



## Statement from the European business community on the 2019 European Parliament elections

The European Union is one of, if not the greatest, achievements of our shared history. It has provided for long-lasting peace across our continent and has brought European people together around the fundamental values of democracy, human rights, freedom and equality.

The European business community remains committed to defending these common values and strongly believes in the benefits of the European Union, particularly its Single Market and our common currency, the Euro. Despite various challenges, the EU project has remained resilient and strong and even though not yet perfect in many regards, the positive impacts of EU integration by far outweigh the negative.

The EU has been instrumental in making the European way of life that we cherish today a reality, and European business has played a key role in enabling this. We have a responsibility to defend what we have achieved and to make sure that Europe is the best place in the world to live, work and do business.

**Democracy needs to be lived in order to remain alive. We therefore urge citizens, and specifically our colleagues from business across the continent, to help shape our common future by voting in the European Parliament elections on 23-26 May 2019.**

As European business representatives, we will continue to contribute to a successful European project and a united Europe that delivers for its workers and enterprises.

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