

# ALLIANCE OF CONSERVATIVES AND REFORMERS IN EUROPE (ECR)



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## Priorities for the ECR Group

### BORDERS/MIGRATION

- Enhance Europe's **internal and external security**
- A migration system which respects the voice and wishes of its Member States
- A more secure continent with the European Union providing its border states with means to strengthen their national capacities to protect their borders
- **Against an arbitrary distribution of migrants** within the European Union. Migration policy should not be dealt at the European level but should be left in the hand of the nation states

### ECONOMY

- Sensible and sustainable measures at the European level do not have to place unnecessary and costly burdens on businesses and Member States
- Put in place a number of important international agreements
- **Reduce the EU regulations** applied to businesses

### DEMOCRACY AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

- A European Union which connects its citizens and its Member States, allowing them to live, work and travel without unnecessary obstacles and bureaucracy
- Increasing **democratic accountability and transparency**
- **Scale back European Commission** (a group of civil servants not a political body) with a short-term and punctual strategy

## Key Priorities as Spitzenkandidat

- Freeze all ongoing legislations to make a new assessment to identify unnecessary texts
- A flexible integration within the European Union (Member States shall establish practical partnerships between each other and choose their level of integration)
- **More power to national parliaments** making more effective the “yellow-card” procedure imposing a legal obligation on the European Commission to withdraw the draft if the criteria are met (“red-card” procedure).
- **A multi-currency Europe** where Member States adopt different national currencies all legally equal at the European level

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- Born in 1963 in Prague (CZ)
- MEP since 2004, member of ODS
- Chairman of the ECR since 2011
- Vice-Chairman of the Committee on International Trade, Member of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee
- Early career as researcher in water management
- Served as Co-Chairman of the Czech Joint Parliamentary EU-Czech Republic Committee
- Represented Czech Republic at the 2002 Convention on the Future of the European Union
- Representative of the Czech Prime Minister during the Lisbon Treaty negotiations