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#### What is EFA?

EFA is the European Free Alliance. We are an alliance of political parties from across Europe that believe in the right to self-determination.

We stand up for Europe's regions, stateless nations and minorities.

In the European Parliament we form a common group with the European Greens, standing up for progressive, pro-European values.

We believe in a more open, democratic, tolerant and green Europe, where the rights of minorities are respected.

#### What is self-determination?

The right of peoples to self-determination is a fundamental principle recognised by the United Nations and enshrined in international law.

It means that peoples should have the right to freely choose their own constitutional future, whatever that may be.

#### What is a stateless nation?

Stateless nations are nations like Catalonia or Scotland which aren't yet independent.

We believe that all citizens should have the right to freely choose how their countries are governed.

That could mean more autonomy, more decisions made at a regional level, or independence within the the European Union.

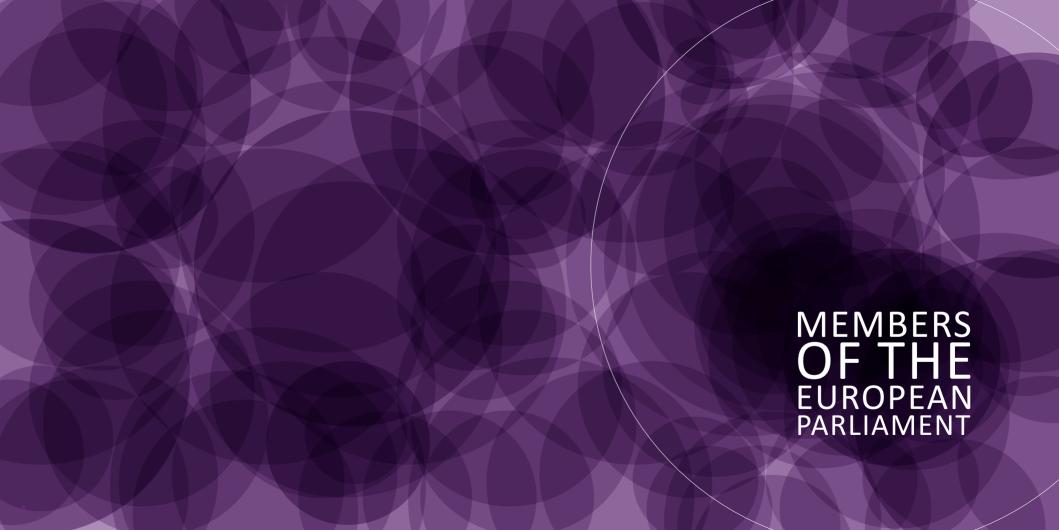
#### What do we do?

In the European Parliament we work with the European Greens in a joint parliamentary group.

We speak up for Europe's stateless nations, regions and minorities which are a fundamental part of Europe's diversity.

We defend human rights, equality and social justice and the right to self-determination.

With our Green colleagues, we are leading the fight against climate change in Europe, and for a greener, cleaner future for everyone.





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