

# ABOUT US

**MELD** is a European political alliance committed to the principles of Democracy, Freedom and cooperation among sovereign States in an effort to impede the complete bureaucratization of Europe.

Our members are opposed to further European integration through treaties and policies that exacerbate the present democratic deficit and the centralist political structure of the EU.

We believe that new treaties or any modification of existing treaties should be submitted to the peoples' vote through free and fair national referenda.

**MELD has 12 delegations with MEPs from the following national parties:**

Austria: Ewald Stadler, Die Reformkonservativen - REKOS

The Netherlands: Daniël van der Stoep, Artikel 50

Bulgaria: Slavi Binev, Member of the National Front for the Salvation of Bulgaria

Belgium: Frank Vanhecke, independent

Denmark: Danish People's Party (Dansk Folkeparti)

Finland: True Finns (Perussuomalaiset)

France: Movement for France (Mouvement pour la France)

Greece: Popular Orthodox Rally (Λαϊκός Ορθόδοξος Συναγερμός)

Italy: Lega Nord & Io amo l'Italia

Lithuania: Order and Justice (Tvarka ir teisingumas)

Poland: Solidarna Polska

Slovakia: Slovak National Party (Slovenská národná strana)

**MELD** subscribes to the following programme:

1. Freedom and cooperation among people of different States:

Committed to the principles of democracy, freedom and co-operation among Nation States, the party favours an open, transparent, democratic and accountable co-operation among sovereign European States and rejects the bureaucratisation of Europe and the creation of a single centralised European superstate.

2. More democracy and respect of People's will:

Convinced that the legitimate level for democracy lies with the Nation States, their regions and parliaments, since there is no such thing as a single European people, the party opposes further European integration (treaties and policies) that would exacerbate the present democratic deficit and the centralist political structure of the EU. The party is of the opinion that any new treaties or any modification of existing treaties should be submitted to the peoples' vote through free and fair national referenda in the Member States. The party does believe that the legitimacy of any power comes from the will of its Peoples and their right to be free and democratically ruled.

3. Respect for Europe's history, traditions and cultural values:

The Peoples and Nations of Europe have the right to protect their borders and strengthen their own historical, traditional, religious and cultural values. The party rejects xenophobia, anti-Semitism and any other form of discrimination.

4. Respect for national differences and interests: Freedom of votes:

Agreeing to embody these principles, the party respects the freedom of its national delegations and Members to maintain their own views on different policy issues.

**MELD is committed to:**

- Campaign for a transparent and democratically controlled EU that is less centralised and more flexible, thus bringing it closer to the citizens

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- Protect freedom of political expression and association

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- Defend and strengthen fundamental democratic principles and accountable representation