GUE/NGL PRESS BRIEFING

Journalists are welcome to question our MEPs on issues they are covering.

Martin Schirdewan – (DIE LINKE, Acting Group President) on EU Summit & July plenary outcome
Sira Rego (Izquierda Unida) on her candidacy to EP Presidency
Manon Aubry (France Insoumise) on “10 Demands for new Commission President”

Interpretation: EN, FR, DE, ES, IT & PL

Sira Rego - GUE/NGL presidential candidate for the European Parliament
Vote: Wednesday

My candidacy to the Parliament’s presidency is an opportunity to lay down our proposals for a completely different model of European integration and the role of the Parliament in it. I have been elected as an MEP after working on energy and sustainability issues at a local level, and they are important issues which are fundamental for the Left in Europe. Coming from Spain, a country faced with an immense struggle against the EU’s neoliberal policies, but also where the feminist movement has been amongst the strongest in Europe, my goal as President would be to bring some of the impulse from these social movements into the Parliament. As a member of Izquierda Unida, I was part of the Unidas Podemos list in the EU elections. This is a clear example of the unity between different leftist, environmentalist, feminist organisations and activists, and one which will be the basis of our work in the years to come.

Dimitrios Papadimoulis - Vice-presidential candidate for the European Parliament
Vote: Wednesday

I’m honoured that GUE/NGL has once again put me forward as the Parliament’s Vice-President for this term. The experience I have gained over the past five years has been invaluable. Throughout my time as Vice President, I have faithfully served this institution and the citizens of the European Union, respecting and promoting the founding ideas and principles of constructive participation, transparency and democratic accountability. If elected, I pledge to continue my service with the same commitment by helping to advance our work and strengthen the role of the Parliament for a better Europe.

Martin Schirdewan - Acting GUE/NGL President

Our position as the Left - the only democratic opposition to the grand coalition - is clear: this Parliament needs a dignified leader, and Antonio Tajani has long tarnished our institution’s image. The Left has a clear alternative: our candidate Sira Rego will represent all those who favour transparency over backroom politics. We want a serious President to lead the European Parliament with dignity and respect - both in Europe and abroad. The Parliament needs a leader who will act in the best interest of the democratic institutions, and not for their own political party. That requires someone who can work with and respect all the democratic groups in the legislative process. We believe that person is Sira Rego.
ABED REGO, Sira
Izquierda Unida, Spain

AUBRY, Manon
La France Insoumise, France

BOMPARD, Manuel
La France Insoumise, France

CARTHY, Matt
Sinn Féin, Ireland

DEMIREL, Özlem Alev
DIE LINKE, Germany

FLANAGAN, Luke ‘Ming’
Independent, Ireland

GUGMÃO, José
Bloco de Esquerda, Portugal

KOKKALIS, Petros
SYRIZA, Greece

KOUNTOURA, Elena
SYRIZA, Greece

MICHELS, Martina
DIE LINKE, Germany

PAPADIMOULIS, Dimitrios
SYRIZA, Greece

PINEDA MARÍN, Manuel
Izquierda Unida, Spain

SCHOLZ, Helmut
DIE LINKE, Germany

VILLUMSEN Nikolaj
Enhedslisteren, Denmark

ANDERSON, Martina
Sinn Féin, Ireland

BARRENA, Pernando
EH Bildu, Basque Country

BOTENGA, Marc
PTB/PVDA, Belgium

CHAIBI, Leïla
La France Insoumise, France

ERNST, Cornelia
DIE LINKE, Germany

HAZEKAMP, Anja
Partij voor de Dieren, Netherlands

KONEČNÁ, Kateřina
KSČM, Czech Republic

KOUNTOURA, Elena
SYRIZA, Greece

MATIAS, Marisa
Bloco de Esquerda, Portugal

MODIG, Silvia
Vasemmistoliitto, Finland

PELLETIER, Anne-Sophie
La France Insoumise, France

RODRÍGUEZ PALOP, María Eugenia
Podemos, Spain

URBÁN CRESPO, Miguel
Podemos, Spain

WALLACE, Mick
Independents for Change, Ireland

ARVANITIS, Konstantinos
SYRIZA, Greece

BJÖRK, Malin
Vänsterpartiet, Sweden

BUSCHMANN, Martin
Partei Mensch Umwelt Tierschutz, Germany

DALY, Clare
Independents for Change, Ireland

FERREIRA, João
PCP, Portugal

GEORGIOULIS, Alexandros
SYRIZA, Greece

HAZEKAMP, Anja
Partij voor de Dieren, Netherlands

KIZILYÜREK, Niyazi
AKEL, Cyprus

KOULOGLOU, Stelios
SYRIZA, Greece

MAUREL, Emmanuel
La France Insoumise, France

OMARJEE, Younous
La France Insoumise, France

PEREIRA, Sandra
PCP, Portugal

SCHIRDEWAN, Martin
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VILLANUEVA RUIZ, Idoia
Podemos, Spain