



Newropeans is a trans-European political project which aims at democratising the European Union. We follow three roads of action.



1) We will **present candidates at the European elections** as a single trans-European movement in all 27 member states as of 2009. That is how we bring the claim for democracy and the common expectations of European citizens into political competition.

2) We are building a **unique network of Europeans** who engage for the democratisation of the EU. We show how trans-European political action is possible: We pioneer internal e-democracy and the direct exchange with citizens throughout the EU.

3) We will play a growing role in **setting the public agenda** in all the member states by our trans-European policy proposals, statements and projects.

Newropeans is not left or right, not in favour or against Europe. We are naturally into it and we are concerned with the key question of the coming decades: Who will run the EU? Its citizens? Or bureaucrats, lobbies, oligarchs...?

We are unlike all parties or organisations you have known to date. Newropeans is a unique political movement born in the European Union for the European Union.

Hitting the political road : Democratising the EU is our job for the next 15 years!



Newropeans will present candidates in all EU countries under the same name and with the same programme starting with the next European elections in 2009. We do not participate in national or regional elections. We focus on Europe and on the reforms to improve the democratic control over the EU's institutions and policies.

For the first time in history, Newropeans provides Europeans with the chance to act truly European on a political scale: they can vote – together with millions of other Europeans – for the same trans-European movement with a widely-shared vision of our democratic future.

The direct link to the European citizens gives Newropeans a unique legitimacy to speak up for a democratic Europe. Our entry onto the political scene will change European politics in Brussels and in the member countries. The traditional national parties will have to confront Newropeans' ideas – and will adopt a large part of them over the years.

This is what Newropeans wants to be: a catalyst for a more democratic Europe. As a cross-party movement, we will pursue this objective for 15 to 20 years within and outside the European Parliament. Then, we think, our job will be done!

A network of European citizens

Newropeans is built and funded by European citizens like you and me. Our members directly participate in the major programmatic and strategic decisions. On our intranet, we practise the first trans-European multilingual online democracy as a laboratory for the future EU. Four times a year, we organise trans-European meetings in different places of Europe to discuss the programme and to develop our organisation. These are great opportunities to cooperate with other Europeans you would otherwise never meet!

Newropeans' members engage in functional groups such as communication, translations, member recruitment – and they build Newropeans locally. We are a trans-European organisation with no national level. But of course we seek to be rooted in local communities to be in touch with the citizens and their ideas on Europe. Our network of local groups is growing every single month.

Newropeans is managed by an elected Board consisting of about 20 members from different backgrounds and nationalities. Franck Biancheri, the founder and motor behind Newropeans, is its President. All activists are volunteers.

Newropeans is only funded by its members and citizens' donations. Our organisation is totally independent from EU and national institutions. It receives no funding from any national or regional party, nor from any religious organisation or lobbies.

European Politics in Your Language

Newropeans is **multilingual**. We speak to European citizens in their own languages as much as possible. Our website already features 15 languages. Local groups work in their own language and any other language that is relevant for the group. During our meetings working languages are English, French, Spanish, German and Polish, and we organise translations.



In 2007, Newropeans again hits the road to debate the future of Europe. Vienna was the first city, on January 15th, to host the biggest ever series of public meetings in a year by a European political movement: 500 in at least 15 EU countries. Half of them will be held in Universities, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Erasmus programme. Did you know that Newropeans' President Franck Biancheri was one of the main actors in the launch of the European students' exchange programme?

We now go for a Newropeans-style celebration: not just remembering, but also underlining the missing steps for the full integration of European students and Universities, launching new proposals and debating different themes with European new generations. Our Marathon calendar is regularly updated on our website.

Did you know that **Newropeans Magazine** figures among the top 6 of the most read European internet magazines? Every day, editorials, news and analyses on Europe can be found on www.newropeans-magazine.org



Setting the political and public agenda

Like no other organisation, Newropeans takes the citizens' ideas to Europe and brings the debate on the future of Europe to the citizens. Our own electronic media, our presence in the traditional media and our public activities will increasingly influence the political agenda across the EU: we hold 500 democracy marathon debates in 2007, we maintain a 15-language website and our local blogs offer information and interactivity.



We will not stand for national elections. But as the member states will continue to remain important pillars of the EU system, we want to involve national politicians and opinion-shapers in a future-oriented debate on the EU. This is why we provide the citizens with tools to evaluate the national parties' European policy proposals on any national election.

Among our members are a large number of writers, journalists, publicists and academics who identify themselves as Newropeans and who seek public exposure for their ideas. All our members can engage actively in organising Marathon Conferences throughout the EU.

Innovative political proposals

The democratisation of the EU will only happen if innovative and well-founded proposals are brought to the political stage. Our proposals largely benefit from our trans-European internal debates and from the discussions with European citizens.

All our positions start out from core values to succeed in democratising the EU. They have one objective: 500 million European citizens should be governed democratically. They shall be put at the centre of EU decision-making – while today they are pushed to the margins.

Our **proposals** include:

- ★ trans-European referenda on enlargement and future EU-treaties
- ★ ending the existing juridical immunity of EU civil servants
- ★ a decentralisation of the EU institutions
- ★ targets for national education policies to enable Europeans to act as European citizens
- ★ a replacement of the EU Commission by European government fully accountable to the Parliament
- ★ a full right of initiative for the European Parliament
- ★ a new mode of electing the Parliament
- ★ a legitimate and reactive EU foreign policy
- ★ a reinvention of European economic policy and a strict control of lobbying in the EU.

Find out more about our programme on www.newropeans.eu.

The Way Ahead

We have already built a lot together since Newropeans was launched in June 2005. But **the work continues!** This year, we will:

- ◆ increase our network of members, supporters and partners to have a local and trans-European presence in the public debate
- ◆ improve our organisation to present Newropeans in the EP elections in all member states and to run a trans-European election campaign
- ◆ create a large interactive community on the internet dedicated to the growing number of our supporters.
- ◆ develop our programme for our participation in the EP elections of 2009 on European foreign policy as well as social and economic questions
- ◆ Up to 2009, further policy areas such as defence, environment, science and others will follow

Get involved in your future!

Do you like our ideas and our approach to building the first trans-European political movement? When reading this, did you think: “Great job. Finally, someone does it!”?

Well, yes, we are doing it! But we will only succeed with the help of many, many people throughout Europe. We need your contribution, too.

Membership

Become a **member** today! Have full voting rights, join in our trans-European events, make use of our trans-European infrastructure to have our entry into Europe!

Become a **supporter** for a minimum of 20 €. Enjoy being part of a local group of Newropeans, get privileged information about our development and help us root Newropeans in your community.

To become a member or supporter of Newropeans, sign up on our website www.newropeans.eu or contact a member or a local group of Newropeans near you.

Support

No time to get involved personally? Being all professionals ourselves, we fully understand you. But why not **donate** to help us reach out to more Europeans? In 2007, donated money goes mainly into the financing of our Democracy Marathon. A small share goes into our infrastructure development, which otherwise is largely donated.

You can find out how to **sponsor specific initiatives** on our website www.newropeans.eu. Donations can be made over our website or by bank transfer to: NL Bank: Postbank. IBAN: NL17PSTB0004265201. BIC: PSTBNL21

You can also help us by **sponsoring services** (transport, accommodation, ICT, interactive video, printing etc.). Please contact president@newropeans.eu if you wish to help.

More information: www.newropeans.eu

Recent press coverage: www.newropeans.eu/blog/press_clippings

Email us: contact@newropeans.eu.

We invite **journalists** to visit our press room on the website or to contact us: press@newropeans.eu.

On www.newropeans.eu you can see where **local groups** are active. Any member can start a local group – Newropeans provides information and advice how to go ahead.

