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Sustainability Heroes at the European Parliament

Background

You and 750 other representatives have been elected Members of the European Parliament. Congratulations! This is both a great honour and a great responsibility.

Your term comes at a critical time for Europe and the world. We are facing a **climate emergency**, an **environmental crisis**, **rising inequalities** and many more challenges for a sustainable future. The streets of Europe, from its largest metropolises to its smallest towns, have been the scenes of regular marches asking for climate action, extinction rebellions and demonstrations demanding women's rights and socio-economic justice. It is, then, little wonder that the majority of EU citizens have placed sustainability and the environment at the very top of their concerns, as reflected in poll after poll.

Moreover, the recent European Parliament elections saw the highest voter turnout in two decades, with progressive causes registering significant gains. This **growing citizen engagement** in EU politics is the best antidote against Euroscepticism, while increasing demands for socioeconomic and environmental justice provide you with a clear mandate for action: **we need Sustainability Heroes at the European Parliament!**

Mission

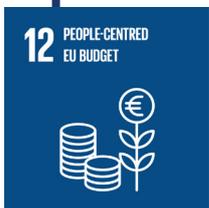
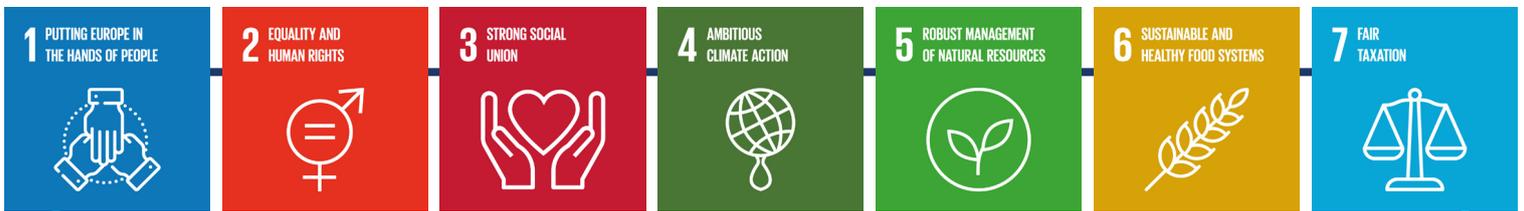
Your mission as a Sustainability Hero involves your support for legislation and policies that put the care for people and planet centre-stage, tackle global warming, reduce inequalities, achieve socioeconomic and environmental justice, protect nature, and preserve life in all its rich diversity. In short, **a sustainable Europe for its citizens and all its people.**

Profile

You care deeply not only about the constituents you represent, but also about peoples' well-being and the planet we all share. You believe that the European Union should be a global leader on environmental and sustainability matters, and you will do everything within your power to ensure that the EU builds on its successes and tackles its failures in becoming truly sustainable.

You are a team player. You will work with both with other MEPs across political groups, Committees and constituencies and with people to advance the cause of sustainability within Europe and across the globe. You are ready to oppose efforts that dismantle environmental, social and economic protections.

You are a self-starter. You will come up with your own initiatives to boost sustainability and muster up support for action.



Specific responsibilities

Sustainability Heroes are expected to take on the responsibilities put forward in our **Manifesto for A Sustainable Europe for Its Citizens**:

- 1 Putting Europe in the hands of people
- 2 Ensuring equality and human rights
- 3 Making a strong social Europe
- 4 Putting in place ambitious climate action
- 5 Managing natural resources sustainably
- 6 Promoting sustainable and healthy food systems
- 7 Ensuring fair taxation
- 8 Pursuing a fair-trade agenda
- 9 Achieving the 2030 agenda for sustainable development
- 10 Ensuring a people-centred response to migration
- 11 Promoting needs-driven and responsible research
- 12 Contributing to a people-centred EU budget

Perks and benefits

This highly demanding role comes with a commensurate compensation package. Perks and benefits include:

- The satisfaction and support of European voters
- The joy of serving the best interests of all people in Europe
- Protecting the environment for current and future generations

Looking for allies?

SDG Watch Europe is a cross-sectoral civil society alliance made up of over 100 organisations from across Europe. It campaigns for the ambitious implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in and by the European Union.

We are here to work with all Sustainability Heroes at the European Parliament. Become part of #MEPs4SDGs

www.SDGWatchEurope.org

Visit our website to **find out more** about our work, to **subscribe to our newsletter** and **get in touch**.

- Learn more about the state of inequalities in SDG Watch Europe's '**Falling through the cracks: Exposing inequalities in Europe and beyond**' report.
- Find out more about the negative global impacts of EU policies in SDG Watch Europe's '**Who is Paying the Bill?**' report.
- Discover what you can do to make sustainable development a reality.



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