

RE

Renew Europe

Party History:

“Pro-European and centrist political group in the European Parliament” - Renew Europe.

Renew is a liberal party of the European Parliament and is the successor to the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) following the fusion in 2019 with Emmanuel Macron’s “Renaissance” electoral list. As the third-largest group with the political positions more or less in between the Social Democrats and European People’s Party, it may swing either way to provide the necessary majorities, taking on a sort of “kingmaker” role, however, the majority of RE’s parliamentarians lean right.

At the core of RE lies the support for free-market economics and European integration, notable examples of that being the push for a European Defense Union and stocking up Erasmus.

Wings of Renew:

RE has two very distinct wings:

The large Liberal-Conservative/Libertarian wing, whose focus on Fiscal and Monetary policy strongly outweighs Social policy.

The smaller Social-Liberal wing, which on the contrary prioritizes Social and Progressive policies.

The most radical of the respective wings are outright conservative or social democratic and might seek out stronger ties with the EPP and S&D/Greens respectively. Not all delegates can be aligned to one or the other as they may simply express moderate opinions on everything. The preference for free markets however is true for everybody, just for some more than the others.

Core Issues:

Finance:

For most of the RE MEPs, financial policy is of utmost priority. The positions range however from conservative German policy of keeping the

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“0” and counteracting inflation to Keynesian vast government spending in order to boost the economy and finance measures to counteract climate change. There is a general agreement that the best way to do so is through internalizing the external costs of production by means of the Emissions Trading System (ETS) and technological innovations. Taxes are for the most part held as low as possible, especially for the “middle class” and there’s the belief that pensions may be financed through the stock market. RE also takes a strong stance against corruption.

Social Freedoms:

Social Freedoms are another major selling point for RE that let it stand out from the conservative EPP. LGBTQI+ rights, decriminalization /legalization of soft drugs and Women’s rights (Government imposed quotas are however generally frowned upon) are very important and leave the path for collaboration with the centre-left parties in the same way that the financial policies pave way for collaboration with the right. However, the approach to COVID was very varied and will be a point of conflict amongst the delegates as some advocated for strict lockdowns, whilst others outright refused to vaccinate themselves for a long time and/or simply ignored COVID rules, believing them to be excessive.

EU Military:

All delegates are united in the call for the establishment of an EU Military, however without compulsory military service. Furthermore, NATO and the USA are regarded as very close allies.