

# DEMOCRACY UPDATE FOR THE EU

**For favoring participatory action, the European Policy has to change:**

- + Shift decision-making authority from EU Commission (executive) towards EU Parliament (legislative).
- Eliminate unreasonable barriers to political participation.
- Smaller amount of required supporter signatures for the acceptance of people's initiatives and the formation of new parties.

# TRANSPARENCY IN THE EU

**The basis for political decision-making of the EU must be traceable.**

- + Disclose the influence of interest groups & lobbyists.
- + Install Whistleblower protection: Comprehensive, legal protection of persons, who amongst others discover cases of corruption, insider trading, human rights violations and breaches of morality & ethics.
- + Disclose all contracts & monetary advantages relating to the government or the public sector.

# CITIZENS PRIVACY

**Our rights & freedoms must be preserved and the efficiency of law enforcement has to be guaranteed. The EU Data Protection Regulation has to strengthen relevant rights of EU citizens in all European countries, so that bypassing the guidelines (e.g. by headquarters in Ireland) can be prevented.**

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# INDUSTRY

- + Strict standards for all industrial systems that process automated data.
- + Disclosing source code for those standards.
- + Quality control by experts of same field (peer-reviewed).

# NETWORK POLICY

**Free and equal access to the internet is nowadays a prerequisite to participation in society.**

- + Include the right to receive „digital participation“ in the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.
- + Promote broadband expansion across the whole EU.
- + Ensuring non-discriminatory, anonymous access in the entire EU by introducing net neutrality (as an EU law).

# REFUGEE POLICY

**We condemn all tendencies to determine asylum & refugee policy by a repressive apparatus of survey and control.**

**EU Neighbourhood Policy should lead to a sustainable improvement of living conditions and to a promotion of human rights in all partner countries.**

# COPYRIGHT

**We want a fair and balanced copyright law, which is based on the interests of society as a whole. The access to information, knowledge and culture has to be made easier.**

- + Free copying, using and deploying of art and literature for non-commercial purposes must be protected.
- Monopoly rights must be limited to a reasonable amount of time.
- National, fake barriers for cultural goods in the European single market must be abolished

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## DATA TRADING IN GENERAL

- No exchange of personal data within & outside the EU without any initial suspicion.
- No transfer of bank & passenger data.
- No Eurosur border data collection.
- No handing over of personal data to countries without effective protection of fundamental rights.

## INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE

- Ban of indiscriminate personal identifications in public spaces without criminal suspicion – especially in connection with demonstrations.
- Prohibition of mass surveillance & data retention.
- + Surveillance only allowed with a court order (and under judicial review)
- Fewer surveillance cameras – more police presence.
- No capture & storage of biometric data of spotless citizens.

**We call for a moratorium on surveillance plans and demand a fundamental rights stamp.**

**The European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) shall examine all current and future security programs of the EU and therefore be equipped with all relevant power.**

- + Moratorium on new monitoring systems until systematic review of FRA is complete.
- Disestablish automatic „profiling“ of people (for classification into risk categories) and similar methods.

## PATENT LAW

**The existing patent system needs to be fundamentally reformed!**

**Patents serve to reward outstanding ideas – not to stifle the market with an ever-growing tide of trivial, overreaching patents.**

- No patenting in genetics and biotechnology.
- No monopoly on plants, seeds and works of nature.
- No patenting on computer programs or business models
- No extension of patent protection by spurious changes of medicine.

**Innovation has to be fairly rewarded – this is also possible without monopoly rights!**

- + Promote pharmaceutical innovation by alternative financing methods.
- Prevent practices such as paying competitors of patent owners in order to delay generics releases.
- Break the direct link between research reward and drug price to ensure medicine to be affordable to everyone.

## FREE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

**Citizen data, stored in the public sector, shall be processed and managed with free software – proprietary software only in exceptional cases.**

- Access must not be limited by fees, licenses or excessive application procedures.
- + Free and easy access to results of publicly funded research.

**Free knowledge & information flow is important and needs extra support for a barrier-free access to education.**

- + Strengthen development & promotion of free teaching materials.
- + Enhance digitalisation & publication of documents that are stored in public libraries and archives.

## TRADE POLICY

**Certain conditions concerning negotiations of the EU on trade agreements have to be met:**

- Strong involvement of the European Parliament.
- Comprehensive access to information and public hearings.
- Respect for the citizens' self-determination and privacy.
- Taking the interests of small and medium-sized enterprises into account.

**We Pirates work for a United Europe, where all people are treated fairly and equally. This approach rests upon more democracy, more citizen participation, a free Internet with free communication and the fight against human rights violations.**

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