

Dear fellow Europeans,

Dear Greek citizens,

Why do the European elections and your vote matter now, more than ever before in the history of Europe?

The Parliament is the only directly elected body of the European institutions. Members of Parliament directly represent you, the citizens. The elections to the European Parliament are your chance to make your voice heard. The importance of the Parliament has grown over the years and will grow even more in the future.

The European Parliament obtains its legitimacy from you, the voters. The political parties' campaigns for the elections this year prove that we are on the right track. With your vote, we Europeans can develop this Union together and make the Parliament stronger.

There are a number of challenges that member states cannot face alone and where action at the EU level is vital. The economic crisis, which is affecting so many of us, is a prime example.

Neither protectionism nor nationalisation will help to overcome this crisis. Liberals stand for an open market and free exchange of ideas, goods and persons. This is why we developed the European single market that brought us growth and prosperity in Europe. Liberals know that and the others must not forget it.

Your vote can make the difference. Liberals across Europe, parties with liberal democrat values, are working hard to find common solutions that will make Europe deliver the results we all want to see.

While Greece significantly contributed to lay the foundations of the modern European liberal democracy, the country and Europe needs the guardians of freedoms – politically and economically – more than ever today again.

The European Liberal Democrats are today the third strongest force in the European Parliament often making the difference between right and left. Liberals are striking the balance between anti-market forces on the left and an over-reach of government on the right.

We trust in the abilities of our fellow Greek liberals, the Liberal Alliance and its leader Fotis Perlykos, to contribute to breaking the political duopoly of Conservatives and Socialists in Greece. Europe needs the political strength of liberals, so does Greece.

Europe matters and so does your vote!

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