

MEPs call for a Commissioner for Future Generations

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European lawmakers from the Greens, Socialist & Democrats, Renew Europe and European People's Party groups are calling for a dedicated Commissioner for Future Generations to represent "the interest of Future Generations, building on special powers in convening stakeholders and shaping the political discourse."

In an open [letter](#) to the European Council published today, the Greens' Damian Boeselager, Saskia Bricmont, Ciarán Cuffe and Francisco Guerreiro, the EPP's Peter Liese and Carlos Coelho, Renew's Anna Júlia Donáth and the Socialist & Democrats' Alessandra Moretti say a long-term perspective is critical to EU policymaking, but future generations "cannot participate in the political process, despite being affected by the decisions taken today."

They want the Council to include the concept as a priority in its Strategic Agenda — a document agreed every five years by EU leaders to spell out the bloc's aims for the upcoming European Commission — so as to "ensure that the twin transition delivers a just, science-based and efficient Europe which can serve the greatest interest of its current and future generations."

It will ultimately be up to the next Commission president to create commissioners' portfolios and divvy them up.

The MEPs don't necessarily see eye to eye on what constitutes a "just, science-based and efficient Europe." Liese, for example, [wants](#) the bloc's [nature restoration law](#) to be withdrawn; while Bricmont says the legislation is "essential" to "combat climate change and the loss of biodiversity" and has [taken the EPP to task](#) over its attempts to sink the law.

Nonetheless, the authors write, all their parties "explicitly state in their election manifestos that Future Generations are crucial stakeholders in our democracy."

The letter is also backed by a range of civil society groups, including Generation Climate Europe, The Good Lobby and Jesuits European Social Centre.

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