

Shaping Europe's Future

Policy Priorities 2018-2020

In the next years, the debate on the Future of Europe will take centre-stage in light of a new impetus for EU reform following elections in several EU Member States, the 2019 European Parliament elections, and the Article 50 negotiations with the UK. To shape the debate and to facilitate the active participation of citizens and stakeholders in the discussions on Europe's future, the European Movement International will dedicate its work to the following priorities during the years 2018-2020:

Democracy, citizen participation and fundamental values

Bridging the gap between citizens, representative associations, and the EU

- Reforming the EU to improve its democratic governance and legitimacy in the context of the future of Europe debate
- Fostering citizen's participation with EU decision-making at the local, regional, national and EU level and bringing forward the consolidation of a European public sphere
- Fostering education on active citizenship, democratic culture and the EU in school
- Promoting civil society organisations and civil dialogue at all levels in line with Article 11 and supporting a vivid civil society by promoting cross-border exchange and partnerships
- Promoting transparency of decision-making procedures and lobbying activities at all levels

Promoting values and European unity

- Promoting a long term sustainable approach to migration including the setting of standards for integration
- Protecting our borderless Union by ensuring the freedom of movement and the Schengen agreement
- Defending the EU's fundamental values including the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights across the European continent
- Strengthening pluralistic societies in which the fundamental rights and Four Freedoms are protected against all forms of discrimination as well as nationalist and populist movements

A social, sustainable and prosperous Europe

Investing in better education and jobs

- Advocating for a stronger European social dimension through the implementation of the Pillar of Social Rights

- Empowering youth through more investment in quality education, internships and job opportunities
- Promoting sustainable growth and tackling long term unemployment
- Fostering European competitiveness and innovation by investing in skills and lifelong learning
- Promoting the development of the EU's own resources and deepening the Economic and Monetary Union
- Ensuring the EU supports citizens through better digital skills education to adapt to changes in the economy and job market such as digitalisation

Protecting the environment and the climate

- Advocating for the full implementation of the Paris Agreement by involving stakeholders at all levels
- Consolidating the EU's energy policy towards a low-carbon economy based on efficiency and renewable energy sources
- Continuing the development of the circular economy
- Supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Developments Goals within Europe with and for citizens

Europe in the World

Building a strong and united Europe on the global stage

- Enhancing an effective Common Foreign and Security Policy in particular in the areas of energy security, cybersecurity and counter-terrorism
- Advancing defence cooperation with better institutional embedding as steps towards a fully-fledged European Defence Union
- Putting in place effective joint management of Europe's outer borders including legal migration channels for those seeking international protection
- Ensuring orderly and transparent Brexit negotiations that respect the rights of EU and UK citizens and build a strong post-Brexit partnership framework
- Supporting enlargement and the involvement of civil society and all spheres of governments in the negotiations with candidate and potential candidate countries
- Strengthening the Eastern Partnership with membership perspectives for Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
- Strengthening commitment on partnerships with the Southern Neighbourhood, building a relationship based on joint priorities, fundamental values and long-term interests

Contributing to a better world

- Strengthening Europe's role in conflict prevention and resolution, peace-building and peace-keeping

- Promoting human rights, the rule of law and democracy all over the world
- Supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Developments Goals globally
- Advocating for a robust post-Cotonou partnership and development framework
- Fostering open and transparent negotiations on international trade agreements