

## Plenary Times Strasbourg, 10 - 13 February, 2025



#### European Commission Work Programme 2025

Debate on: Wednesday, 12 February

Quality jobs, fair wages, decent housing, high-quality healthcare, economic growth and preserve our environment - this is what our citizens are asking for and this is what we are ready to deliver. We, the S&D Group, expect from the president von der Leyen an ambitious work programme that helps the EU make the policies that society expects and deserves. The problem is not the migrants, nor the NGOs, neither is it the rule of law. The problem is the people who want to fill their pockets at the expense of fake news and propaganda while destroying our welfare state.



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## Collaboration between conservatives and far-right is a threat for competitiveness in the

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Cooperation between conservative parties and far-right forces threatens the EU's competitiveness, undermining political stability, investments, and skilled labour supply. Far-right agendas hinder free trade, deny climate change, and promote shortsighted solutions like getting back to cheap Russian gas. Conservatives teaming up with them ignore lessons from the energy crises. Socialists and Democrats focus on innovation through the green transition. Europe must lead the clean tech revolution, ensuring a just transition with investments in industries and re-skilling, fostering high employment for growth, stability, and competitiveness.



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#### Preparedness for a new trade era: multilateral cooperation or tariffs

Debate on: Tuesday, 11 February

We prefer dialogue and cooperation over strong-armed transactions. Trade escalations will only drive up prices for people, families and businesses - Europeans and Americans alike. But, if president Trump imposes unfair and steep tariffs, we must respond swiftly and firmly with counter-tariffs and non-tariff measures to prioritise buying European, especially in key sectors. With a market of 440 million consumers, the EU must leverage its collective strength to negotiate effectively and reach solutions quickly.



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# Continuing the unwavering EU support for Ukraine, after three years of Russia's war of aggression

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We are nearing three years of continued Russian illegal aggression against Ukraine. Three years of unrelenting and deliberate attacks on civilians and infrastructure, torturing prisoners of war, and kidnapping and deporting over 20,000 Ukrainian children. Ukrainians want peace, but peace can only be achieved through strength. Especially now, the EU and its member states cannot step back. We must advance European integration and further strengthen military and financial aid to help Ukraine protect its people, maintain essential services, drive economic and social recovery, and enable it to achieve a fair and sustainable peace.



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Debate on: Tuesday, 11 February Political crisis in Serbia

Next Tuesday, political turmoil in Serbia will be on the European Parliament's plenary agenda, at the request of the S&D Group. Massive, historic student protests are happening in Serbia, triggered by the deadly collapse of the train station roof in Novi Sad. Under the slogan 'Corruption Kills', students are calling for justice and accountability. We firmly support the people's right to protest and strongly condemn any acts of intimidation and violence against protesters.



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## **S&D Group press** conference

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