

“ Under the recent shocks, the progressive potential of the EU should be rediscovered. It can be the guide to the necessary reset of our economic governance mechanism but also a new commitment to social cohesion. ”



László Andor

FEPS Secretary General

“ The return of LSDP to government was achieved through a combination of strategic reforms and renewed engagement with the public. (...) the party focused on reconnecting with its core values, emphasising social justice, equality and welfare. Listening tours and consultations with citizens helped identify the most pressing issues facing communities. ”



Gintautas Paluckas

Prime Minister of Lithuania

“ Given the well-documented evidence of the negative environmental footprint of EU agriculture, the need for a transition to more sustainable agriculture is more urgent than ever in the new political cycle. ”



Alan Matthews

Professor Emeritus of European Agricultural Policy, Trinity College Dublin

“ There will be no return to the single market, the customs union, or freedom of movement. Instead, Labour will work to improve the UK's trade and investment relationship with the EU, by tearing down unnecessary barriers to trade. ”



Patrick Diamond

Professor of Public Policy at
Queen Mary, University of London

“ The current problem is not the lack of well-defined solutions, but rather the lack of capacity to communicate them and to get stronger public support for them. Progressives will have a lot to do. ”



Maria João Rodrigues
FEPS President

“ To many US voters, any reservations they had about Trump's leadership or agenda, seemed to matter less than the simple, yet convincing, things he had to say about how he could be their economic champion, again. This afforded him an advantage where it mattered most for voters – their economic prospects. ”

Vassilis Ntousas

Senior manager and fellow for Europe for the Alliance for Securing Democracy (ASD) at the German Marshall Fund of the United States



“ Affordable housing and quality public healthcare, childcare and education, cost of living, wages and pensions – 'bread-and-butter' issues – are what Social Democrats should focus on in the next period. ”



Karolina Leaković

SDP Croatia International Secretary

“ AfD has become a true people's party, not merely despite its extremist stance but because of it. ”



Christian Krell

Professor of politics and sociology
at HSPV NRW (Cologne)

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This is a time for a new, bold and ambitious project, which would bring hope, respond to both people's fears and ambitions, and be a bridge across the diverse experiences of the past years.

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Ania Skrzypek

FEPS Director for Research and Training

“ To remain fair, open and legitimate, democracy has to be trusted by voters. Respecting, defending and strengthening democracy itself will have to be a priority for all Progressives and democrats everywhere, hand in hand with our own political project. ”

A portrait of James Booth, a man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue blazer over a green shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera.

James Booth

Chief analytics officer of Datapraxis

A portrait of Kaisa Vatanen, a woman with short reddish-brown hair, wearing a black top. She has a neutral expression and is looking towards the camera.

Kaisa Vatanen

Senior Insights Manager at Datapraxis

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The Commission will have to monitor the correct implementation of the New Pact, while resisting the pressures by those member states that will try – one way or another – to obtain derogation or go their own way. ”



Hedwig Giusto

FEPS Senior Research Fellow and
Editor in Chief of the Progressive Post

“ The conflict in Ukraine, the security implications of Donald Trump’s re-election, and the need for preparedness against the unexpected in terms of pandemics, climate change, energy or food supply require a budgetary system that can respond with sufficient speed ”



Giacomo Benedetto

Jean Monnet Chair at Royal Holloway,
University of London

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There are multiple domains in which the far right should be fought. Firstly, in elections, with competitors developing viable campaign strategies in their rhetoric and narratives. Secondly, in the media, to counter the normalisation of hate in communication. Thirdly, in the institutional domain to contest democratic backsliding. Fourthly, the policy domain, to stall or block specific far-right policies.

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Daphne Halikiopoulou

Chair in Comparative Politics at
the University of York

“ Certain lobby groups and right-wing forces in this Parliament are attempting to undermine the Green Deal and roll back policies we previously agreed upon. However, these forces must understand that the Green Deal is designed to last and that the path towards climate neutrality is crystal clear ”

Mohammed Chahim

Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group

