



ELECTION CHECKSTONES OF FUEN

Elections to the European Parliament from 6 to 9 June 2024

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- 1. Will you advocate for the stronger engagement by the EU institutions, particularly the European Commission, to protect autochthonous national minorities and language groups? Will you support the development of a comprehensive set of legal and policy standards for a more advanced protection and equal treatment of minority rights in the EU? Will you support the full implementation of the Copenhagen criteria, particularly the provisions on minority rights protection, in the EU candidate countries? If yes, how?**

Yes, I support better protection and equal treatment of minority rights in the EU and I agree there is a need for a comprehensive set of legal and policy standards. I believe we need to ensure a full implementation of the Copenhagen criteria in regards to minority protection in EU candidate countries.

- 2. Do you agree the EU needs a stronger political representation of national minorities and language groups? How could the political representation of minorities in the European institutions be guaranteed? Will you support the re-establishment of the Intergroup on Traditional Minorities, National Communities and Languages in the European Parliament? Are you committed to working for a more minority-friendly electoral system in your Member State for the next European elections?**

Yes, national minorities and language groups need to be better represented in European politics. This need to be institutionalized at all levels. I will if elected support the re-establishing of the Intergroup on Traditional Minorities, National Communities and Languages in the European Parliament. And I believe we need to secure a more friendly electoral system for the minorities ahead of the next European elections.

- 3. Do you agree more meaningful dialogue and exchange between policymakers and minorities' experts and civil society is needed? Will you support the establishment of the Advisory Group on minority issues under the auspices of the European Commission and the European Forum of national and linguistic minorities to consult both the EU and the Council of Europe? Through which other channels or mechanisms can such sustainable exchange and consultations be ensured?**

Yes, I support setting up an Advisory Group on minority issues to consult both the EU and the Council of Europe. I agree that a strong protection of minorities and human rights in Europe is key to securing a peaceful development at our continent. I will do my utmost to defend and promote minority rights in my hopefully upcoming work in the European Parliament.