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## Presentation

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The European Free Alliance (EFA) Group in the European Parliament currently includes representatives from Scotland, Catalonia, Corsica, Wales and Latvia. EFA MEPs advance the cause of Europe's stateless nations, regions and disadvantaged minorities.

Current EFA MEPs are:

- **Alyn Smith** (EFA Group President) - Scottish National Party
- **François Alfonsi** - R&PS / Corsica
- **Christian Allard** - Scottish National Party
- **Jill Evans** - Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales
- **Oriol Junqueras i Vies** - Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya
- **Aileen McLeod** - Scottish National Party
- **Diana Riba i Giner** - Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya
- **Tatjana Ždanoka** - Latvijas Krievu savienība

European Free Alliance MEPs sit in a joint European parliamentary group with the Greens, making up the fourth largest group in parliament. EFA Members of the European Parliament are members of the Greens/European Free Alliance Group in the European Parliament, forming a common parliamentary group with Europe's greens since 1999.

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 MEPs have achieved greater recognition for Europe's stateless nations and have highlighted the discrimination faced by minority language speakers. The group speaks up for Europe's 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 parliamentary group is not to be confused with the European Free Alliance European Political party ([www.e-f-a.org](http://www.e-f-a.org)) which draws together a broad range of autonomist and regionalist parties, whether represented in the European Parliament or not. The President of the EFA Political Party is Lorena Lopez de Lacalle from the Basque Country.

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