

I. EUROPE IN DUTCH POLITICAL PARTIES ELECTION MANIFESTOS 2017 INTRODUCTION

The best quick overviews regarding the main political parties' Election Manifesto and their position on Europe are offered by EuropaNu: http://www.europanu.nl/id/vkkn0sj56md/wat_zeggen_verkiezingsprogramma_s_over. General information can also be found on: Parlement and Politics: https://www.parlement.com/id/vk1wljxti6u9/tweede_kamerverkiezingen_2017. Unfortunately, these websites offer their information only in Dutch. For the convenience of non-Dutch speakers, we made a summary English translation of the EU paragraphs. The Dutch party landscape is fragmented. Twenty-eight political parties participate in the March 15, 2017 elections. The top eleven parties are:

Party	List	Leader	Election Programs	List of Candidates
VVD i (Conservatives)	1	Mark Rutte i	Zeker Nederland i	kandidatenlijst i
PvdA i (Dutch Labour)	2	Lodewijk Asscher i	Een verbonden samenleving i	kandidatenlijst i
PVV i (Wilders Party)	3	Geert Wilders i	Nederland weer van ons i	kandidatenlijst i
SP i (Socialist Party)	4	Emile Roemer i	Pak de macht i	kandidatenlijst i
CDA i (Christian Democrats)	5	Sybrand van Haersma Buma i	Keuzes voor een beter Nederland i	kandidatenlijst i
D66 i (Liberal Democrats)	6	Alexander Pechtold i	Samen sterker - kansen voor iedereen i	kandidatenlijst i
ChristenUnie i (Christian Party)	7	Gert-Jan Segers i	Hoopvol Realistisch i	kandidatenlijst i
GroenLinks i (GreenLeft Party)	8	Jesse Klaver i	Tijd voor verandering i	kandidatenlijst i
SGP i (orthodox Protestant Party)	9	Kees van der Staaij i	Stem voor het leven i	kandidatenlijst i
Partij voor de Dieren i (Animal Welfare Party)	10	Marianne Thieme i	Plan B - Hou vast aan je idealen i	kandidatenlijst i
50PLUS i (Party Elderly)	11	Henk Krol i	Omdat ouderen het niet meer pikken i	kandidatenlijst i

Besides these parties, a wide array of small erparties has entered the political arena. Some may not meet the threshold on March 15, 2017. Others may

enter Parliament. These smaller parties include a.o. the **Ondernemerspartij** (list 12), led by Hero Brinkman: a political party ‘for and by entrepreneurs’. Or the **Forum voor Democratie** (Forum for Democracy) (list 16) with Thierry Baudet as leader, a legal philosopher, founder of the PopUp university and writer of a number of critical texts on the European institutions, such as "Why have borders? The Universal, the Particular, and the Nation-State" (thesis, 2012), "De aanval op de natiestaat" (Attack on the Nation-State) (2012) (translated into English and French), "Pro-Europa dus tegen de EU" (Pro Europe so against the EU) (2012), "Oikofobie" (2013) and the political pamphlet "Breek het Partijkartel" (Break the Party Cartel) (2017). Baudet was one of the initiators of the Dutch-Ukraine referendum in 2016. There are parties such as **Art.1**, directing itself at upholding fundamental freedoms for all citizens, with Sylvana Simons as leader, **DENK**, led by Tunahan Kuzu, or **GeenPeil** (list 19), a 2.0 democratic movement for advancing radical forms of direct democracy, led by Jan Dijkgraaf. There is even a **Party for Non-Voters**, list 22, with no party manifesto nor any desire ever to enter into the Parliament.

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VNL (VoorNederland i)	13	Jan Roos i	Voor Nederland - Verkiezingsprohgramma 2017-2022	kandidatenlijst i	Voor Nederland (VNL) i
DENK i	14	Tunahan Kuzu i	Denkend aan Nederland	kandidatenlijst (website DENK)	DENK i
Nieuwe Wegen i	15	Jacques Monash	Maak Nederland van jou & Laat mensen hun werk doen	kandidatenlijst (website Nieuwe Wegen)	--
Vrijzinnige Partij i	18	Norbert Klein i	De basis op orde	kandidatenlijst (website Vrijzinnige Partij)	--