



**¡ADELANTE!**



S&D GROUP

**ACHIEVEMENTS  
& DEMANDS**

2019-2024

*Dear Comrades, dear Friends,*

*We are coming to a close of what is the most extraordinary parliamentary term the S&D Group has ever faced. Unexpected events have sent shockwaves through the system this term: a devastating pandemic, Russia's unacceptable aggression against Ukraine, the explosion of energy and consumer prices and their severe impact on millions of families across Europe, and most recently the brutal assault on Israel by Hamas and the human tragedy on both sides. We also had to come to terms with the sad and shocking loss of our Parliament's President David Sassoli and of our Group's Secretary General Michael Hoppe, both dear friends to me and so many of us. What is equally remarkable, though, is that throughout this turbulent period, our S&D Group and our PES family have shown exceptional resilience and strength.*

***From the start of this term, our S&D Group exerted unprecedented influence over the incoming Commission President's priorities and we have continued to influence the Commission work programme year after year. Not since the ground-breaking Commission presidencies of Jacques Delors has a Commission agenda had been so progressive and so closely connected to social democratic priorities. Never before has the S&D Group and our PES family had such influence over the EU agenda as a whole.***

*The letter I sent to the President-designate Ursula von der Leyen on 12 July 2019 in the name of our Group set out our clear demands: "The next European Commission must drive the economic, social, and ecological transformation of Europe, based on sustainable equality and on strong democracy. There is no time to waste and no time left for business-as-usual". What we have achieved since then is remarkable: a European Climate Law and a European Green Deal with a just transition; economic governance based on sustainable development and a European investment strategy through the Recovery and Resilience Fund; a strong social agenda including a European minimum wage; legislation on platform workers; a European strategy to fight poverty and a European Child Guarantee; the regulation of the digital economy to protect consumer rights, privacy and children; minimum corporate taxation; a European Gender Equality Strategy; and much, much more.*

*In the midst of the pandemic, our Group was key in ensuring that Next Generation EU channelled significant funding to our key priorities on climate change and on social investment. We played a vital role in achieving the ambitious goals of the European Green Deal, in close collaboration with former Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans whose personal commitment has been exceptional. Our hard-fought victory on the Nature Restoration Law illustrated our commitment to the green agenda. We worked successfully with our High Representative Josep Borrell and with all our S&D Commissioners Helena Dalli, Elisa Ferreira, Paolo Gentiloni, Ylva Johansson, Maroš Šefčovič, Nicolas Schmit and Jutta Urpilainen in their respective policy areas, and I would like to congratulate and thank them all for their equally outstanding engagement in fighting for our agenda and our values.*

*Over the next six months, we have important battles to win and we have to prepare both for the European elections in June 2024 and for our next parliamentary term. We will need to build on the social-ecological transformation that we have successfully brought into motion. We will fight to make sure ecological and social progress are the two sides of the same coin. We will be unyielding in our commitment to ambitious climate policy, to ever more needed adaptation policy and to protecting biodiversity. We will have to intensify our historic fight for a just society and aim for the long-term eradication of poverty and social exclusion and fair taxation of wealth and income. We will strengthen the financial sustainability of our common policies and not least of our collective public investment capacity through a permanent fiscal instrument. We must continue to develop the strategic autonomy of our Union in an increasingly destabilised world. We will fight to protect and strengthen democracy at home and across the world, wherever it is under threat. Freedom of expression and the rule of law will have to be upheld and defended where necessary. Gender equality and our battle to stop violence against women will remain an essential part of our action.*

*The PES resolution adopted at the Malaga Congress will provide us with a solid roadmap in this respect. The European election campaign will not be easy and the implementation of the next Commission and of its priorities will be even more challenging than the last one. This is why we need to stay united and be prepared. **I have full faith in our political family's and in our parliamentary group's capacity to stand strong in fighting conservatism in all its forms, particularly at a moment in time when our progressive values and ideas are needed more than ever before.***

*Yours fraternally,*

**Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ**  
President of the S&D Group

	OUR ACHIEVEMENTS	OUR DEMANDS
<b>STANDING WITH PEOPLE DURING THE PANDEMIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovery and Resilience Facility to keep our economies and societies afloat</li> <li>• Temporary unemployment scheme to help people</li> <li>• Cohesion policy to make sure no one and no region is left behind</li> <li>• Use of EU Cohesion funds during the pandemic to help people during unemployment, to provide medical equipment, to support SMEs and to invest in digitalisation</li> <li>• Preparing an EU response for future health threats</li> <li>• Introducing new own resources for the EU budget to have the means for our ambitions*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Union</li> <li>• Protecting mental health</li> </ul>
<b>MAKING SOCIAL RIGHTS A REALITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action plan on European Pillar of Social Rights</li> <li>• Adequate minimum wages for all Europeans</li> <li>• Protecting workers from the risks of asbestos and carcinogens</li> <li>• Protecting children from poverty with a Child Guarantee</li> <li>• Protecting the rights of platform workers*</li> <li>• Improving social security coordination for cross-border workers*</li> <li>• Strengthening your right to disconnect*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulating the use of artificial intelligence at the workplace</li> <li>• Adequate minimum income schemes across the EU</li> <li>• Protecting the rights of workers at cross-border companies</li> <li>• Banning unpaid traineeships</li> </ul>
<b>PROTECTING PEOPLE AND THE PLANET WITH THE GREEN DEAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambitious Climate Law to reduce CO2 emissions</li> <li>• Reducing CO2 emissions with an ambitious Fit for 55 package in industry, maritime, road, transport, buildings and the agricultural sector</li> <li>• Establishing a Social Climate Fund to leave no one behind</li> <li>• Protecting our soil*</li> <li>• Reducing pesticides*</li> <li>• Punishing environmental crimes*</li> <li>• Improving our air quality*</li> <li>• Boosting renewable energy production*</li> <li>• Improving energy efficiency*</li> <li>• Putting social and sustainability criteria into the EU's agricultural policy*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the protection of our health and environment from dangerous chemicals</li> <li>• Monitoring the social impact of the Green Deal's implementation to ensure a just transition</li> </ul>
<b>FIGHTING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women on company boards to put more women in top positions</li> <li>• Pay Transparency to end the gender pay gap</li> <li>• Ratification of the Istanbul Convention to better protect women</li> <li>• Combatting violence against women*</li> <li>• Recognising non-consensual sex as rape in all EU countries*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enshrining the right to abortion in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights</li> <li>• Making gender-based violence, including sexist hate speech, an EU crime</li> </ul>
<b>BUILDING A FAIR ECONOMY FOR ALL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reforming EU fiscal rules*</li> <li>• Minimum effective tax rate for multinationals</li> <li>• Tax transparency for multinationals</li> <li>• One common charger for all devices</li> <li>• Setting rules to tame the 'digital wild west'</li> <li>• Obliging companies to disclose their environmental and social footprint</li> <li>• Right to Repair for consumers*</li> <li>• Putting humans and their rights at the heart of artificial intelligence*</li> <li>• Strengthening EU banks' resilience and greening investments</li> <li>• Strict rules to combat money-laundering*</li> <li>• Making products more sustainable*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boosting European chips production</li> <li>• Protecting consumers in retail investment</li> <li>• Better rules for crypto currencies</li> <li>• Sustainable public procurement</li> <li>• Setting up a permanent fiscal capacity and a permanent SURE to protect investments and citizens from future crises</li> </ul>
<b>PROMOTING RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making EU funds conditional on respect for the Rule of Law</li> <li>• Annual Rule of Law Report</li> <li>• Defending media freedom and protecting journalists*</li> <li>• Opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia</li> <li>• Granting candidate status to Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the Rule of Law Mechanism</li> <li>• Right of Initiative for the European Parliament</li> <li>• More vigorous EU Ethics Body</li> <li>• Continue EU enlargement</li> </ul>
<b>SUPPORTING UKRAINE AGAINST RUSSIA'S WAR OF AGGRESSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing an effective and unified EU response to Russia's war of aggression</li> <li>• Supporting Ukraine with humanitarian, military and economic means</li> <li>• Promoting accountability for Russia's war crimes and war of aggression</li> <li>• Sanctions against Russia</li> <li>• Addressing rising prices and cost of living for EU citizens and businesses</li> <li>• Boosting energy security and independence</li> <li>• The Strategic Compass to boost EU's security and defence</li> <li>• Supporting EU defence industry through smarter spending and joint procurement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further strengthening Europe's Open Strategic Autonomy</li> <li>• Confiscating Russian public assets for reconstructing Ukraine</li> <li>• Achieving genuine European defence integration</li> </ul>
<b>STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investing in equal partnerships and multilateralism</li> <li>• Putting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) back on track</li> <li>• Putting environment, climate, human and worker's rights at the heart of the EU's trade policy</li> <li>• Making companies take responsibility for the environmental and social impact of their production*</li> <li>• Banning products made by forced labour from entering our market*</li> <li>• Making extractive industries in developing countries more sustainable</li> <li>• The EU human rights sanctions regime</li> <li>• Building connections around the world with Global Gateway</li> <li>• The EU Global Health Strategy</li> <li>• A New Pact on Migration and Asylum to move away from crisis mode to a permanent and sustainable strategy*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish an EU Search and Rescue Mission</li> <li>• Stop the outsourcing of our external migration policy to third countries at the expense of human rights</li> </ul>



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