

EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (EPP)



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Priorities for the EPP Group

ECONOMY

- Create a “**Marshall Plan**” with **Africa** in order to create working opportunities for youth and prevent departures from these countries
- Fight for equal opportunities for women in the labor market
- Increase the European Fund for Transition to help those who lose their jobs due to digitalization and globalization
- Create **5 million new jobs** across the EU to stop brain drain by investing in infrastructure and innovation
- Make it easier for companies and entrepreneurs to get financing
- Ensure that the EU industrial and competition policy will allow global champions to be built in Europe
- **Modernize the Common Agricultural Policy** to make it more sustainable and results-drive

ENVIRONMENT

- Ensure an **effective price on CO2** with a well-functioning EU ETS and further **incentivize emission reductions** in the industry and energy sectors
- Facilitate investments in **innovative low-carbon technologies** (including e-mobility)
- Build a true Energy Union, where electricity and gas can cross borders without obstacles

SOCIAL POLICIES

- Support investment in the area of health to combat the challenges arising from an ageing population
- Reform the Common European Asylum System and **establish a European Return Warrant System** to ensure the return of rejected asylum seekers to their countries of origin
- Introduce a **digital tax** to ensure that digital giants pay their fair share of financing of the EU's digital infrastructure
- **Abolish over 1.000 outdated and unnecessary regulations**, and cutting the number of bureaucrats in the EU institutions to make the system more efficient

Key Priorities as Spitzenkandidat

- Equip the European Border and Coast Guard Agency with at least **10.000 additional officers** by 2022
- Turn **Europol into a European “FBI”** to fight against terrorism and international organized crime
- Stop accession talks with Turkey

MANFRED WEBER:

- Born on July 14, 1972 (47 years old), in Bavaria (Germany)
- Chairman of the largest political group in the European Parliament since 2014
- MEP since 2004
- Became the youngest Member of the Bavarian State Parliament at age of 30 (2002-2004)
- He worked as a self-employed engineer before starting up two companies (1996-2004)
- Graduated in physical engineering from the Munich University of Applied Sciences (1996)