cooperation is pragmatic and goal-oriented. The ECPA imposes no party whip: Members vote according to conscience, the interests of their electorate, and their nations. Through respectful dialogue, differing views and opinions are openly discussed within the Group. Where a Member is unable to support an agreed common position, the Group's spirit of cooperation allows for strategic abstention or absence during the vote, ensuring that internal diversity is respected while the Group's collective position is not publicly undermined.

In core areas decisive for the future of our civilisation, we act together in defence of:

- **Family policy:** Strengthening families as the seedbed of society.
- **Migration policy:** Ensuring effective border protection and controlled migration.
- **Council of Europe budget:** Guaranteeing responsible use of taxpayers' money.
- **Candidatures:** Supporting candidates who strengthen the influence of our shared values.
- **Democracy:** Safeguarding inclusive democratic participation and opposing ideological exclusion from democratic processes.

Our Commitment

We pledge to resolutely defend a Europe of sovereign, democratic, and free nations:

- United through cooperation and respect for diversity.
- Grounded in the rule of law.
- Prosperous through freedom and innovation.
- Rooted in family, resilient as a society.
- Secure in its borders, proud of its civilisation, and confident in its future.
- Committed to resisting every ideology of domination — bureaucratic, utopian, or imperial — so that European nations remain free from all forms of tyranny.

This is the Europe we work to preserve: a living homeland for its peoples, today and for generations to come.

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