

The European Free Alliance calls for the establishment of a European Agency for Multilingualism that can be able to set up effective instruments and policies to guarantee that all European languages, despite their number of speakers, can have a future and the linguistic diversity in Europe can be preserved.

Declaration nr. 4

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On behalf of the party: Esquerra Republicana

Title: Declaration on planetary sustainable futures

Solidarity is a founding principle of the EU. Sustainability is about intergenerational solidarity which calls for planning for the well-being of future generations.

In the framework of social solidarity sustainability futures, this declaration calls on the EU to continue leading policy interventions to safeguard society from the negative impacts of climate change and activities which damage the welfare of human societies. Concretely we call for the following measures to be adopted:

To induce the use of technologies, transport systems and planning which will result in sustainable mobility.

to introduce a tax on all those economic activities which result in levels of GHGs which contravene the current model of the emissions market.

To introduce measures which will result in a model of zero waste within years

To introduce radical measures to eliminate the trade in arms, tobacco and polluting solid non-renewable fuels.

Declaration nr. 5

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On behalf of the party: SP and SSW

Title: Strengthening citizens' political participation in the European Union.

When the European Citizens' Initiative was introduced under the Lisbon Treaty, it was with the aim of giving citizens a greater voice by being able to call on the European Commission to address a given issue on which a million valid signatures had been collected.

- In the light of the major bureaucratic workload required to pursue a Citizens' Initiative

- Whereas the successful completion of a Citizens' Initiative does not impose any actual obligation on the European Commission to address the issue at hand, thus inhibiting the participative democracy afforded by this method

The European Free Alliance (EFA) proposes a revision of the European Citizens' Initiative to simplify the procedure substantially and strengthen political participation by citizens:

by standardising and simplifying the procedures for collecting signatures in all EU Member States.

by reducing the minimum figure of one million signatures collected across at least seven EU Member States to 500,000.

by ensuring that a successful collection of signatures will be submitted to the European Parliament. If it obtains a majority here, the European Commission shall be obliged to act on it.