

## GUE/NGL

### **The European United Left / Nordic Green Left**

The European United Left/Nordic Green Left is the leftwing group in the European Parliament. It contains different ideologies spanning from democratic socialism to communism but also contains a left-wing populist as well as a very small animal's rights wing.

#### Ideological Wings of the S&D

The Democratic Socialists are one of the two largest wings of GUE/NGL. The Democratic Socialists are the most moderate wing of GUE/NGL. Its stances on the USE span from soft Euroscepticism to europhilia. They also tend to be moderately critical of USE's NATO membership. Otherwise, the Democratic Socialists' Positions are closely aligned to the mainstream positions of the party.

The Left-Wing Populists are the other large wing of GUE/NGL. The Left-Wing Populists are a rather representative wing of GUE/NGL, but are more eurosceptic than the party position. They also strongly fight against free-trade deals with Canada and the US.

The Communists are the most radical wing of GUE/NGL. The Communists mostly have Marxist-Leninist tendencies, can be supportive of Russia and strongly oppose good relations with the West. The Communists support a worker-controlled economy, a total abolition of capitalism and more radical policies than the party.

#### Core Issues for the S&D

On the economy, the GUE/NGL calls for a 13€/hour minimum wage, a 32-hour workweek as well as a retirement age of 60 and 6 weeks of paid leave. The Left also wants to end austerity. The Left also calls for full nationalization of all



commodities. On environmental issues, the Left wants a full transition to renewables by 2040, CO<sub>2</sub>-neutrality by 2035 by having a European green transition worth €7.5T to completely revamp the entire economical system.

On foreign policy, GUE/NGL calls for the USE to leave NATO and for a de-escalation of the tensions with Russia. The Left wants recognition of Palestine by the USE and for the USE to negotiate the acquisition of Northern Ireland.

On education, GUE/NGL wants the minimum amount of school years to be set to at least 12, a vast spending effort, making sure that every student is helped in terms of educational success, mental health and also financial/economical stability.

On healthcare, the Left wants to nationalize every health service, make it completely free to the user and include therapies, auditive, dental and visual health to the coverage. GUE/NGL calls for a ban on profit-making in the healthcare sector, abolition of intellectual property protection on vaccines and a state guarantee of healthcare access.

On financial issues and taxation, the Left wants an increase in taxes for high-earners, some taxes on importation and a strong increase in capital-gains taxes. GUE/NGL however opposes a carbon tax as it is a regressive tax. These should fund the spending increases proposed by GUE/NGL.