

If you could
keep money,
corruption and
sleaze out of
politics,

would you?



Green Party



Would *you* run Europe like this?



The European Parliament *should* be a force for good in the world.

But it's being tainted by politicians and corporations who are intent on using it for their own benefit at the expense of your tax money.

Corruption and expense-fiddling

For example, Tom Wise, elected as a UKIP Euro-MP for Eastern England, has been arrested for fraud relating to his expenses. He boasted to a journalist how he “milks the taxpayers for thousands every week” while “shamelessly dodging work”. He's now up in front of a court.

Big Business buying influence

Or look at oil giant BP which spends €250000 a year on lobbying the EU Parliament and Commission. Discussions between *your* representatives and this massive corporation are seldom recorded, even though BP has 20 members of staff lobbying daily for looser regulation.

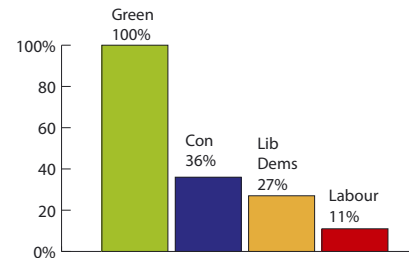
A “Travelling Circus”

Finally, there is the ridiculous waste of the Brussels-to-Strasbourg “Travelling Circus”, where for just 4 days every month the whole Parliament - about 4000 people and 15 lorry-loads of documents - ups sticks and meets in Strasbourg instead of Brussels, at a cost of more than €200m a year to EU taxpayers. We only know the true costs because of a study commissioned by Green Euro-MP Caroline Lucas, and the Greens are now just some of the one million people from around Europe who have signed a petition calling for this ridiculous arrangement to be scrapped.

Greens in Europe do things better

You can trust Green Euro-MPs. In June 2008 the think-tank Open Europe did a survey on the transparency of the financial affairs of UK Euro-MPs. The scores speak for themselves:

Green	100%
Conservative	36%
Liberal Democrats	27%
Labour	11%



If you want accountable, transparent, open and honest MEPs, vote Green.

The Green Party is also the only party in Britain to question the huge influence of business lobbyists in Brussels, whose main purpose is to distort the EU agenda to benefit them. Greens would increase the transparency of their activities and place limits on their influence.

A TRACK RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Green Euro-MPs have been serving Britain for the last 9 years, with Jean Lambert in London, and the Green Party's leader Caroline Lucas in the South East. Together with nearly 40 Green colleagues from other European countries, they have achieved greater rights for working people, bans on animal testing, and challenged the status quo on unfair trade, corporate domination and dangerous pollution.



For an *ethical* Europe, Vote Green on June 4th and elect more Greens to the European Parliament

The Greens can do it

If 1 in 8 voters vote Green, we will get a Green Euro-MP in every area of Britain:

- to engage critically - but constructively - with Europe
- to keep other MEPs clean
- and to keep an eye on the influence of big business.



Green Party leader Caroline Lucas was voted *Ethical Politician of the Year* 2008 in the Observer Ethical Awards

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