

## Pirates

### Our European Election Program in Simple Language

### Elections in the EU

The EU is a community of 27 countries.

Luxembourg is in the EU.

EU is an abbreviation for: the European Union.

On June 9, 2024, there will be elections in the EU.

Then you can choose which party you like best.

The Pirates are a political party.

A political party is a group of people with ideas for new laws.

Our party is called the "Pirate Party" or "Pirates."

The Pirates want to improve many things in the EU.

This text states what the Pirates want to improve in Europe.

This text is also called an election program.

The Pirates would like to be elected in the EU election.

Then they could help improve the things from this text.

### More Participation

Participation means that people can get more involved in politics.

The Pirates find more participation important.

People should be able to discuss new laws.

That's why the Pirates want people to be asked for their opinions more often.

Politics should listen more to the people.

## **New Solutions**

There are many problems in the EU.

The Pirates want new solutions for these problems.

## **Manufacturing**

Some things do not come from the EU.

They come from countries that are not in the EU group.

This can be a problem.

Because sometimes those countries do not give us anything.

Then we lack things or they become very expensive.

That's why the Pirates want the EU to make much more itself.

## **Electricity**

It is also a problem when electricity is expensive.

The Pirates want the EU to produce a lot of electricity itself and not be expensive.

Electricity can be made in different ways.

It can be made with coal and nuclear power plants.

That makes a lot of mess. The Pirates do not want that.

It can also be made with water, wind, and the sun.

The Pirates think that's good.

## **Electric Cars**

Electric cars make less mess than other cars.

The Pirates think that's good.

The batteries of electric cars still make too much mess.

That is another problem.

The Pirates want to improve that.

## **Patents**

Ideas should not belong to anyone.

For example, if someone has a good idea for a medication, everyone should be able to make that medication.

Otherwise, we get fewer medications.

That is a problem.

## **Taxes**

Many people have to pay taxes.

That means they give a part of the money they earn to the state.

Taxes are not the same and fair everywhere.

The Pirates want to improve that.

## **Space**

Some people work on things for space.

They work, for example, on satellites or rockets.

The Pirates want the EU to get clear rules for space.

## **Animals and Farmers**

Farmers keep animals and grow fruits and vegetables.

Those who treat animals and the environment well should get extra money for it.

## **Economy and Society**

The Pirates want fair economic policies.

Everyone should have enough money to live well.

Even old people should have enough money.

Currently, old people do not always have enough money.

## **More Freedom**

The Pirates want people to live in freedom.

Everyone should be able to decide for themselves how they live.

## **Participation**

Everyone should be treated equally.

People with disabilities should be able to participate everywhere.

People from other countries should be allowed to participate everywhere.

## **No Exclusion**

It should not matter what gender someone is.

It should not matter whether a man likes a man, or a woman likes a woman.

The Pirates want everyone in Europe to be able to live their sexuality freely.

This is not the case in every country.

People, who are attacked in their country for this reason, should be allowed to come to Luxembourg.

## **Freedom to Speak and Think**

One should be able to freely say what one thinks.

Newspapers should be able to freely write what they want.

## **No Surveillance**

One should not be monitored.

Even on the Internet, one should not be monitored.

Everyone should be able to use the Internet.

## **Guarantee Security**

### **Extreme Parties**

In politics, you can distinguish between "right" and "left."

Right-wing parties want everything to stay the same.

Or, that it becomes as it was.

Left-wing parties want things to be different.

Extreme right or extreme left parties impose their ideas on people.

The Pirates do not want this.

The Pirates want an EU without extreme parties.

### **Police**

In the EU, the police from different countries should work well together.

Those who harm children or adults should be quickly found by the police.

Terrorists should be found quickly.

Illegal weapons should be found quickly.

## **Drugs**

People who take drugs can become addicted.

These people are sick.

The Pirates want to help these sick people.

These people should no longer be locked up because of their illness.

The Pirates want the police to no longer punish those who smoke cannabis.

The police should only arrest those who sell drugs.

## **Espionage**

There are computer programs for spying on people.

No one should get EU money for such programs.

Computer programs and the Internet should be made secure.

## **People on the Run**

Every person in this world has rights.

The Pirates want these rights to be respected.

People have to flee their countries because of wars.

When they flee to the EU, they are accommodated in buildings.

The Pirates want these people to be treated well throughout the EU.

No one should harm them.

They should also be allowed to work in the EU.

Because with their work they can help the EU.

## **War**

The EU should get a common army for peace.

The Pirates want to help Ukrainians defend themselves against Russia.

Because the country of Russia has attacked the country of Ukraine in a war.

Also, Israel and Palestine are in a war. Israel and Palestine should become two separate states.

## **Road Safety**

Accidents can happen on the roads.

The roads should be safe through better technology.

The same rules should apply to all cars in the EU.

## **Protecting the Environment, Climate, and Nature**

### **Climate**

Our planet is getting warmer.

This is known as global warming.

Global warming should be limited to 1.5 degrees.

Many countries have set this as a goal with the Paris Climate Agreement.

This goal should be achieved.

For this reason, people should be rewarded when they do good things for the climate.

And modern technologies should also be used.

### **Nuclear Power**

Nuclear power plants produce electricity.

But they also create pollution.

This pollution can make people and animals sick.

The Pirates therefore do not want nuclear power.

## **Protection of Animals and Plants**

Many animals and plants are dying out.

They will no longer exist on Earth.

The Pirates want to prevent this.

Nature should be protected.

The EU should have the same strict rules for environmental protection everywhere.

Everyone should be able to find information and data about nature quickly.

## **Pollution**

People produce a lot of waste.

The Pirates want less waste to be produced.

Those who create waste should have to pay for it.

Less plastic should be used. Less food should be thrown away.

Clothes should be used for a long time.

Even in space, no more waste should be created.

## **Healthy Eating**

Everyone should be able to buy good food.

Food without harmful substances should be cheaper.

Different workers produce food.

Food from workers who are treated well should be cheaper.

People should receive a lot of information about the food on the packaging.

This could also be done digitally with a code for the mobile phone.

Food can be genetically modified.



Then something in their cells is changed.

The cells are the building blocks they are made of.

Such foods should be specially marked.

Overall, food should be better labeled.

The EU should have strict criteria for labels.

A label is a symbol.

Such a symbol indicates whether a food is good.

## **Strengthening Animal Protection**

Animals are important to the Pirates.

Animals must be treated well.

Not every person treats animals well.

The Pirates want strict penalties when a person mistreats animals.

### **Fur**

Many animals have fur.

Sometimes clothes are made from it.

Animals are killed for it.

The Pirates do not agree with this.

The Pirates are against the sale of fur.

### **Hunting**

Hunting can be done on different animals.

Hunting should not unnecessarily disturb the animals and nature.

Therefore, the Pirates want no driven hunts in the EU.

Driven hunts cause a lot of stress to the animals.

Even those animals that are not hunted.

And many plants are also destroyed.

This is not good.

In the EU, the same strict rules for hunting should apply everywhere.

### **Animals on Farms**

Some animals we eat.

They are kept on farms and then slaughtered.

Sometimes too many animals are kept on a farm.

The animals cannot move.

They get sick quickly and therefore need medication.

The Pirates do not want this.

When animals are slaughtered, they should not suffer.

The EU should check this.

Animals should not be transported far.

It is cramped in a truck and they get scared.

The EU should make stricter rules here.

### **Animal Sales**

Some people sell animals.

These are breeders.

The Pirates want rules for breeders in the EU.  
Selling animals should not be just about money.  
It should ensure the animals are well cared for.

## **Animal Shows**

There are shows with animals.  
Such shows scare the animals.  
Therefore, they should be banned.

Animals in circuses or dolphinariums should be banned.

Animals in zoos should be well cared for.  
The zoo should not focus on money but on the animals.

## **Pets**

Pets should also be better protected.  
Those who harm their pets should be more severely punished.

Pets can receive a chip.  
The chip is under the animal's skin.  
The chip contains information about the animal.  
The Pirates want owner information always to be included on the chip.  
This way, owners and their pets can be found if something happens.

## **Animals in Science**

Sometimes, tests are conducted on animals for science.

This hurts the animals and scares them.

This should be done less.

In the EU, more alternative tests should be conducted without using animals.

## **Fisheries**

We are catching too many fish from the sea.

There are not enough fish left in the sea.

Therefore, there are already places where fishing is not allowed.

The EU should better ensure that no one fishes there.

Fish can also be farmed.

Then it does not come from the sea.

Enough fish remains in the sea for the animals to eat.

Such fish should be able to be sold cheaper.

But only if it is also local and organic.

That means, the fish received no medications.

And the fish was not transported far.

## **Good Living and Good Life in the EU**

### **European Passport**

Every country in the EU has its own passport for its people.

Additionally, everyone should receive an EU passport.

This would make travel even easier.

And everyone would feel more like a part of the EU.

## **Moving**

Everyone should be able to move easily within the EU.

For this, we need more common rules in the EU for:

- School diplomas
- Pensions
- Insurances
- Car papers
- and other things

## **Health**

When someone is sick, they should be well taken care of in the EU,  
regardless of whether they have money or not.

For this, we want a "Health Union" where the EU works together to take good care of everyone.

Everyone should get enough medications.

Pregnant women and children should be well examined.

Sometimes a person feels bad when their body hurts.

A person can also feel bad if they are always sad or always scared.

Then it is said that the person is not doing well "mentally".

The Pirates want people to get better help when they are not doing well mentally.

Sometimes doctors perform poorly.

Then they should not be allowed to work in any country of the EU anymore.

This must also be checked.

The health insurance from the countries of the EU must work better together.

## **Mobility**

Everyone should be able to travel by bus, train, or tram in the EU.

They should quickly take people where they want to go.

More night trains should run for long distances.

People with disabilities should be able to travel without any problems.

It should become even easier to own an electric car in the EU.

To charge such cars, one often needs a card.

This card should be the same throughout the EU.

Charging stations for electric cars should also be accessible to people with disabilities.

It should be examined whether an EU vignette could be introduced.

A vignette is a ticket for using the roads.

Various countries in the EU have this.

But each country has a different system.

This is not clear.

An EU system could improve this.

Cars are useful but also pollute the air.

People should be told how much pollution their car produces.

The figures about the pollution should not be manipulated.

## **WiFi**

Computers, mobile phones, and the internet are increasingly used.

The Pirates want everyone to have good internet access.

In public places, one should be able to access the internet for free.

Public places are, for example, a park, a train station, or a pedestrian zone.

These are places where many people can freely go.

## **Youth Program**

The Pirates want a "Youth Program" for the EU.

This is a program for young people under 30 years of age.

Young people should be able to participate for free in projects from other EU countries.

The projects should last at least 4 weeks.

This way, young people from the EU can get to know each other.

This is good for cooperation and peace in the EU.

## **Greater Region**

The Greater Region includes Luxembourg, Saarland, Rhineland-Palatinate, Lorraine, and Wallonia.

These 5 regions sometimes work together.

The Pirates want them to work together more.

This could help them establish better rules.

Then, for example, people could work more easily and pay less tax.

They would also have quicker access to doctors and hospitals.

People could benefit more from the culture of the Greater Region.

And the police could work better.