

## Assist in the construction of a unified Europe – Vote Christian-democrat

The European Union provides the most successful model for the peaceful coexistence of human beings and peoples anywhere in the world. The impending approval of the European **constitution** will transform the EU into a **union of shared values**, far exceeding the terms of the internal market. The constitution's basic values and objectives provide the incentive for an ambitious project. The text (of the EU-convention) explicitly mentions the **social market economy**, **full employment**, the **fight against discrimination** and **promotion of social justice and protection**. Within the next few years, the EUCDW will try to ensure that this will be translated into an effective capacity to act in areas where social problems require cross-border solutions.

**The European Parliament has for a long time been the driving force behind the process of European integration. Its powers have been continuously extended. In order to exploit these powers to the full, however, the Parliament needs the democratic legitimisation of the European citizens: A high turnout therefore provides the most direct path to a Europe of the citizens, better control and more transparency.**

## EPP – the Party of the Social Market Economy



« **The European People's Party is a family of the European political centre** whose roots lie deep in the history of the civilisation of the European continent. Our thoughts and political action are based on fundamental, interdependent, equally important and universally applicable values: freedom and responsibility, fundamental equality, justice and solidarity. The EPP's starting point is the uniqueness and dignity of every human being. **Our aim is to spread Christian and humanist values, and with them, a civilised, tolerant way of life in European society.** »

At its congress before the 2004 European elections, the EPP emphasized its commitment to the creation of a political union and a European economic model which complies with the **basic principles of the social market economy**.

*“The EPP states its claim to remain the strongest political force on the European stage. This requires us to be more clearly the party of the social market economy, the party for entrepreneurs as well as for employees. The EPP must be open to everyone who supports its basic principles of freedom in responsibility in word and deed, and thus demonstrate, also to the outside world, the credibility of the European Peoples' Party.”*

**Europe is at a crossroads. Europe must choose which way to go:**

<b>Developing the European dimension of its home affairs</b>	<b>Developing different domestic versions of European policies</b>
<b>Strengthening community institutions and community law</b>	<b>Returning to the era of cooperation between national states and national governments</b>
<b>Advancing on the path to a political union – based on legally binding fundamental rights</b>	<b>Stagnation on the level of the internal market</b>
<b>Creating the European Model on the basis of the social market economy</b>	<b>Surrendering in the face of “Manchester capitalism” and neo-liberalism</b>
<b>Creating a culture of mutual consideration</b>	<b>Creating a culture of winners and losers</b>