

## Research Project

# 15 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VOTES THAT SHAPED EU AND NATIONAL POLITICS 2009-2014

*Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute and VoteWatch Europe* have joined forces together with think tanks and research institutes from 20 EU member states for an analysis of “15 key votes in the European Parliament that shaped European and national politics 2009-2014” in order to raise awareness of the issues at stake in the elections and to make democratic politics more visible.

The **publications and events** (from March to Mai 2014) in the framework of this project will address the following questions: What types of cleavages exist in the European Parliament? How do the political groups behave? How do national politics and the European Parliament connect? When does nationality win over ideology?

### *The 20 national partners of the project:*

<b>Austria</b>	Institute of Advanced Studies, Department of Political Science	<b>Italy</b>	Istituto Affari Internazionali & Centro Studi sul Federalismo
<b>Belgium</b>	Egmont - Royal Institute for International Relations	<b>Latvia</b>	Centre for Public Policy (PROVIDUS)
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Centre for Liberal Strategies	<b>Lithuania</b>	Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences
<b>Cyprus</b>	Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs	<b>Luxembourg</b>	Centre d'études et de recherches européennes Robert Schuman
<b>Denmark</b>	Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)	<b>Netherlands</b>	Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael
<b>Finland</b>	Finnish Institute of International Affairs	<b>Poland</b>	Institute for Public Affairs
<b>France</b>	Fondation Robert Schuman & Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute	<b>Romania</b>	European Institute of Romania
<b>Germany</b>	Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik	<b>Spain</b>	Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)
<b>Greece</b>	Diktio Network for Reform in Greece and Europe	<b>Sweden</b>	Swedish Institute of European Policy Studies (SIEPS)
<b>Ireland</b>	European Movement Ireland	<b>United Kingdom</b>	Policy Network

### *The list of the 15 issues/votes to be analysed by the national partners:*

- Should the minimum length of the maternity leave on full pay be extended from 14 to 20 weeks throughout the EU?
- Should nuclear energy be phased out in the EU?
- Should the Eurozone Member States pool their public debts by creating Eurobonds?
- Should there be a new tax (of between 0.01 and 0.05) on all financial transactions in the EU?
- Should the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) be adopted?
- Should the EU budget be increased and be made more flexible?
- Should the agricultural subsidies remain a budgetary priority for the EU?
- Should the EU increase the costs of economic activities that pollute?
- Should the European Commission strengthen the supervision of budgets and economic policies of the Euro-zone Member States?
- Should the EU create a banking Union?
- Should the EU strengthen and extend its internal market for services?
- Should the EU have its own diplomatic service?
- Should the EU have a genuine system of own resources for its budget (instead of relying mainly on contributions from Member States)?
- Should the EU create a single market with the United States (TTIP)?
- Should the EU allow temporary reintroduction of border controls at internal borders?