

OUR LIBERAL YEAR



2025

ALDE Party Activity Report

3

Foreword

4

ALDE Party 2025 Highlights

6

Europe's Liberal Momentum

8

Ministerial Meetings and Policy Alignment

10

Member-Led Political Projects

12

A Decade of Women Shaping Liberal Europe: The Alliance Of Her 10th Anniversary

14

Research and Training in 2025

15

Engaging Stakeholders on Shared Values

16

Communications and Digital Engagement

18

Meet our Team

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party,
EUPP**

**Editors: Aoife Devereux, Anna Wangen
Editor-in-Chief: Elena Linczenyiova
Publisher: Didrik de Schaetzen
Layout: Juan Vadillo García**

Foreword

Looking back on **2025**, I am proud to reflect on a year in which ALDE Party continued to deliver tangible value for our members, supporting them in navigating a challenging environment for liberal democracy across Europe. With focus, adaptability and close cooperation, our members, partners and Secretariat rose to the occasion, ensuring that liberal voices remain strong in the face of rising extremist pressure.

ALDE Party worked closely with our member parties, providing a trusted platform to strengthen coordination and keep liberal voices influential in Europe. From marching for LGBTQI+ rights in Budapest to amplifying voices of Ukrainian women leaders, we offered support and opportunities

to make an impact. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but its influence is real, lasting and can be a source of pride for every member.

One of the year's meaningful moments was celebrating the 10th anniversary of **The Alliance Of Her**, our flagship initiative for women's political leadership. Marking this anniversary was not only a celebration of past achievements, but a reminder of why this work remains essential. When liberal, democratic women lead, our societies move closer to equality and inclusivity.

2026 will be a landmark year as we celebrate 50 years of ALDE Party and host our Anniversary Congress in Vienna. With the theme "**We Choose the Future**," we will honour our history while presenting a clear liberal vision for a freer, more prosperous and more democratic Europe. The work done in 2025 has prepared us well for this moment.

This report reflects a year defined by commitment, collaboration and responsible leadership in service of our members. I would like to thank our member parties, partners and staff for their trust and dedication. Together, we have laid the groundwork for what comes next and I look forward to building on it in the year ahead.



Didrik de Schaetzen
Secretary General

X @DdeSchaetzen

ALDE Party

2025 was a year of impact for liberals, combining electoral success with the defence of democratic freedoms. From forming governments to standing alongside the liberal freedom fighters, these highlights illustrate the breadth of liberal action throughout the year.

23 January



Fianna Fáil secures Taoiseach's office and key ministerial roles

3 March



NEOS enters Austria's federal government for first time

18 May



Romania elects pro-European President **Nicușor Dan**

23 June



Four **USR** ministers join Romania's new coalition government

2025 Highlights

23 October



Over 150 **Alliance Of Her** alumnae and supporters gather in Brussels for the 10th Anniversary Summit

25 October



Liberals call for making Europe a global superpower at **ALDE Party Congress** in Brussels

29 October



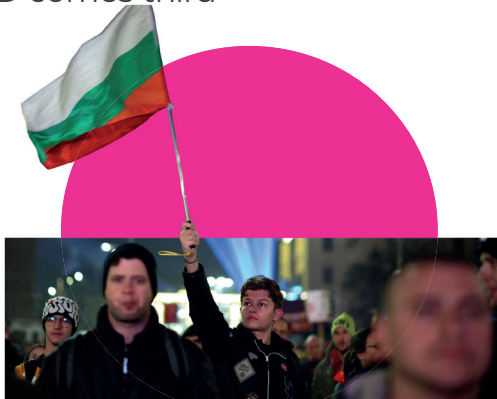
D66 wins Dutch election, with **Rob Jetten** set to become youngest and first openly gay Prime Minister; **VVD** comes third

4 November



The Liberal House opens in Brussels, uniting **ALDE Party**, **ELF**, **FNF Europe** and **LYMEC** under one roof

11 December



Many thousands protest for democracy in Bulgaria, led by ALDE Party member **We Continue the Change**

11 December



ALDE Party celebrates **María Corina Machado's** 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for her work advancing democracy in Venezuela

Europe's Liberal Momentum

The ALDE Party continued to play a leading role in defending democratic values across Europe, from standing with leaders of ALDE Party member parties in Georgia jailed for condemning unfair elections, to mobilising for the preservation of LGBTQI+ rights in Hungary. Key recurring themes such as defence and security, strengthening democracy, simplification and combatting Russian influence have all been on the ALDE Party agenda in 2025 as our members play crucial roles in shaping the liberal EU political stage.

Key Liberal Wins in the EU

A dedicated taskforce on simplification led by Renew Europe Vice-President **Morten Løkkegaard MEP** (Venstre, DK) proposed 50+ measures to cut red tape, make EU laws more user-friendly, and boost competitiveness and innovation across Europe.

The creation of a full Security and Defence (**SEDE**) Committee in the European Parliament led by **Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann MEP** (FDP, DE) put EU security at the centre of policymaking, strengthening support for Ukraine and building stronger European defence capacity.

The European Commission launched the European Democracy Shield to protect EU elections from foreign interference, disinformation, and threats to democratic processes under the leadership of liberal Commissioner **Michael McGrath**.



Across the Membership

Building power locally: UK **Liberal Democrats** achieved historic results in the 2025 local elections, winning more councils than the Conservatives for the first time and continuing a record streak of gains.

The one to watch: D66 became the first force in the Netherlands following the November snap elections with **VVD** following closely behind in third. Liberals now form a third of the Tweede Kamer.

Democracy on the line: In the ongoing fight against Orbán in Hungary, **Momentum Mozgalom** decided to not run in next year's parliamentary election to promote a government change without splitting the opposition.

Resolutions from Council and Congress



In 2025, ALDE Party adopted key resolutions advancing liberal priorities including human rights, democracy, women's rights, European security, Ukraine, EU enlargement, and innovation and green energy. These priorities were further reinforced by:

June: Helsinki Statement signed with **SFP** and **Keskusta** at ALDE Party Council committing to build a more united European defence, protect our digital frontline, boost economic power and stand with Ukraine.

July: Freedom on the Offensive Declaration at the Renew Europe Leaders' Summit with concrete political commitments around EU defence, enforcement of rule of law and market competitiveness.

October: Brussels Declaration with **MR** and **Open VLD** on how to make Europe a global superpower in defence, economy and diplomacy to protect citizens and uphold our values.



Ministerial Meetings and Policy Alignment

In preparation for Council of the EU meetings, ALDE Party and affiliated ministers convened at regularly organised meetings holding larger debates on key liberal topics of the Council agenda.

Bold Economic Reforms

Ahead of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (**ECOFIN**), ALDE Party President **Svenja Hahn MEP** chaired a meeting which concluded in agreement on the urgent need to reduce administrative burdens, support SMEs, improve access to funding and reduce regulatory barriers.

Additionally in the context of US tariffs, Ministers remained firm on their positioning warning that the EU must be prepared to defend itself using all instruments necessary with room for productive engagement to mitigate any unnecessary tariff wars.

Delivering in 2025

14 Pre-Council Ministerial meetings convened

8 Council configurations convened

32 Ministers attended





Addressing Screen Usage in Education

Digital and media literacy skills are essential to adapting to a tech-reliant present and future. ALDE Party Youth and Education Ministers urged that while digital tools provide essential learning opportunities, recognising risks associated with physical and mental health declines as a result are important to outline.

Social media usage can be linked to cyberbullying and promoting harmful practices such as negative self-image and eating disorders. Although Ministers opposed an outright technology ban, safe integration methods such as workshops informing media literacy and equipping pupils with digital skills can prove as assets in learning and creating instead of distractions.

Wrapping up on the Danish Council Presidency

Convening at the Liberal House, shared home of ALDE Party and European liberal organisations, EU Affairs Ministers gathered ahead of the General Affairs Council (**GAC**) to reinforce their commitment to supporting Ukraine and encouraging competitiveness.

Ministers highlighted that this period of global uncertainty underlines the necessity of European nations in working collaboratively to be competitive on the global stage. Discussions also covered the future EU budget and financing framework that meets Europe's challenges while urging sustainable financing of Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression.



Member-Led Political Projects

Standing for Pride and Freedom in Budapest

As Hungary moved to restrict LGBTQI+ gatherings and expand surveillance at protests, ALDE Party chose action over silence. President **Svenja Hahn MEP** and Vice-President **Lucia Plaváková** publicly condemned the legislation as an attack on fundamental democratic rights, increasing visibility and signalling the necessity of upholding the freedom of assembly.

Standing by this statement, in June ALDE Party joined **Renew Europe** MEPs, activists and citizens at Budapest Pride. The march reaffirmed that these rights are never guaranteed and must be actively defended, and that Europe's liberal family is strongest when it stands together. We remain committed to supporting the LGBTQI+ community in Hungary and across Europe.



Kyiv Forum 2.0 in Copenhagen

Women leaders play a crucial role in times of war, bringing perspectives rooted in community resilience, human rights and democratic defence. The second Women's Leadership in Times of War Forum brought together women leaders, parliamentarians and experts from across Europe to highlight the decisive role of liberal women in responding to Russia's war against Ukraine.

Co-organised by ALDE Party Vice-Presidents and partners in Copenhagen, the two-day forum focused on Europe's security, Ukraine's path to EU membership, and the need for sustained political, military and technological support. Speakers stressed that women are already leading this work and called for continued, concrete European solidarity to match their leadership.

In 2025, we supported a total of 19 political projects and initiatives led by our member parties across Europe.



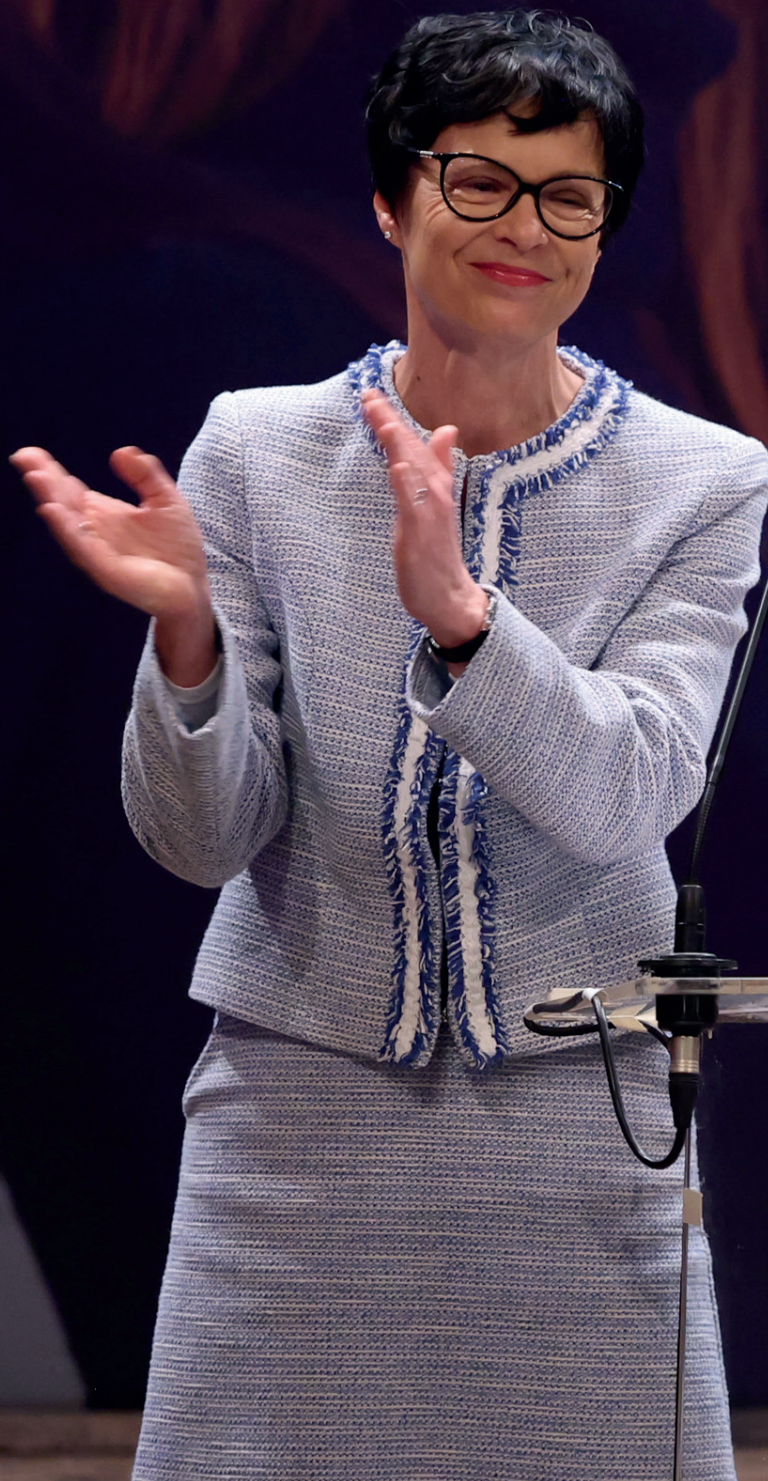
Renewing Liberal Momentum in Flanders

One of the most energising moments of 2025 came in Vilvoorde, where ALDE Party member **Open VLD**, renamed **Anders** in February 2026, brought together nearly 1,000 people for its Festival of Ideas. For a full day, members, experts and partners came together to talk, listen and challenge one another with curiosity and optimism.

The atmosphere was open and constructive, filled with conversations about Europe's future, innovation, security, energy and how liberal politics can reconnect people in changing times. ALDE Party was proud to be part of these discussions, the Festival stood out as a reminder of why liberal politics matters: when people are invited in, when new voices are heard, and when space is created for honest exchange, momentum follows. It was a moment of confidence and creativity, one that continues to inspire our work.



A Decade of Women Shaping Liberal Europe: The Alliance Of Her 10th Anniversary



2025 marked a decade of **the Alliance Of Her's** work across Europe. The Anniversary Summit brought together past and present participants along with elected leaders, partners and allies to celebrate a decade of empowering liberal women. Representatives from ALDE Party, the **Friedrich Naumann Foundation** and the **European Liberal Forum** kicked off the day calling for strength, fearlessness and unity against growing antidemocratic forces.

The Alliance Of Her alumnae network has grown to over 300 women across 37 countries. This network includes hundreds of accomplished female political leaders, among them current and former MEPs, ministers, party leaders and secretary generals who have graduated from the Alliance Of Her academy.

The theme of our 10th Anniversary campaign, *“Her Power, Our Freedom”* connected individual leadership to collective democratic freedom. Delivering a keynote speech at the Summit with an inspiring message on women in power positions, European Commissioner for Enlargement **Marta Kos** said:

“Autocrats fear strong women. Women rights are always among the first to go when societies take a turn. Women’s empowerment always leads to better, stronger and fairer societies. When half of the population is missing from the decision-making processes the whole society loses.”

To conclude the Summit and in celebrating 10 years of progress, **Marie Bjerre**, Minister of EU Affairs for Denmark, was recognised as the 2025 Alliance Of Her Women in Politics Champion of the year for her work as a driver of liberal values during the country’s Presidency of the Council of the EU.

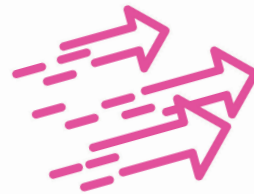


Research and Training in 2025

The ALDE Party Research and Campaigns team provides ALDE member parties and the Secretariat with capacity building and research support*. With a dedicated team of employees, ALDE Party runs regular research projects across the EU to better understand the political environment and liberals' priorities.

We use this knowledge to shape training sessions and support that we provide parties in the hope of making us and our member parties more responsive to voters' demands. At the same time, we closely cooperate with our members, to maximise the relevance and practical value of our research and to deliver tailored presentations.

10 Accelerator and training sessions organised



5 Congress fringe events

2 Opinion survey waves in 26 countries



60 Presentations throughout the year of ALDE Party data to member parties, stakeholders and partners

6 Online workshops conducted



*All activities have been designed in compliance with Regulation 2445/2025 and the prohibition of indirect support contained in Article 27, and therefore incorporate a co-payment from our member parties

Engaging Stakeholders on Shared Values

ALDE Party stakeholder engagement has always been focused on values-driven partnerships and transparency. By prioritising partners aligned with our values and political priorities within the 2024-2029 mandate, we ensure long-term and trust-based corporate partnerships and collaboration with both industry associations and NGOs. In keeping with this, we shared ALDE Party's priorities and goals during a stakeholder **Meet & Greet** with ALDE Party President to kick off the year in early 2025.

The 2025 ALDE Party stakeholder engagement programme also included the organisation of high-level panel debates, roundtables and other events focused on clean technology, digitalisation, sustainable healthcare and EU competitiveness, among other key policy areas.

We aim to continue upholding these standards of transparency coupled with informative engagement and are looking forward to welcoming new and returning corporate partners! Get in touch with us now at:

corporate@aldeparty.eu



Communications and Digital Engagement

In 2025, the Communications Unit focused on strengthening ALDE Party's digital engagement channels by modernising how we connect with our members and audiences online. This resulted in a huge step forward in visibility and outreach across the liberal network with some fresh, new changes.

Turning Values into Results

1.1 M
Views



1.1 Million views on our most popular social media post of the year standing with protesters in Bulgaria



94,489

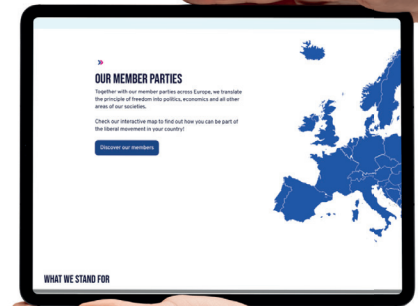
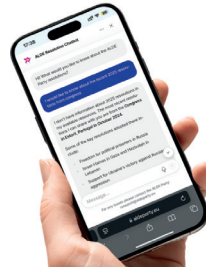
Unique visitors to our ALDE Party website in 2025

39 High-level liberals attending our Congress in Brussels

28 Member parties featured in our Congress sessions

Website **aldeparty.eu** refreshed in 2025!

With a bold new visual identity, streamlined navigation, and interactive tools, our redesign of the ALDE Party website made it easier to engage with and support our liberal movement across Europe and keep your finger on the liberal pulse anytime, anywhere.



Tackling Political Hot Topics on the new ALDE Party Podcast

UNFILTERED: The Liberal Take on Today's Hottest Issues brings together some of the brightest minds on the political playing field to talk policy, competitiveness, economy and so much more.

UNFILTERED started off strong in 2025 asking ALDE Party President **Svenja Hahn** "is the European economy dead?" MEP and Parliamentary committee chair **Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann**. "Do we need a European army?", and Minister for Climate and Environment of Sweden **Romina Pourmokhtari**, "Can the European Green Deal survive?".



ALDE PARTY STAFF

COMMUNICATION UNIT



ELENA LINCZENYOYA
HEAD OF COMMUNICATION UNIT



SARA FORNOZA
EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT
STAKEHOLDERS OFFICER



MARIA CLAUDIA PASTENA
SENIOR EVENTS MANAGER



ANNA WANGEN
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS
MANAGER



AOIFE DEVEREUX
COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT



JUAN YADILLO
MULTIMEDIA MANAGER



RAPHAEL BURCHARD
EVENTS TRAINEE



ÉLISABETH CARON
SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINEE



DIDRIK DE SCHAEP
SECRETARY GENERAL

OPERATIONS UNIT



SABINE DECHAMPS
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL
HEAD OF OPERATIONS UNIT



PIERRE LOUWERSE
ACCOUNTANT



MARCO CHERIF
COMPLIANCE & FINANCE
OFFICER



Meet our Team

ETZEN
RAL

UNIT

POLITICAL UNIT

AL.
T

GISELA DUCAILLE SINUÉS
COMPLIANCE & FINANCE
MANAGER

CARLA GARCIA FABRI
OFFICE ASSISTANT

FANNI GAISMAYER
HEAD OF POLITICAL UNIT

ADAM VINK
ALLIANCE OF HER PROJECT
MANAGER

DANIELA MORALES GARCIA
SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISER
ADVISED TO THE PRESIDENT

ANDREW BURGESS
SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISER - SPECIAL
ADVISED PARTY & MEMBERSHIP
AFFAIRS

IOANA PAVEL
POLITICAL ASSISTANT - ASSISTANT
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

LOUIS LOSTIS
POLITICAL ADVISER

LUDOVICA D'ORSA
JUNIOR DATA ANALYST

RAPHAEL VELEZ
RESEARCH AND CAMPAIGNS MANAGER

NAN QIN
JUNIOR DATA ANALYST

February 2026

alpe PARTY

ALLIANCE OF LIBERALS AND
DEMOCRATS FOR EUROPE >>

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party

Rue d'Idalie 11 - Box 2 1050 Brussels, Belgium
Tel: +32 2 237 01 40 Fax: +32 2 231 19 07
info@aldeparty.eu www.aldeparty.eu

ALDE Party - Produced: February 2026 - With the support of the European Parliament.
The sole liability rests with the author; the European Parliament is not responsible
for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.