



A responsive European Union benefiting the citizen

Swedish priorities for the legislative period 2019–2024

Democratic, well-functioning and responsive

- Restating democratic values and strengthening the respect for human rights, gender equality and the rule of law in Europe and beyond.
- Effectively functioning, firmly rooted in its fundamental values, delivering added value in citizens' everyday lives.

Leader in climate transition

- Taking global responsibility by leading action against climate change and promoting sustainable development.
- Committing to raising the ambition through an intensified decrease of greenhouse gas emissions and moving the energy transition forward, with the objective of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 at the latest, in line with the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement.

Competitive for sustainable growth and more and better jobs

- Supporting job creation, social inclusion and fair competition, as well as fair and decent labour market conditions.

- Recognising that free movement of labour should not lead to lower wages or deteriorated working conditions.
- Adopting a strategic framework for jobs and growth post 2020 that is clearly based on the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Paris Agreement.
- Adopting an EU strategy for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including all relevant policy areas.
- Exploiting the full potential of the largest single market in the world, fostering a modern and forward-looking policy to strengthen the competitiveness of European industry.
- Defending a rules-based system of multilateral trade, free and open markets and counter protectionism.

Legally certain, humane and sustainable migration policy

- Adopting a common migration and asylum policy that is effective, legally certain, sustainable and humane and permits decisions of high quality that uphold the right to seek asylum.
- Cooperating closely with the UN and third countries with focus on measures to counter the root causes of involuntary migration.
- Ensuring effective control of our borders, countering people smuggling, increasing resettlement, creating more legal pathways to the EU and a well-functioning return policy.

Security in a safe world

- Upholding rules of international law and standing up for multilateralism and the rules-based world order.
- Playing an active and leading role for peace, including through EU civilian and military crisis management missions and operations, democracy and human rights. Acting effectively based on the EU Global Strategy and consensus for development. Promoting gender equality and sustainable development globally.

- Ensuring an active cooperation with the candidate countries and those of the European Neighbourhood, as a powerful driver for democracy, prosperity and stability.
- Responding to threats from terrorism, cybercrime and other cross-border crime. Ensuring a safe and well-functioning Schengen to detect and prevent serious crime. Addressing threats to internal security, taking into account that effective measures may require action outside the Union.
- Taking responsibility for European security by further developing security and defense cooperation, also with strategic partners.
- Strengthening climate diplomacy and the capacity to analyse and manage climate-related security risks around the world.