EUROPEAN VALUES

Human Dignity
The inviolability of human dignity is a fundamental principle that ensures the protection of individual rights and respect for human integrity.

Freedom
This includes both personal freedom and political freedoms, such as freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and the freedom to participate in democratic processes.

Democracy
Decision-making is based on the principle of democracy. This means that all citizens have the right to participate in political decision-making, either directly or through elected representatives.

Peace and Security
Promoting peace, security and stability both within the EU and in its relations with other countries is a key objective.

Equality
Equality before the law and protection against discrimination are key aspects. The EU is committed to gender equality, the integration of minorities and the equal treatment of all citizens.

Solidarity
Cooperation and support between member states, especially in times of crisis, are fundamental principles. This also relates to economic solidarity and cohesion within the EU.

Human Rights
The protection of fundamental rights, including freedom, security, equality and respect for privacy, is a core value. This also includes the rights of minorities.

Rule of Law
The EU is based on the rule of law, which means that all actions of institutions, Member States and individuals are based on the law and are subject to review by independent courts.