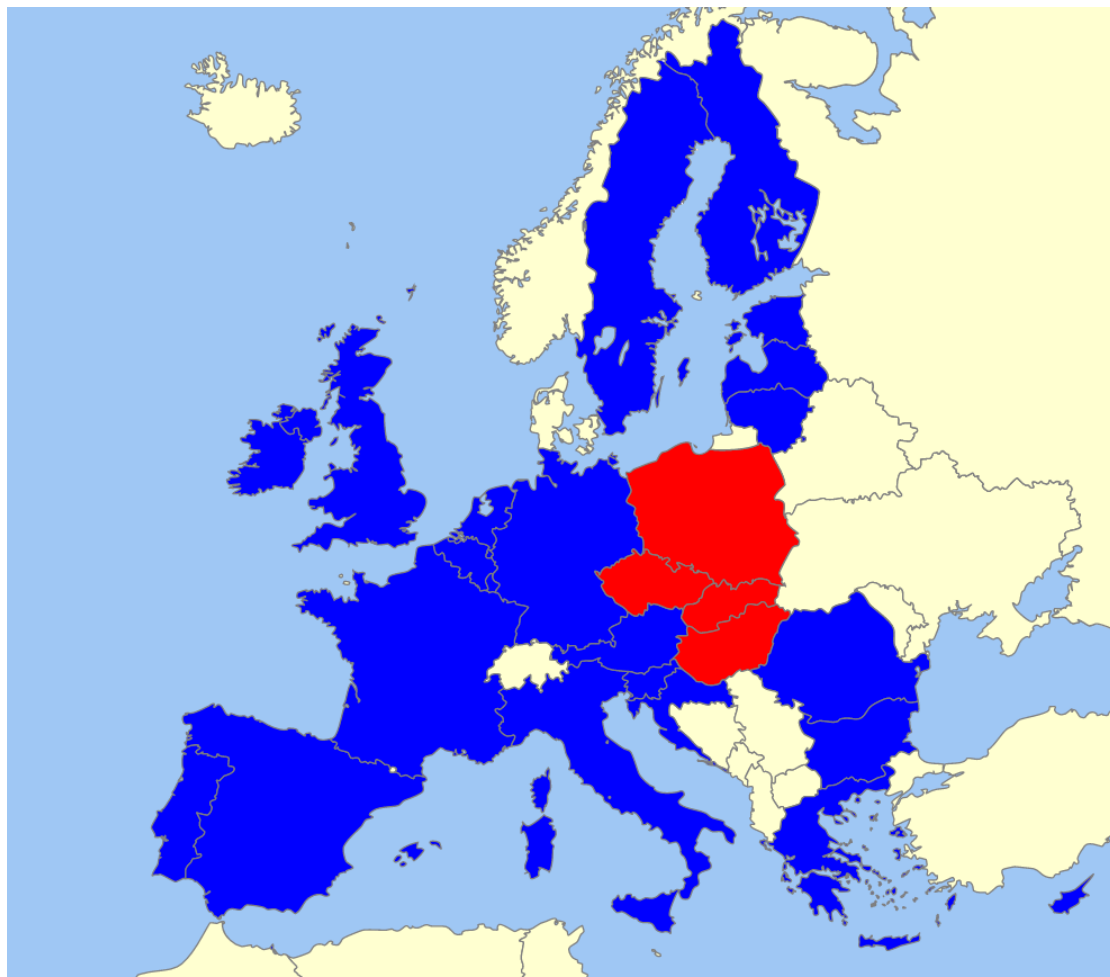


***Proven or likely Open Society's allies in the Visegrád Group countries
in the European Parliament (2014–2019)***

***Alliés éprouvés ou probables de l'Open Society dans les pays du
Groupe de Visegrád au Parlement Européen (mandature 2014-2019)***



- Czech Republic : 2/21
- Hungary : 2/21
- Slovakia : 3/13
- Poland : 6/51

Source :

<http://soros.dcleaks.com/download/?f=/Europe/OSI%20Brussel%20EU%20Advocacy%20calendar/European%20Elections/reliable%20allies%20in%20the%20european%20parliament%202014%202019.pdf&t=europe>

Czech Republic



DLABAJOVÁ Martina

ALDE

Czech Republic

(First mandate)

EMPL

South Africa

South Caucasus

Euronest

Background

- Entrepreneur and business executive; chair of the Board and then president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Zlin region (2012-present); president of the Zlin Rotary Club (2006-present).
- Member of a young pro-business and anti-corruption political party (ANO 2011, founded the same year).

Details

@ martina.dlabajova@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 58 57

ASP 9 G 342

<http://twitter.com/Mdlabajova>



MAŠTÁLKA Jiří

GUE/NGL

Czech Republic

(Returning)

JURI

Montenegro

Russia (Vice-Chair)

Euronest

Moldova

Background

- Doctor; involved as Communist politician in the post-Velvet Revolution transition; national MP (1996-2004); vice-chair of the Committee for Social Policy and Healthcare (2002-2004); PACE delegate (2002-2004); observer MEP during the Czech Republic's accession (2003-2004); MEP since 2009.
- Interested in media freedom; environmental protection; human rights; and sexual and reproductive health rights.

Details

@ jiri.mastalka@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 59 05

WIB 7 M 13

Hungary



MESZERICs Tamás

Greens/EFA

Hungary

(First mandate)

AFET (Co-coordinator)

Russia

EMPL

South Caucasus

Euronest

Background

- Historian and university professor; joined the Association of Free Democrats (SZDSZ) during the transition from communism; co-founded his party, Politics Can Be Different (LMP) in 2008.
- Interested in youth unemployment; employment issues; foreign affairs; defence and security; and EU-Russia relations.
- Wrote several history books.

Details

@ tamas.meszerics@ep.europa.eu

☎ +32 2 284 52 80

✉ ASP 5 F 254

🌐 <http://twitter.com/MeszericsT>



NIEDERMÜLLER Péter

S&D (Vice-Chair)

Hungary

(First mandate)

LIBE

Israel

Background

- Anthropologist; vice-president of his party, Democratic Coalition (2011-present).
- Interested in civil liberties; the rule of law; culture and media; media pluralism; budgetary control; and human rights, including of the Roma.

Details

@ peter.niedermueller@ep.europa.eu

☎ +32 2 284 54 68

✉ ASP 10 G 154

🌐 <http://twitter.com/Niedemueller>

Slovakia



FLAŠÍKOVÁ BEŇOVÁ Monika

S&D

Slovakia

(Returning)

LIBE

ACP

Israel

Background

- Commercial director; co-founded her party in 1999; national MP (2002-2004); chair of the Committee on European Integration (2002-2004); chair of the Slovak delegation to the European Parliament (2002-2004); became an MEP upon Slovakia's accession in 2004; vice-chair of the European Parliament delegation to Israel (2004-2009).
- Interested in human rights; justice and home affairs; asylum and migration; gender equality; and the rights of all minorities, including the Roma and LGBTI people.
- Resolute supporter of Open Society values; strongly progressive; unwavering and pragmatic promoter of human rights; authored a landmark report on fundamental rights in the EU in 2012, which divided the European Parliament strongly, but was adopted after extremely long debates.

Details

@ monika.flasikovabenova@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 51 60

ASP 11 G 253

<http://twitter.com/MonikaFlaBenova>



SMOLKOVÁ Monika

S&D

Slovakia

(Returning)

REGI

South Caucasus

Euronest

Background

- Economist; deputy mayor (2002-2006); mayor of Košice (2006-unknown); national MP (2006-2009); MEP since 2009.
- Interested in the use of regional and structural funds; employment issues; and culture and education.

Details

@ monika.smolkova@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 54 83

ASP 11 G 217

<http://twitter.com/SmolkovaMonika>



ZALA Boris

S&D

Slovakia

(Returning)

AFET

DROI

South Africa

(Vice-Chair)

South Caucasus

Background

- Journalist and university professor; co-founded his party, Smer-SD (1990); chair of his party (1990-1992); national MP (1990, 2002-2009); adviser to the president of Slovakia (2002-2004); head of the Slovak delegation to PACE (2006-2009); MEP since 2009.
- Interested in the rule of law; EU regional funding for the Danube region; freedom of movement; democracy-building; foreign affairs; and human rights in the world.
- Political activist against communist rule in the late 1980s; author of several monographs and academic articles.

Details

@ boris.zala@ep.europa.eu

☎ +32 2 284 54 80

✉ ASP 11 G 209

Poland



GERINGER de OEDENBERG Lidia Joanna

S&D

Poland

(Returning)

JURI (Vice-Chair)

ACP

**Union for the
Mediterranean**

Background

- TV journalist; various posts in culture and the arts; initially active in the Democratic Left Alliance (before 2006); joined her current party in 2006; MEP since 2004; vice-chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs (2007-2009); quaestor (2009-2014).
- Interested in constitutional affairs; civil and judicial cooperation; copyright and intellectual property; gender equality; rights of the Roma; and human rights in the world, including Tibet.

Details

@ lidiajoanna.geringerdeoedenberg@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 58 09

ASP 13 G 146

<http://twitter.com/lidiageringer>



GRZYB Andrzej

EPP

Poland

(Returning)

DROI (Coordinator)

Moldova

AFET

Euronest

Turkey

Background

- Councillor (1990-2001); national MP (1989-1991, 1993-1997, 2001-2005); PACE delegate (1995-2009); delegate to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (2000-2003); MEP since 2009; vice-chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights (2009-2014).
- Interested in rural and agricultural issues; consumer protection; the single market; European integration; and human rights in the world.
- Can be persuaded to speak out on issues related to human rights in the world; a useful relay in his political group.

Details

@ andrzej.grzyb@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 51 85

ASP 12 E 130

<http://twitter.com/GrzybAndrzej>



JAZŁOWIECKA Danuta

EPP

Poland

(Returning)

EMPL (Vice-Chair)

ECON

Background

- Entrepreneur; national MP (2005-2009); PACE delegate (2006-2009); MEP since 2009.
- Interested in employment issues; the European social model; the rights of linguistic minorities; freedom of movement; the single market; and structural funds.

Details

@ danuta.jazlowiecka@ep.europa.eu

☎ +32 2 284 51 96

✉ ASP 12 E 261

🌐 <http://twitter.com/Djazlowiecka>



KOZŁOWSKA-RAJEWICZ Agnieszka

EPP

Poland

(First mandate)

EMPL

Belarus

FEMM

Euronest

Background

- University professor; councillor (2006-2007); national MP (2007-2014); secretary of state for equal treatment (2011-2014).
- Interested in employment issues; human rights; social justice; gender equality; the rights of all minorities, including the Roma and LGBTI people; senior citizens; healthcare; and the Eastern Neighbourhood.
- May hold more progressive positions than average in her political group, and than her Polish EPP peers.

Details

@ agnieszka.kozlowska-rajewicz@ep.europa.eu

☎ +32 2 284 54 20

✉ ASP 12 E 253



LIBERADZKI Bogusław

Quaestor of the European Parliament

S&D

Poland

(Returning)

Ukraine

Arab Peninsula

Background

- University professor; active in youth organisations since 1975; secretary of state and then minister for transport and maritime affairs (1989-1997); national MP (1997-2004); observer MEP during Poland's EU accession (2003-2004); MEP since 2004; vice-chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control (2007-2014); quaestor (2012-present).
- Interested in transport policy; maritime affairs; economic and budgetary issues; the Eastern Neighbourhood; and EU-Ukraine relations.

Details

@ boguslaw.liberadzki@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 54 23

ASP 13 G 154

<http://twitter.com/Bliberadzki>



THUN UND HOHENSTEIN

Róża (Gräfin von)

EPP

Poland

(Returning)

LIBE

Israel

**Union for the
Mediterranean**

Palestinian Legislative
Council

Background

- Involved in political activism in favour of political prisoners (1977-1980); director and chair of the (Polish) Robert Schuman Foundation (1992-2005); MEP since 2009.
- Interested in European integration; consumer protection; the single market; and the geopolitics of the Mediterranean region.
- Strongly pro-European.

Details

@ roza.thun@ep.europa.eu

+32 2 284 53 01

ASP 12 E 209

<http://twitter.com/rozathun>