



Next Left Research Program

Focus Group meeting

Vienna

4th-6th December 2024

Agenda

Wednesday 4th December 2024

Arrivals in the afternoon/evening

20h00 Dinner

Thursday 5th December 2024

@Karl-Renner-Institut, Karl-Popper-Strasse 8, 1100 Wien

09h00-09h30 **Welcome**
Maria Maltschnig, Director, Karl-Renner Institute
László Andor, Secretary General, FEPS
Andreas Schieder, Head of the SPÖ delegation in the European Parliament, S&D Group, Chair of the Next Left Research Program

09h30-11h00 Next Left Progressive Pollsters Network session: **"Strengthening the Centre-Left: Insights and Strategies for 2025 and Beyond"**

This session aims to connect Focus Group research with qualitative analyses of the centre-left in the EU and UK. Recent electoral shifts have reshaped social democracy, impacting its influence and public sentiment. Experts and academics will exchange insights to help strengthen the centre-left ahead of 2025 and the next EU legislative period.

Eva Zeglovits, Managing Director and Senior Researcher, IFES
Christabel Cooper, Director of Research, LabourTogether
Rado Fonda, Head of Research, SWG

Followed by discussion

Moderation: **Ania Skrzypek**, Director for Research and Training, FEPS

11h00-11h15 Coffee break

11h15-12h30 **Closed-door meeting** with Christian Sapetschnig
Deputy Federal Executive Director of the Social Democratic Party of Austria (SPÖ) (*confirmed*)

- 12h30-13h30 Lunch break
- 13h30-14h30 Next Left Progressive Pollsters Network session: **"Strengthening the Centre-Left: Insights and Strategies for 2025 and Beyond"**
Kaisa Vatanen, Senior Insights Manager, Dataprixs
Patrick English, Director of Political Analytics, YouGov
Michal Kowalczyk, Research Director, IBRIS
Bruno Jeanbart, Vice President, OpinionWay
- 14h30-16h45 **Next Left Focus Group** (closed-door session 1)
The Members of the NL FG are required to prepare 5 minutes presentation (maximum 3 ppt slides) focusing on:
- Conclusions of their paper and their respective recommendation
 - Points of coherence and disagreements vis-à-vis other papers
- Spontaneous reflections on how the recommendations from the respective papers connect with what has been discussed within the Next Left Pollsters Network Session are encouraged as well.*
- 16h45-17h00 Coffee break
- 17h30-19h00 Open event: **"The new EU term—how to bring Europe on the path for a socially just and green growth"**
- Speakers:
László Andor, General Secretary of FEPS
Andreas Schieder, Head of the SPÖ delegation in the European Parliament, S&D Group, Chair of the Next Left Research Program
Michael Soder, Economist in the Economic Policy Department of the Vienna Chamber of Labour
Lorenza Antonucci, Dr, Member of the FEPS Next Left Group and Associate Professor at University of Birmingham
- Moderation: Maria Maltschnig, Director of the Karl Renner Institute
- 19h00 Light dinner
Karl-Renner-Institut
- 19h30- 21h00 **Next Left Focus Group** (closed-door session 2)
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- Conclusions of their paper and their respective recommendation
 - Points of coherence and disagreements vis-à-vis other papers
- Spontaneous reflections on how the recommendations from the respective papers connect with what has been discussed within the Next Left Pollsters Network Session are encouraged as well.*



Friday 6th December 2024

@Austrian Parliament, Dr. Karl Renner-Ring 3, 1010 Wien

09h00-10h00

Recap and next steps for the Next Left Focus Group

Ania Skrzypek, Director for Research and Training, FEPS

The Members of the NL FG are required to think about 3 ideas:

- 1) Which proposal to emphasise as the common finding of this year's cycle?
- 2) How to boost the dissemination and expand the outreach for this year's results?
- 3) What would be the theme the NL FG should dive into in 2025?

10h00-11h15

Session in the Parliament and the Party Headquarters

Discussion with Eva-Maria Holzleitner, BSc

Member of the National Council, Upper Austria (*confirmed*)

11h30-12h30

Lunch

12h30-13h30

Guided tour of the Austrian Parliament with MEP Andreas Schieder, Head of the SPÖ Delegation, Chair of the Next Left Research Program

Departures in the afternoon

List of participants

1. Andreas Schieder, Head of the SPÖ delegation in the European Parliament, MEP, S&D Group, Chair of the Next Left Research Program
2. Ania Skrzypek, Director for Research and Training, FEPS
3. Anna Paczesniak, Professor of Political Science at the University of Wrocław
4. Bruno Jeanbart, Vice President, OpinionWay
5. Carlo D'Ippoliti, Associate professor of political economy at the Department of
6. Chiara Ricchi, Political Analytic Executive, YouGov
7. Kaisa Vatanen, Senior Insights Manager, Dataprix
8. Michal Kowalczyk, Research Director, IBRIS
9. Christabel Cooper, Director of Research, LabourTogether, Local councillor London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
10. Christian Sapetschnig, Deputy Federal Executive Director of the Social Democratic Party of Austria (SPÖ)
11. Dimitris Tsarouhas, Professor of International Affairs, Global Fellow at the Wilson Center (*excused*)
12. Eunice Goes, Professor of Politics, Richmond American University
13. Eva-Maria Holzleitner, BSc Member of the National Council, Upper Austria
14. Felix Butzlaff, Postdoctoral Fellow at CEU's Department of Public Policy, Central European University
15. João Albuquerque, former S&D Group MEP
16. Kaisa Vatanen, Senior Insights Manager, Dataprix
17. Konstantin Vössing, Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Comparative Politics in the Department of International Politics, City University of London
18. László Andor, Secretary General, FEPS
19. Lorenza Antonucci, Senior Lecturer in the Political Economy of Development at SOAS University of London
20. Margaret Haderer, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Technical University Vienna.
21. Maria Maltschnig, Director, Karl Renner Institute
22. Michael Soder, Economist in the Economic Policy Department, Vienna Chamber of Labour
23. Patrick Diamond, Professor of Public Policy, QMUL, Director, Mile End Institute, Trustee, Cambridge House (*excused*)
24. Patrick English, Director of Political Analytics, YouGov
25. Rado Fonda, Head of Research, SWG
26. Eva Zeglovits, Managing Director and Senior Researcher, IFES
27. Tomas Petricek, non-residential fellow, Centre of Global Political Economy, the Institute of International Relations
28. Céline Guedes, Project Officer, FEPS
29. Gerhard Marchl, Head of European Policy, Karl Renner Institute