



Joint workshop in the framework of the PES electoral Congress

Understanding right-wing populism and what to do about it

 Friday, 1 March 2024, 16:30 - 19:00

 Partito Democratico headquarters, Rome, Italy

Via di Sant'Andrea delle Fratte, 16

David Sassoli meeting room

16:30 – 16:45 Welcome

- **Iratxe García Pérez**, Chair of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D Group)
- **Christophe Rouillon**, President of the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and Mayor of Coulaines, France

16:45 – 17:00 Keynote speech

- **Elly Schlein**, Leader of the Partito Democratico (Italy)

17:00 – 18:45 Working sessions

Moderator: **Ania Skrzypek**, Director for research and training at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

17:00 – 18:00 Session 1: The rise of far-right populism

Why is the rise of far-right a threat to democracy?

- **Daphne Halikiopoulou**, Chair in comparative politics, University of York

How should we respond: party and policy responses to the far right?

- **Tim Vlandas**, Associate professor in social policy, Oxford University

First respondents:

Brando Benifei, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament

Katarina Barley, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, Vice President, PES

Oliver Röpke, President, EESC

Political debate & Q&A

18:00 – 18:45 Session 2: The geography of discontent: Comparative outlook on case studies

- Germany: **Gabriele Bischoff**, Vice-president of the S&D Group in the European Parliament
- Hungary: **Kata Tüttő**, Deputy Mayor of Budapest and Vice-president of the PES Group in the CoR
- Sweden: **Helene Fritzon**, Vice-president of the S&D Group in the European Parliament
- Spain: **María Victoria Chivite Navascues**, President of the Autonomous Community of Navarre
- The Netherlands: **Thijs Reuten**, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament
- Austria: **Andreas Schieder**, Chair of the Next Left, Member of the S&D Group in the European Parliament
- Portugal: **Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, President of the European Committee of the regions
President of the Socialist party of the Azores

Political debate and Q&A

18:45 – 19:00 Conclusions

- **Maria João Rodrigues**, President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)
- **Nicola Zingaretti**, President of DEMO, Foundation of the Italian Democratic Party