

ALLIANCE OF LIBERALS AND DEMOCRATS FOR EUROPE (ALDE)



“TEAM EUROPE”

Priorities for the ALDE Group

ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- Promote free trade underpinned by a strong WTO
- Develop **more trade agreements** between the EU and third countries
- Reinforce the Single Market in the **digital sector**
- Strength the free flow of people, goods, services and capital
- Invest in research and innovation while bridging the generational digital skills gap

CLIMATE/ENERGY

- Support international environmental cooperation to **meet the Paris Agreement** and the SDG
- Set ambitious targets backing moves to foster research and development in technologies
- Increase investment in **smart mobility and sustainable infrastructure**

TRANSPORT

- Promote self-driving vehicles on EU roads and greater investment in cross border and sustainable infrastructure

SOCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES

- **Increase the transparency of the EU** and bring it closer to citizens
- Oppose the rising wave of populism and Euroscepticism
- A **new EU asylum and migration system** fit for purpose and based on a long-term vision

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) opposes the notion of the so-called *Spitzenkandidat*, and has instead nominated a team of seven candidates, known as “Team Europe”:

- (Far Left) **LUIS GARICANO**, born in Valladolid (ES) in 1967, Professor of Economics and Strategy, Chief Economist of Ciudadanos Party
- (Middle Back) **MARGRETHE VESTAGER**, born in Glostrup (DK), European Commissioner for Competition since 2014, Danish Minister of Interior Affairs (2011-2014), degree in Economics, involved in politics since the age of 21
- (Middle Back Right) **GUY VERHOFSTADT**, born in Dendermonde (BE), current ALDE Group Leader in the European Parliament, MEP since 2009, Prime Minister of Belgium (1999–2008), degree in Law
- (Far Right) **VIOLETA BULC**, born in Ljubljana (SL) in 1964, European Commissioner for Transport and Tourism, Deputy Prime Minister of Slovenia (2014), degree in IT and Computer Science, former member of Yugoslav national basketball team
- (Front Right) **KATALIN CSEH**, born in 1988 (HU), Doctor in obstetrics and gynecology and Lead candidate of Momentum for the European Elections
- (Front Middle) **EMMA BONINO**, born in 1948 (IT), current Senator for Rome, former EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (1995-1999), former Minister of International Commerce and European Affairs (2006-2008), involved in politics since 1976
- (Front Left) **NICOLA BEER**, born in Weisbaden (DE) in 1970, Secretary General of FDP, member of FDP since 1991, member of regional parliament from 1999-2019, Degree in Law