MEPs for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (MEPs for SRR) is a dynamic all-party group in the European Parliament with members drawn from across political groups and EU member states.
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**Our Mission**

We advocate for the support of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and the fight against HIV/AIDS, as the basis for sustainable social and human development and achieving gender equality as an integral part of human rights in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD, September 1994).

**Our Goals**

1. Provide a forum for dialogue and raising awareness of the need for an integrated approach to SRHR, the response to HIV/AIDS, gender equality and sustainable development.
2. Monitor and increase resources from the EU for SRHR programmes in developing countries.
3. Raise awareness at the EU and Member State level on the need to adopt SRHR policies, laws and programmes.
Activities

**Policy Input**

- initiating European Parliament reports on SRHR, HIV/AIDS, gender equality and related issues
- tabling amendments at Committee and Plenary levels to ensure that all relevant European Parliament reports draw attention to SRHR and HIV/AIDS
- ensuring EU commitment to UN international agreements (e.g. ICPD, Beijing, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs))
- ensuring through Parliamentary Questions the Commission and the Council support for SRHR and HIV/AIDS, both externally and internally.

**Resource Mobilisation**

- calling on the EU to recommit funds for SRHR and the fight against HIV/AIDS in the new financial framework and annual budget
- advocating for a more efficient and effective use of the European Development Fund in the context of health programmes.

**Awareness Raising and Information Dissemination**

- launching the annual UNFPA ‘State of the World Population’ report and hosting a variety of events with expert speakers, as well as facilitating MEPs visits to reproductive health care and HIV/AIDS programmes in developing countries
- producing fact sheets, briefings and position papers and disseminating up-to-date documentation on SRHR and HIV/AIDS issues, also in cooperation with external agencies.
- MEPs for SRR write various articles and letters to key decision-makers in various European and international fora concerning topical issues of SRHR and HIV/AIDS. The MEPs for SRR also offers or provides upon request amendments, parliamentary questions, speech notes, statistics and other information to its members.
Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have a unique role to play in ensuring that the EU, as the world’s largest donor, improves its commitment to the SDGs overall and SRHR, HIV/AIDS and gender equality in particular, both externally and internally.

The MEPs for SRR is a dynamic all-party group in the European Parliament, established in 1991 and representing a cross-section of the EU Member States and the Parliament’s political groups / parties. As such, the MEPs for SRR represents an important forum in the European Parliament to advocate for an EU integrated approach to SRHR, HIV/AIDS and gender equality.

MEPs for SRR is open to all MEPs who are interested in SRHR topics and would like to promote these at the European Parliament. Please join the group today!
Co-chairs

Sophie in ’t Veld

Sophie in ’t Veld has been an MEP since 2004 and leads the Dutch delegation of the socio-liberal party D66. In 2016, Politico named her as the 25th most influential member of the European Parliament. In commenting on her parliamentary activity, Politico observers that: “in ’t Veld has become an issues champion in the Parliament, taking an activist approach to her role as MEP.” In the European Parliament, Sophie in ’t Veld is member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and Substitute in the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Aside from championing SRHR in the parliament, the Dutch MEP advocates for transparency of data sharing, secularism, the rule of law and LGBTI rights.

Petra De Sutter

Petra De Sutter is a gynaecologist and Member of the European Parliament since 2019. She is a professor of gynaecology at Ghent University. She is president of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual & Reproductive Rights since 2018. Between 2014 and 2019, Petra De Sutter served as member of the Belgian Senate and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. In the European Parliament, Petra De Sutter is Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and Substitute in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.
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The group works with several other SRHR-focused organisations with offices in Brussels.

These include:

- **Countdown 2030 Europe**
- **Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevoelkerung (DSW)**
- **The International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN)**
- **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Brussels Office**