



## WHEN LIBERALS LEAD, REFORMS GET DONE

Fifty years ago, liberals across Europe came together to expand freedom, strengthen democracy, and show that Europe is strongest when it is open, inclusive, and courageous. Fifty years on, we look back on this legacy with pride rather than nostalgia. We are choosing hope over fear and unity over division. We choose action and reform. We choose the future.

### Across Europe, liberals in government show that reform works.

When we promise change, we deliver. Wherever liberals have the chance to govern, countries become more prosperous, more innovative and better prepared for the future.

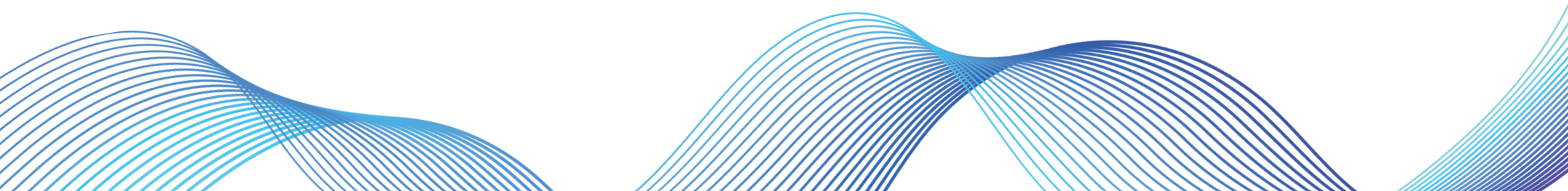
In **Estonia**, liberals have helped turn the country into a world leader in digitalisation and education. Today, you can start a business in 30 minutes, while entrepreneurs in many European countries still spend weeks dealing with unnecessary bureaucracy. Estonia also tops Europe's PISA rankings, proving that high standards and equal opportunity can go hand in hand.

In the **Netherlands**, liberal governments have consistently resisted gold-plating when implementing European legislation, giving businesses and consumers one of the freest trading environments in Europe.

In **Ireland**, liberals have helped build one of Europe's strongest economies through openness, entrepreneurship and responsible public finances. Today, Ireland remains one of the world's most attractive places to invest and do business.

In **Ukraine**, reforms have not stopped in times of war. Liberal leadership has accelerated the digitalisation of public services, strengthened technological innovation and built resilience while defending the country's freedom.

In just one year in government, **NEOS** have already shown what liberal reform can achieve in **Austria**: free kindergarten from the age of four, the largest reduction in non-wage labour costs in Austrian history, the most significant pension reform in two decades, and the introduction of an independent public prosecutor.



**This is our record. Now it is time to bring the same ambition to Europe.**

Europe faces serious challenges. Liberals have the ideas and the determination to meet them. Our commitments to Europe's citizens are clear:

- We will defend Europe together by building a true **European Defence Union**.
- We will tackle disinformation, foreign interference and hybrid attacks together because no Member State can do it alone.
- We will make rapid **progress on enlargement**, strengthening both Europe's security and the community of democratic nations.
- We will build a genuine **Energy Union** to lower costs, strengthen energy security and make Europe more competitive.
- We will make **Europe the best place in the world** to develop the **technologies of tomorrow** by creating a European Tech Race Fund to invest in artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, biotechnology and other strategic innovations.
- We will **complete the Single Market** through an EU Inc., a genuine Capital Markets Union, and the removal of the remaining barriers to trade within the European Union.
- We will make **Europe a global superpower** based on partnership and cooperation that speaks with one voice.
- We will reform the way Europe makes decisions by ending unanimity in foreign policy and giving the European Parliament the right to initiate legislation.

**Liberal reforms have changed our countries. Now they must change Europe. Where liberals lead, reforms get done.**

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