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### CARICARTOONS A series of animated press cartoons for the 2024 European elections

From 6 to 9 June 2024, the citizens of the 27 countries of the European Union will go to the polls to elect the 720 MEPs who will represent them in the European Parliament for the next 5 years.



At a time when criticism of the European Union is mounting, when European democracies are being undermined by the spectre of war and the climate crisis, and when the threat of abstention persists, the stakes are high.

That is why **Euronews, Europeans Without Borders and Cartooning for Peace** are joining forces in a campaign to raise public awareness, encourage people to vote and support freedom of expression through press cartoons.

From 20 May to 9 June, ten animations, produced for Europeans Without Borders by the IDSIDE studio using cartoons by ten press cartoonists, members of Cartooning for Peace, will be broadcast on Euronews and the partners' social media.

**It's up to each and every one of us to share them and take part in this collective mobilisation in favour of a democratic, plural and vibrant Europe!**

With cartoons by:

- Cristina (Portugal)
- Dubovsky (Ukraine)
- Joep Bertrams (Netherlands)
- Kak (France), President of Cartooning for Peace
- Kap (Espagne)
- Landschulz (Germany)
- Lectrr (Belgium)
- Ahmed Rahma (Türkiye)
- Vadot (Belgium)
- Béla Weisz (Hungary)

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#### **Euronews**

Created in 1993, Euronews is the leading pan-European and multilingual news medium, and the most watched international news channel in the European Union. Broadcast in 9 languages (English, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish), the channel is available in 160 countries and distributed to over 400 million homes.

#### **Europeans Without Borders**

Europeans Without Borders was set up in 2012 to promote the recognition and use of European citizenship. Since 2016, it has specialised in producing and distributing short animated films to reach a young European audience through all audiovisual media: television, cinema and social media. It is committed to a multicultural and multilingual approach. Paraphrasing Umberto Eco, it has adopted the slogan: 'The language of Europe is translation, and the face of Europe is animation'.

[www.europeenssansfrontieres.eu](http://www.europeenssansfrontieres.eu)

#### **Cartooning for Peace**

The Cartooning for Peace organisation was created in 2006 at the initiative of Kofi Annan, Nobel Peace Prize and former General Secretary of the United Nations, and press cartoonist Plantu. Now chaired by French press cartoonist Kak, Cartooning for Peace is an international network of cartoonists committed to the promotion of freedom of expression, Human Rights and mutual respect among people upholding different cultures and beliefs, using the universal language of press cartoons.

[www.cartooningforpeace.org](http://www.cartooningforpeace.org)

#### **Hippocrène Foundation**

The Hippocrène Foundation is a family foundation, recognized as being of public utility, which works to develop projects and associations that give young people a taste of Europe. Created by Jean and Mona Guyot in 1992, the Foundation supports the realization of concrete projects carried out by or for young Europeans, in all areas which allow dialogue and sharing in the service of a common European citizenship: culture, education, equality opportunities, social, environment. She has supported Européens Sans Frontières' animated video projects since 2014.

#### **Naumann Foundation**

The European Dialogue of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom has offices in Brussels, Geneva, Madrid, Prague and Vilnius. Through the connection of EU experts, civil society, and decision-makers we seek to foster open dialogue and discuss liberal policy solutions to European challenges. Together with our liberal partners, we develop formats and campaigns to promote the rule of law, free markets and human rights. Moreover, we coordinate EU co-funded projects in the field of democracy support, development cooperation and human rights protection.

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