

Party Groups in the European Parliament: What they stand for and their ideologies

As mentioned in Fact Sheet number 5, the party groups in the European Parliament are organized on the basis of political affiliation and not on the basis of nationality. The party groups are organized on the basis of the classic left-right scale which is typically used in all democratic parliaments (Hix et al, 2006). The figure below presents a brief summary of what each party group represents. For more information on which party group the Swedish parties belong to, refer to Fact Sheet number 5.

Figure 1. Party Groups in the European Parliament.



Comments: Descriptions of each party group are based on the information from the website It's Your Parliament and from the two articles Lehane, S. & Grabbe, H. (2018) "2019 European Parliament Elections Will Change the EU Political Dynamics", in Carnegie Europe; McDonnell, D & Werner, A (2018) "Respectable radicals: why some radical right parties in the European Parliament policy," Journal of European Public Policy, 25: 5, 747-763. The images on the party groups' logos are from the respective party group's websites.

References

Hix, S. et al (2006) *Dimensions of Politics in the European Parliament*, in American Journal of Political Science, Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 494-511.