



22nd May 2017

Open Letter

Dear Chairpersons of the Group of the Parties of the German Bundestag,
Dear National Chairpersons of the German parties,
Dear Representatives of the German parties,

Within the last weeks and months, tens of thousands of citizens have taken to the streets in over 130 cities in 19 European countries, to send a clear signal for the preservation of a united Europe, for the commitment to Democracy, the Rule of Law and Peace. Pulse of Europe activates the European civil society and encourages the European idea. During our Sunday demonstrations, we have achieved a positive, lively and generation crossing togetherness. Places of political expression and forming of political will about Europe were developed.

The results of the Parliamentary elections in the Netherlands as well the Presidential elections in Austria and France has given the European Union some time to reflect. However, no one should sit back: The threat for a united Europe, for democracy and peace still persists, societies are in danger of further separation. Therefore, we cannot continue like before! A real awakening is needed, because as long as national elections continue to be also elections of the destiny for the existence of the European Union, the latter will not be capable of surviving. We need a sustainable and swift development and organization process which makes the united Europe future-proof.

Pulse of Europe regards this as a task and mission of all political and social powers. We consider communication as more important than ever and want to stimulate and intensify the dialogue about the Europe's future amongst citizens and the political forces. We will encourage Pro-Europeans to use their votes in the upcoming German Parliamentary elections dependent on the Europe program of the respective party.

That is why we would like to ask you to answer the following questions with a public statement before the 22nd of July:

- 1. Which three issues do you consider the biggest challenges Europe and the European Union are facing? What are the suggestions or concrete proposals that your political party would recommend to resolve these issues?**
- 2. On March 25th 2017, the leaders of 27 EU member states and of the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission made a declaration regarding the future of the European Union for the next 10 years. However, this declaration is abstract and does not set forth a clear program of**



measures. Please choose three aspects of this declaration and explain how your party suggests to implement these in practical politics. Alternatively, we kindly ask you to name aspects your party does not support. In this case please explain your grounds for disagreement.

- 3. Many citizens consider the European Union as too bureaucratic and intangible. Many also criticize a deficit in democracy and feel like they can not exert enough influence. Which proposals do you have to counteract this? Do you believe that institutional reforms are needed? If so, which?**

Please restrict your answers to not more than six pages in total and use comprehensible formulations and language. Your answers will be the basis of an active debate between citizens and politicians at Pulse of Europe events, in the media and beyond.

In this sense, with a great interest we are looking forward to your replies.

With best regards,

Pulse of Europe