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“Abbiamo bisogno di visione e per questo serve la politica. Sono necessari partiti europei sempre più capaci di essere l'architrate della nostra democrazia.”

“We need vision, and this is what politics is for. We need European parties capable of becoming the cornerstone of our democracy.”

-Excerpt from the address by David Sassoli to the European Parliament upon his election to its Presidency (3 July 2019)



Present Future of Europe

At this moment, the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission are jointly committed to listening to the voices of the 450 million European citizens to follow up, within their respective competences and in accordance with the treaties, on the recommendations received in the “Conference on the Future of Europe”.

This participatory process was launched on Europe Day, 9 May 2021, in the hemicycle of Strasbourg, the parliamentary seat of European representative democracy where the 705 directly elected MEPs in their respective 27 member states operate.

The members of the European Parliament (MEPs) belong to specific political groups and strengthen their activity on the territory also through the European political foundations.

But what is the dynamic between parliamentary groups and European political foundations? To what extent do political foundations influence EU democracy and decision-making?

This exhibition introduces the origins of the main political groups in the European Parliament and the activities of four important political foundations through a selection of documents from the Historical Archives of the European Union, the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES), the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), the European Liberal Forum (ELF) and the Green European Foundation (GEF).



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