

A FAIR ROMANIA - A healthy country

The New Political Program of the Green Party (Greens)

WHAT DOES A FAIR ROMANIA MEAN?

Anti-corruption fight, exclusively on the basis of laws, by strengthening the regulatory function of public authorities, not by minimizing the role of the state in favor of Neo-liberal market excesses. Not a maximized state, but a state without privileges, with public authorities in the true sense of the word, subject to democratic control by citizens.

OUR VALUES AND MISSION

Freedom, Equality, Social Justice, Preservation of Biodiversity are our fundamental values. Environmental Justice is for us also Social Justice. Justice between generations and respect for the right to a fulfilled life in a clean environment for every human being, these are our fundamental principles.

Our fundamental **mission** is to protect people's lives, first and foremost those of the most vulnerable and to ensure the health of the environment against those who, in the name of profit at all costs, attack them.

To ensure the success of the green transition we need a new way of deciding, producing, consuming and sharing.

To this end we advocate the following:

- The urgent adoption of a new law on ministerial accountability;
- The introduction of compulsory voting for the 2024 and 2028 elections in parallel with the introduction of online voting as a tool to boost voters turnout in order to reform the political class;
- Removal of thresholds in local and European Parliament elections and a considerable reduction in the number of signatures required for participation in elections, to allow political parties and independents to participate in elections without the general falsification of signatures;
- Lower the threshold to 2-3% in parliamentary elections; introduce the right of recall;
- Adopt an open list proportional voting system, whereby citizens can decide who to elect from a political party's proposed list;
- Election of mayors in two rounds of voting;
- A maximum of two consecutive mandates for MPs and mayors;
- Lowering the voting age to 16 years for all elections;

- Revision of the law on the financing of political parties and campaign financing;
- Eliminate all special pensions;
- Sustain citizens' initiative rights at local, county and national level through a digital platform provided by public authorities and at a similar threshold of signatures to the election of representatives, not higher.

We propose the signing by all parties of a **Climate Commitment**, a genuine Green Agreement between the political forces in Romania that would generate an Integrated Pact on Action for Reducing Net Carbon Emissions.

The hearth of the success of the green transition in ROMANIA implies:

- a. A clear date on achieving climate neutrality, assumed consensually through a law adopted in Parliament and debated in advance at the level of civil society.
- b. Setting precise, rational interim targets for increasing the share of renewable sources in the national energy mix.
- c. Develop an economy based mainly on sustainable technologies and processes, renewable energies and the correct sizing of fossil fuel capacities as the strategic reserve.
- d. Assuming a strategic role for the Romanian state, in the European context, regarding the development of the new economy and the package of measures regarding alternative, decently paid jobs.
- e. Establish, on the basis of transparent criteria, a fair compensation package and active transitional measures for all those who will lose their jobs in polluting industries.
- f. Develop a tax system aimed at encouraging responsible production and consumption of resources.

We support setting, by law, the year 2050 as the deadline for achieving climate neutrality in Romania, supporting the process of storing more carbon and other greenhouse gases than we emit.

We support the establishment of the Environmental Tribunal and the position of Environmental General Prosecutor. The complexity of environmental crime must be addressed.

The main lines of economic action that the Greens will focus on in the new economy are: clean energy production, digitisation, modernisation and electrification of railways, efficient urban public transport and non-motorised mobility, energy retrofitting of buildings, environmentally sustainable agriculture, circular economy supporting biodiversity and environmental protection.

Through education we want to promote among young people and adults alike the new mindsets and transformations called for by the green transition. People need to be clear about the risks of not taking up now the reforms to combat greenhouse gas emissions that are needed to control the impact of climate change caused by global warming.

We call for health to become a priority again, as a strategic public investment in national security, in improving the quality of life of every citizen, in full correlation with the preservation of a healthy natural environment. Human health and environmental quality are interconnected. A healthy natural environment is a prerequisite for a healthy society.

A priority of the new Green Party (Greens) is to invest in public and non-profit health systems, state infrastructure, digitisation of public health services, continuous theoretical and practical training of medical staff.

The access to digital tools and infrastructure and to mass digital education, including for adults, is a priority for the Greens. By 2030 at least 80% of Romania's working population must have basic digital skills.

We support the introduction of the minimum wage in the European Union as a social justice mechanism, at national and European level. We also propose, as an anti-poverty element, a Measurable Social Progress (MSP) indicator, so that economic growth is permanently and fairly reflected in the quality of life of all people, in their incomes and pensions.

We support the participation and representation of young people in democratic and decision-making processes at all levels, including through the organisation of debate groups in schools, colleges and universities.

We support a multicultural society and equal rights for all people! Greens at European level are champions of minority freedoms and we are proud of such a progressive tradition of defending the rights of ethnic, racial, sexual minorities. We support civil partnership for straight and gay couples.

We want to build a single Romania, fair, deeply European, morally and economically undivided, sustainably developed, able to take care of all its citizens, inside and outside its borders.

And a Green, Social, Sovereign Europe, treating all its citizens equally, in safety, this is the optimal framework for sustainable peace, for a healthy life for every Romanian family.

Such a Europe, defined by a post-Neo-liberal projection, for which we campaign together with the Greens across the continent, will be able to guarantee freedoms and dignity for all, without sexual, religious, ethnic or political discrimination.