



European Democrats' Declaration on Inclusive Representation *Bilbao, November 21 2025*

We, the member parties of the European Democratic Party, gathered in Bilbao under the framework of the EDP Congress, reaffirm our deep commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusion in political life. As Democrats, we believe that every person—regardless of their gender, origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, ability, or faith—must have an equal voice in shaping the future of our continent.

Our Commitments

1. Promote political engagement among all communities.

We recognise the importance of active political participation from all parts of society—from voting to representation in decision-making bodies. Democracies thrive when every citizen has a voice.

2. Build inclusive and representative party structures.

We will strengthen our internal processes to ensure that individuals from minority and underrepresented communities can access opportunities to lead and contribute meaningfully to our shared democratic mission.

3. Use technology to advance inclusion.

We embrace digital innovation as a tool to reach, empower, and train individuals from all backgrounds—especially those who face barriers to participation—to engage in political life and public service.

4. Champion representation at all levels of governance.

We commit to fostering an environment in which minorities and underrepresented groups are encouraged and supported to take part in political life, recognising that diverse perspectives strengthen democratic governance.

5. Foster networks and alliances for equal political participation.

We encourage the creation of platforms, caucuses, and partnerships that promote exchange, mentoring, and solidarity among those working toward inclusive representation.

6. Equal rights for all, mindful of overlapping barriers.



Rights are universal and equal for everyone. In real life, some differences (gender, origin, sexual orientation, disability, age) can stack up, creating extra obstacles. That doesn't justify fragmenting society into micro-identities: it means designing policies that are principled and universal, with targeted, proportionate tools to remove those barriers where they appear—without creating silos or hierarchies.

7. Embed inclusion in our founding principles. We will include in our statutes a clear commitment to diversity, equality, and the defence of minority rights across Europe, ensuring these values guide all our political activities.

Our Democratic Responsibility

We, Democrats, stand united against discrimination, hatred, and exclusion. We reject rhetoric and actions that seek to divide our societies or diminish the rights of any individual. Our duty is to build an open, inclusive, and participatory Europe—one where democracy is strengthened by the diversity of all its people.