

Next Left Taskforce – Brussels meeting

Parti Socialiste Belge,

Boulevard de L'Empereur, n°13, 1000

The objective of the Next Left Task Force is to discuss the key issues and articulate inspiring proposals that could help reinvigorate the Progressive Movement in Europe. The exchange's content will be featured in a pamphlet drafted ahead of the PES (Renewal) Congress, announced for the autumn of 2025. To that end, the conversation in Brussels is expected to build on the repository of ideas as elaborated within the Next Left since 2009, as well as to assess the current context, anticipate the challenges, and set ambitions for the near, mid- and long-term future.

Agenda

9h00-12h00

Session I

Introductions

- Paul Magnette, President, Parti Socialiste Belge, Member of FEPS Scientific Council
- Andreas Schieder, MEP, S&D Group, Head of Delegation, Chair of the Next Left Research Programme

Exchange

12h30-14h00

Lunch

@Les Petits Oignons

14h00 – 16h00

Session II

Exchange

The general guiding questions:

- 1) *The situation of social democracy in Europe: the state of play, the possibilities in fragmented party systems and the political ambitions*
- 2) *The Global, European and national context: between overwhelming disruptions, transformative ambitions and capacities to deliver*
- 3) *The hope to reinvigorate: the programmatic innovations, the organisational aspirations and electoral strategies*

Possible reading ahead of the meeting:

<https://feps-europe.eu/theme/next-left-series/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/publication/next-left-country-case-studies/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/publication/progressive-ambition/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/publication/the-politics-of-polycrisis/>

Also, on last year's and recent elections:

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/austria/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/belgium/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/bulgaria/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/croatia/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/france/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/germany/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/lithuania/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/romania/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/uk/>

<https://feps-europe.eu/election/europe/>

List of participants

1. **Andreas Schieder**, MEP, S&D Group, Head of Delegation, Chair of the Next Left Research Programme
2. **Ania Skrzypek**, Director for Research and Training, FEPS
3. **Antonia Ortner**, APA to MEP Andreas Schieder
4. **Carlo D'Ippoliti**, Associate Professor, Political Economy at the Department of Statistical Sciences, Sapienza University of Rome
5. **Céline Guedes**, Partnership and Project Coordinator, FEPS
6. **Elena Gil**, Training and Project Coordinator, FEPS
7. **Eunice Goes**, Professor, Political Science, American University of Richmond in London
8. **Juliette Delacroix**, Advisor on International, Europe, Defense, Asile & Migration, Women's right, Institut Emile Vandervelde
9. **Kaisa Vatanen**, Chief Client Officer, Datapraxis
10. **Patrick Diamond**, Professor, Public Policy, Queen Mary University of London
11. **Paul Magnette**, President, Parti Socialiste Belge, Member of FEPS Scientific Council

- *Consultative status in the Next Left Taskforce (not in attendance in Brussels)* -

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