

2017 Political Program Draft

European Parliament elections

European Youth highlighting the issue related to the low participation of Danish citizens in the European Parliament elections and stressing the importance of democratic participation in decision-making, aims to increase voter participation through awareness raising campaigns. We call upon the political institutions and actors to give more importance to the European Parliament elections, in order to increase voter participation and democratic legitimacy.

European Youth is concerned with the insufficient coverage in the national media of the European Parliament elections, and therefore believes it is one of the main reasons for low voter participation. We call upon the national media to give more exposure to the European institutions and elections, in order for the Danish citizens to be able to make an informed choice.

European Youth is aware that a sizable part of the population feels detached from the European institutions and are unable to understand the technical language they use in communication. We call upon the European institutions to use “vox populi” in their communication, so that every citizen, regardless of background, can understand and follow their activity.

European Youth deplors the quality of the debates around the European issues between the Danish politicians, and calls upon the Danish political parties to train their debaters with all the facts and information necessary to have a proper debate.

Tax evasion

European Youth is deeply worried with the issue of tax evasion, and its negative effects on the society and competition. We call upon the European Union to develop a plan to internationally combat the extensive problem of tax evasion.

European Youth believes that European Union must consider sustainable economic development that secures a fair share of wealth. We argue the solution is found in creating a common basis for taxation for multinational companies, which will put an end to the fiscal competition among states within the Union. European Union needs to guarantee a high level of transparency across Europe in tax and create a global standard for the automatic exchange of information.

As a result on the reforms taking place within the European Union, we will push forward that the EU takes a strong stand against tax evasion in third countries. The European Union must act as a global actor in securing a fair taxes and elimination of tax evasion, while securing good governance and an equal share of wealth in the world. Transparency in taxes must be secured for all, creating a greater level of trust and solidarity among the citizens.

Promoting a Sustainable Europe

European Youth supports European Union in continuing to secure and support the freedom of movement for workers. In practise we argue for common minimal standards across EU-member states must be set to avoid social dumping and convergence of social rights at the lowest common denominator. European member states must come together and establish an ambitious mobility plan that endorses the social rights across countries, as well as securing the implementation of already existing initiatives. No posted worker must ever

experience that his/hers rights or wages have been reduced by being a citizen of another European Union member state. European Union must create common minimal standards for all without compromising the minimum wages and/or collective agreements in each member state.

European Youth believes that a common economic plan for sustainable development and social welfare is an essential component of an economic policy that aims to build a sustainable Europe.

European Youth works for the creation of an economic policy which will not compromise social protection and social development. European Union shall commit itself to the belief that no economic development can occur without an improvement of social welfare.

A Europe with Gender Equality

European Youth support the elimination of structural differences between genders in Europe. We encourage European Union to take on a new European approach to increase women's participation in the labour market while eliminating the gender pay gap. European Union shall secure equal opportunities and equal pay for the same work in all occupations.

European Youth believes that European Union shall secure a work-life balance at all workplaces and across occupations. We argue this will only occur if European Union works to ensure that all member states implement equal parental leave rights with no discrimination. Equal parental rights stand as today's most important initiative needed in order to secure equal economic and social independence for women and men across Europe.

European Union must secure an increase of equality between women and men in decision-making processes. European Union shall seek to improve the gender balance in political decision-making and continue to encourage activities promoting gender balance in political and public decision-making positions. We argue that equality in decision-making processes will occur by fully respecting the "**Strategic Engagement for Gender Equality 2016-2019**" and its concrete actions, thereby implementing them fully in EU policies as well as EU funding programmes.

Trade policies

European Youth is viewing with deep concern the political developments in the world that can potentially affect the single market. We take a stand against protectionism, as it is important for the health of the European economy that trade flows are open.

Temporary Border Controls

European Youth reiterates its opposition to temporary border controls and its deep support for the freedom of mobility of workers, goods and services. We believe that companies and citizens are losing wealth each day that the temporary border controls are still in place, and we strongly advocate for their immediate removal.

Digital Single Market

European Youth supports the implementation of the Digital Single Market, and the creation of the fifth freedom in the single market in regards to digital and online properties. We believe that this will create more

competition and more cross-border trade of services and goods, with positive effects over the European economy.

British exit of the European Union

European Youth stresses the importance of the trade between United Kingdom and European Union, and calls upon the British government to accept freedom of movement in order to have access to the single market. We consider the four freedoms to be quintessential to the existence of the European Union and therefore compromise shall not be made upon them.

Free Trade Agreements

European Youth supports the free trade agreement between the EU and Canada, CETA, and reiterates the importance of the European Union opening up to other markets and increasing trade. We commend the elimination of VISA's towards Canada for all the European Union member states.

European Youth support the free trade agreement between EU and USA, TTIP, and reiterates the importance of free flows on the global market. We are concern with the new leadership of USA, and their opinion of free trade, and therefore have little hope for the agreement to actually become reality. However, in case the negotiations go further, European Union shall ensure that the free trade agreement follows European standards and forces USA to comply.

Federal Europe

Viewing the rise of populism and the recent developments in regard to the refugee crisis, military threats, and economic crisis as a direct threat to European solidarity European Youth calls upon member states for greater solidarity and cooperation. We deeply believe that only by working together, developing progressive and sustainable solutions the European project can withstand the challenges. European Youth reiterates its conviction that the creation of European Federation should be next step in European integration.

European Youth therefore calls Danish and European politicians to reorganize the EU into a federal democracy in which citizen can trust due to the policy being a direct result of democratic formed majorities in the European Parliament.

We therefore ask for:

- A strengthening of the European Parliament, by giving the members of the parliament the right to perform legislation on their own, by submitting law proposals in the parliament.
- To retract the right of the EU commission to submit law proposals on its own, and limit the EU commission to administrate and control already passed laws
- To recruit EU decision makers – commissioners – out of a formed coalition in the European Parliament, without a majority in parliament against it. Commissioners will be thereby as parliamentarians able to submit laws.

These changes will result in the EUs decision makers in the EU commission being directly elected members of the European Parliament, ensuring that each law is rooted at an elected representative and that dissatisfaction with the application of laws in the EU can be expressed at the ballot box. The council of

ministers – the member states legislative chamber – keeps its current role, and can beside the parliament submit laws and EU law proposals will continue to require the councils consent.

Such a reorganisation of EU will recreate trust in the EU. This will be the case because on one hand the citizens deeply unhappy with the way politics is decided in the EU gain a chain of command alike the national occurring one, and on the other hand the citizen dissatisfied with EU policy will gain influence in it. Also EU policy being rooted in democratic majorities from proposal to application is an intrinsically admirable good.

Common Security Policy

European Youth being concerned with the security situation in and around Europe which has worsened significantly in recent years, due to challenges, like terrorism, hybrid threats or cyber and energy insecurity, that no country is able to tackle alone, advocates for a greater European military cooperation.

European Youth calls upon the president of USA, to stop its support for movements that wish the break-up of the European Union, as we consider USA to be an important and historical partner of the European Union and therefore it would not be in the best interest of our alliance. European Youth demands the president of USA, to make a public apology for making a statement that he desires the break-up of the European Union.

European Youth viewing the current situation, with USA electing an anti-Europe president, and Russia continuously looming over our Eastern states, and being aware of the need for the European Union to not be caught unprepared, is advocating for a strong Security Union, which includes a strong United Army.

European Youth welcomes the establishment of the European Border and Coast Guard, and advocates for its further development, towards replacing all national border and coast guards, at the external borders of the European Union.

European Youth doesn't recognize the need of borders between member's states of the European Union, and strongly argues against wasting resources on them. However, European Youth considers the external borders to be of utmost importance and therefore well protected.

European Youth is deeply concerned by the situation of the Danish police in the EUROPOL, and therefore strongly demands the government of Denmark to make an agreement that will safeguard the Danish police place in the EUROPOL.

European Youth advocates for a complete removal of firearms from the civil society across the Union, and development of technology that is able to scan and identify their presence. European Youth supports the funding of security technological development in order to increase the safety of the European citizens.

European Youth welcomes the establishment of the European Counter Terrorism Centre, and advocates for the transfer of resources from national programmes against terrorism to the European Counter Terrorism Centre for more efficiency and better management, that shall yield better results in preventing terrorism.

Energy Union and Climate Action

European Youth deeply supports the establishment of the European Energy Union, which will result in energy independence, higher percentage of renewable energy used, increased energy efficiency and decreased cost for the European citizens.

European Youth demands that the Danish government, swiftly approves the European Energy Union, as it is in the interest of both citizens and government. As part of a European Energy Union, Denmark will be able to achieve 100% renewable energy, with a fully decarbonised society.

European Youth views the establishment of the European Energy Union as a great solution towards reducing unemployment and saving our planet.

European Youth considers the future of our planet to be of utmost importance, and therefore strongly demands from the European Union, more ambitious goals in this matter. We consider that the greenhouse gas emissions shall be cut by 50% until 2025, instead of 20% until 2020. We also consider that the share of renewable energy shall be over 50% until 2025, instead of 27% until 2030. Climate-related expenditure shall comprise more than 40% of the EU budget as it is the greatest challenge of our generation.

European Youth believes that the future generations have the right to live on a green clean planet, with a stable climate, and that this right shall become enshrined in the human rights conventions.

European Youth supports low-emissions mobility, and therefore strongly supports driverless cars, car sharing and other similar models, electric cars and magnetic-based public transport. European Youth encourages the Danish government to take radical measures to ensure the transition to low-emissions mobility happens swiftly and smoothly.

European Youth commends Denmark for their strong interest in developing green technology, and therefore encourages other states of the Union to follow example.