

Title: Supporting Transnational Lists for the 2024 EP Elections

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1 The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening in
2 Madrid, Spain, on 8 to 10 November 2018:
3 Notes that:
4 • the ALDE Party, in its resolution entitled ‘the pan-European development
5 of the ALDE Party’ adopted in 2013, states that “European political parties
6 have an important role to play in bridging the gap between national and EU
7 politics”, and that to this end, it was the Party’s clear belief that “the
8 elections of some members of the European Parliament via transnational
9 lists will increase the importance of European political parties and contribute
10 to the creation of a European public sphere”;
11 • in November 2015, the European Parliament adopted a legislative initiative
12 that would modify the 1976 European Electoral Act on a certain number of
13 points, in particular by allowing the creation of transnational lists of
14 candidates campaigning on a pan-European circumscription, and that the
15 procedure has been since blocked by the European Council;
16 • in the meantime, Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) has
17 been formally invoked by the UK on 29 March 2017, paving the way for a
18 UK withdrawal from the EU in principle by Spring 2019;
19 • the European Parliament, in its latest resolution on Brexit dated 5 April
20 2017 (point 32), has reiterated its willingness to move forward on the
21 reform of the Electoral Act, implicitly contemplating the possibility to
22 re-allocate the 73 UK seats which will be left vacant post-Brexit to
23 transnational lists;
24 • that French President Emmanuel Macron has made clear, during his
25 campaign and more recently, that the adoption of transnational lists for the
26 next European Parliament elections was one of his priorities in terms of
27 European policies.
28 Considers that:
29 • the rise in populism has made all the more crucial the need for more
30 democracy and transparency in the European electoral process;
31 • that too often, elections to the European Parliament are still perceived as
32 ‘second order elections’;
33 • the creation of transnational lists would allow candidates to focus on
34 European issues while freeing them from campaigning on topics mostly
35 relevant for their regional circumscription;
36 • citizens who want to bring their contribution to the European liberal
37 project are encouraged to join the ALDE Party as individual members, or
38 an ALDE member party.
39 Calls on:
40 • the ALDE Party to continue its work with its own members of the
41 European Parliament, the European Commission and liberals represented
42 in the Council of the European Union, to propose to the European
43 Parliament and the European Council to “unbundle” the original European

44 Parliament proposal, in particular conceding on the point relating to the
45 direct nomination of the Spitzenkandidat as President of the European
46 Commission, to allow for the rest of the proposal, in particular transnational
47 lists, to be approved so that the reform of the European Parliament
48 electoral procedure can happen in good time before the 2019 elections.

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