

# PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE OF SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS (S&D)

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## Priorities for the S&D Group

### SOCIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

- Prioritisation of investments in fields such as **social inclusion**, fight against all types of inequalities as well as **preservation of the environment**
- Reduction of the number of people at risk of poverty and of the **long-term unemployed**
- A more **human EU Migration Policy** supporting refugees' integration in host communities and ensuring an effective border control

### ECONOMY

- Make use of the technological changes under way to fight territorial inequalities in the EU
- A stronger surveillance of the financial sector, especially of finance and **tax fraud crimes**

### DEMOCRACY AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

- Putting the reinforced **consultation/collaboration with civil society** at the heart of EU-level decision-making
- An equal-footing partnership with African countries based on a dialogue on issues such as democracy, human rights as well as international trade
- A more active EU in the promotion of stability, peace, democracy and human rights on the international scene
- More transparency on the negotiations of trade deals between the EU and third countries
- A more **active EU on the global stage**, especially on issues such as fair trade and international solidarity
- Introduction of a link between the respect of the Rule of Law and the European Structural Funds

## Key Priorities as Spitzenkandidat

- A fairer society **fighting poverty and gender inequalities** (domestic violence and gender pay gap)
- A reform of the European Single Market putting a specific accent on investments for SMEs and on the development of the EU Industrial Policy
- A focus on the fight against climate change via measures in the field of **circular economy** and **sustainable batteries**
- A better redistributed Cohesion Policy between the urban and rural areas

### FRANS TIMMERMANS :

- Born in 1961 in Maastricht (NL)
- Degrees in French Language and Literature, European Law and History
- Began his career at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the Dutch Embassy to Russia
- Member of the Dutch Parliament from 1997-2007 (PvdA)
- Minister of European Affairs (2007-2010), Minister of Foreign Affairs (2012 to 2014)
- Since 2012, First Vice-President of European Commission for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, Rule of Law and European Charter of Fundamental Rights