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About EFA

EFA - the European Free Alliance

European Free Alliance MEPs sit in a joint European parliamentary group with the Greens, making up the fourth largest group in parliament.

The European Free Alliance (EFA) draws together political parties fighting for democracy and self-determination for the stateless nations and regions of Europe. We are committed to democratic, constitutional and peaceful means. EFA's work and campaigning is underpinned by the core principles of social justice and equality.

EFA fights for:

- democracy for the stateless nations and regions of Europe
- respect and recognition for the rights of minorities
- an end to racism and xenophobia
- social justice and progressive politics
- sustainable development and environmental protection
- peaceful conflict resolution and an end to war

EFA parliamentary group - Photo European Parliament - July 2009

From left to right, the new MEPs of the EFA Group after the June 2009 European elections:**Tatjana Zdanoka** (For Human Rights in a United Latvia), **Alyn Smith** (Scottish National Party), **Ian Hudghton** (Scottish National Party), **Jill Evans** (Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales), **Frieda Brepoels** (N-VA - Flanders), **Oriol Junqueras** (Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya) and **François Alfonsi** (Partitu di a Nazione Corsa).

Our MEPs have achieved greater recognition for Europe's stateless nations and have highlighted the discrimination faced by minority language speakers. The group are powerful advocates for Europe's disadvantaged regions, fighting for fair play when the EU decides how to spend its structural funds. Our group has also been particularly active in exposing human rights abuses across the world and in defending civil liberties.

The European Free Alliance Political Party was established in Barcelona in March 2004. It was one of the first Europe wide political parties to be established and has its headquarters in Brussels. The President of the EFA Political Party is former Flemish MEP Nelly Maes. For more information visit **www.e-f-a.org**

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