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## Debate on the future of Europe

### Part 2 - Making the (green) case for Europe – Europe as Emotion

#### INTRODUCTION

As a self-proclaimed “pro-European force”, the Greens consider that European solutions and EU-wide solidarity are essential to address the numerous crises our societies are faced with. At the same time, we also openly criticize the policies decided at the EU level and the liberal-conservative political majority that takes them. But in an increasingly polarized political debate on Europe, between “populist revolution” and “coalition of the status quo”, the Green voice should have a distinctive resonance – how could we achieve that?

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

- **Denis Staunton** (IE – Deputy chief-editor of the Irish Times).  
A seasoned journalist, formerly based in Berlin, Washington, Brussels and currently in London, he is a dedicated pro-European, progressive and left-leaning Irish political mind, with a trained critical eye on EU affairs since the mid-90's.
- **Sophie Heine** (BE – Oxford university and Egmont institute). Independent expert and intellectual, liberal and left activist; published extensively on Euroscepticism; active member of the movement Stand Up for Europe.

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