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### THE EU NEEDS TO BECOME More independent

The EU arose from the rubble of two devastating world wars and the need to secure peace for future generations. Today we can recognise the success of this collaboration-based project. Peace, freedom and free trade have made the EU a pillar of democracy, human rights and economic growth.

The EU now finds itself in a situation that will define the Union and Europe for a long time to come. Russia's war in Ukraine has no end in sight, and Russia will represent a real threat to other parts of Europe if we do not collectively put a stop to it here and now.

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dependency that makes us vulnerable; in relation to American security, Turkish borders against migrant flows, Russian energy, and Chinese mines. During the next term of office, the EU must focus on increasing its independence and thus its scope for action.

#### We need a political direction that promotes peace and competitiveness.

Europe must continue to set an example in terms of democracy and economic growth. It is now of the utmost importance that EU countries strengthen their national defences and further develop the collaboration on defence and security. The production of ammunition and weapon systems needs to be expanded rapidly. Joint procurement of defence materiel would provide opportunities to rapidly strengthen our military readiness and reduce costs.

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Strong measures are therefore needed to increase both the pace of innovation and the level of competitiveness. This is best done through regulatory simplification and a healthy scepticism towards new regulatory requirements. The increasingly protectionist policies being pursued in other parts of the world are detrimental to competition and international trade. The EU must therefore be a force for an alternative path.

For us Christian Democrats, it is obvious that people's sense of hope for the future is strongly linked to how well Sweden and the EU are able to ensure security and show how it is possible to solve global challenges, such as the green transition, by working together.

In order to meet the challenges posed by a changed **geopolitical situation**, Swedish and European politicians need to stand firm in support of the democratic values that have guar-

anteed peace in Europe for the past 80 years. Together and with perseverance, we must maintain

the boundaries against Russian aggression, against anti-Semitism, against the forces that seek to undermine our way of life. We must be a driving force in the climate transition, in the formulation of a long-term sustainable policy that puts *people* before "the system."

All challenges require a values-oriented political policy. We look forward to receiving your Vote for KD on 9 June.

ALICE TEODORESCU MÅWE Lead candidate for the EU elections

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## WE SAY 'YES' TO

- A stronger European defence industry and a new cyber army
- Joint management of borders and migration
- Ambitious and realistic climate targets for 2040
- Joint strategy on nuclear power
- Focus on amplifying the rights and opportunities of women and girls in development assistance

## WE SAY NO TO

- EU regulation of social insurance, wages and working hours
- EU regulation of healthcare and social care
- Increased regulatory burden for business enterprises
- EU levies in the forestry sector
- EU regulation of wolves and cormorants

**DO YOU AGREE?** Vote for KD in the EU Elections on 9 June

# GROSS-BORDER Challenges Are Best Solved in Brussels

Our entire country is affected by the decisions that are made in Brussels. Decisions that often have a direct impact on our national legislation. Cross-border challenges are best solved by working together. But differences between Member States need to be given space and respect in the process of collaboration. We believe that decisions should be made where they best belong – some in the EU, and others here at home in Sweden.



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