# **EUD/P** - for a better Europe - JOINT POL. PROGRAM.

The EUDemocrats/Pirates, is a pan-European alliance of various parties, organizations and individuals. We fight for four main goals – democracy, transparency, subsidiarity, and diversity.

Many of the big political parties in Europe say that they want the same thing, but in reality it is not so.

We work for increased EU transparency, accountability, subsidiarity, and effective democratic budgetary control within the EU. We want to be a community of people, parties and organizations highlighting and seeking to change the fundamental flaws within the EU's architecture.

The EUD/P wants to do what most European politicians have promised and failed to do for years – Bring the EU closer to the citizens.

The EUD does not take a position on left-right policy issues. (ersätt med en tydligare skrivning om att vi inte samarbetar om övriga frågor och inte tar ställning för eller emot EU) However, the EUD will not provide a platform for any racist or xenophobic views. Our core values are:

## **Democracy**

The EUD/P strives to improve democratic participation and accountability. Our role as an EU political alliance is to reduce the gap between the EU institutions and the citizens. Policy making needs to reflect the will of the people, and the powers that create it must be dispersed into several elected institutional bodies. We want those who make decisions on behalf of the people to be fully accountable to the people.

# **Transparency**

The EUD/P works to ensure that legislation, decisions, meetings, correspondence, budgets, accounts, and book keeping within the EU institutions are made available to EU citizens in a simple and accessible format, and that EU decisions are free of arbitrary interests that favour a select few. The EUD/P strives to expose the undue and hidden pressure of vested interests in the EU's decision-making processes.

### **Subsidiarity**

The EUD/P aims for EU institutions and legislation to operate under the principle of subsidiarity. Decisions must be made and carried out at the lowest effective level in every community.

#### **Diversity**

The EUD/P wants to see a Europe open to a plurality of thoughts and ideas and believes there is an inherent value in Europe's unique historical and cultural diversity.