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European elections show democratic majority must stand united against far-right more than ever

European Elections 2024

Following the latest exit polls and results of the 2024 European Election, the Greens/EFA Group is ready to continue being a constructive force for the future of the Union for this upcoming mandate.

Terry Reintke, Greens/EFA President and lead candidate of the European Green Party, comments:

“This weekend, millions of people across the EU voted for parties that stand for democracy, freedom, climate action and for a strong European Union. We are proud to stand with them. We know that the gains made by the far right in some countries, particularly France, Germany and Austria, will be extremely concerning for all of us who fight for democracy and freedom.

“We are proud that our political family has gained MEPs across Europe, with new partner parties in countries in Central and Eastern Europe where we never had MEPs before, such as Croatia, Latvia, Slovenia and Lithuania and gains made by strong Green voices from Southern Europe, as in Spain. We came in first in Denmark and the Netherlands and we will remain a strong green voice in Sweden and Finland. This is an important milestone for our political family and our representation in the European Parliament.

“It is now more important than ever to secure a stable pro-European democratic majority in the European Parliament. This democratic majority must come together in the face of the far-right. The Greens/EFA Group is a reliable, responsible partner and we are prepared to work constructively with other democratic parties to stop far-right forces from gaining power."

Bas Eickhout, Greens/EFA Vice-President and lead candidate of the European Green Party, comments;

“Across the European Union Greens and our partners campaigned to show that we have solutions to make a fair and green future possible. The losses in Germany and France are obviously a blow, at the same time, in many countries the voters recognised the solutions of the Greens and elected MEPs from green parties in countries which had never sent greens to the European Parliament.

"The rise of the far-right in today's elections is extremely concerning for all those who believe in a democratic European Union and in just and equal societies. Given the multiple crises we face, we must not deny the problems ahead, but to work to find a way forward. The Greens/EFA Group will work to deliver for people, for businesses, and for farmers in the transition to sustainability.

"The Green Deal is still Europe's best tool to protect people, tackle the climate crisis and future-proof our continent. We call on other political groups, particularly EPP and Renew, to boost efforts to drive the Green Deal forward as the economic engine for Europe's economy. We are ready to play our part and work with those who stand on the side of democracy and freedom for all and we will fight all who attack the values of the European Union."

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