

Believe in *People*

Achievements in 2009-2014



EPP Group



Who we are

We are the largest political family in Europe, driven by a centre-right political vision.

We are the Group of the European People's Party in the European Parliament.

What we believe in

We believe in people's individual potential to create the life they want.

We are pro-entrepreneurs, pro-trade, pro-education, pro-research and pro-innovation.

We create the setting that allows individuals to take the initiative to benefit themselves and society as a whole. We are part of the same team – helping each other, doing whatever it takes, to find solutions to challenges.

We see the European continent as a place where people travel, do business, invest, learn from each other, buy, sell, collaborate and team up. Do you?

Our people

We believe in people that are dynamic, entrepreneurial, talented, self-motivated and dedicated. People who have bright ideas and are motivated to follow their dream.

We believe in people that try out new ideas, take risks, aren't afraid of failure. People who pick themselves up and keep going till they get there. They adapt, change, learn, reform, grow and create.



We want to help people become successful and to help people when they struggle. We believe in providing a safety net for those who need it and in giving everyone an equal chance to succeed.

People are our economy. The people of Europe are the largest economy in the world. Everybody in Europe benefits from the world's largest market– by way of jobs linked to exports, e-commerce, foreign visitors, investment and competitive pricing. Are you in?

We want our family firms, our small businesses, our innovators, inventors, researchers, scientists and self-employed to be beacons for innovation and excellence across Europe and beyond.

We believe in people. Are you in?

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Our achievements in 2009-2014

1. We stabilised the euro, kept the eurozone together and managed the sovereign debt crisis:

The EPP political family represents responsible governance. We reformed national economies by taking sensible, tough decisions to achieve balanced budgets over the long-term, by:

- Setting rules to reduce state borrowing and debt;
- Verifying national budget reduction plans;
- Introducing rules for banks to reduce risks, save for hard times and cap bankers' bonuses;
- Introducing a supervisory structure for financial markets;
- Regulating the power of credit rating agencies;
- Safeguarding people's private savings and deposits;
- Providing loans to countries in crisis, because we believe in solidarity.



Bon de nuit

40cl champagne
Grand champagne 4,5€

le miel
2,6€

Pain à
6 Centimes

Chocolat
2,6€

Grand
4,5€

2. We helped our small and medium-sized businesses to set up and prosper, by:

- Reserving funding for loans to entrepreneurs to set up a business;
- Establishing smart rules to ensure invoices are paid promptly (within 30 days);
- Cutting burdensome rules (on VAT, recognition of professional qualifications, waste and labour legislation, amongst others);
- Ensuring free circulation of people, capital, goods and services (you and yours);
- Easing exports by abolishing tariffs and other trade barriers;
- Limiting the rise of energy prices and reducing roaming costs.

3. We helped young people enter the job market by:

- Setting aside money to get young people into work (2 billion euro);
- Approving funding to help school-leavers and graduates to find jobs, get trained, study abroad or start an apprenticeship (within 4 months);
- Securing nearly 40% extra financing for the Erasmus + programme, improving also young students' job prospects;
- Providing extra funds, loans and venture capital to 300 000 entrepreneurs (the COSME programme).



4. We protected your consumer rights, health rights and your environment, by:

- Ensuring products for sale are safe and dangerous ones are rapidly withdrawn (RAPEX);
- Demanding food products come with labels on content and origin;
- Increasing the reliability of online shopping, with cancellation and dispute options;
- Punishing hackers who steal your credit card details and passwords;
- Enforcing standards - for cleaner air, safer healthcare and a stable global climate.

5. We kept you safer, by:

- Funding tighter external border controls against irregular immigration (FRONTEX);
- Bringing in rules on asylum, for greater cooperation;
- Strengthening our foreign policy with the creation of a new diplomatic service (EEAS);
- Guaranteeing your rights and safety when travelling - by car, plane or train.

Believe in people. Team up. Are you in?



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