

## European election results: an opportunity for positive change

Reacting to the European election exit polls revealed tonight, EUROCHAMBRES President Christoph Leidl expressed optimism about the increased voter turnout and about the opportunities that new alliances in the European Parliament present:

*“We are encouraged by the increased turnout. Chambers across the EU have campaigned hard over recent months to promote the importance of these elections and to encourage citizens to vote. We’re proud to have helped mobilize more voters, which gives me optimism for the new term and for the future of Europe.”*

The results indicate that new alliances will need to be built among groups in the European Parliament. Chambers recognize that this will be a challenge, but also view it as an opportunity for positive change and to reinvigorate the EU project.

**President Leidl** continued: *“We live in a period of unprecedented change, both in scale and pace. Public policy must be an agent of change, not an obstacle. Our challenge is to work with the new European Parliament to ensure that Europe changes for the better. New alliances must be built on a constructive attitude to the EU: we must move forward together, not backward separately!”*

For Chambers, this means an EU that understands entrepreneurs, understands the importance of the single market and understands the need to enhance Europe’s profile on the international stage.

Concluding, **President Leidl** said: *“Politicians don’t create jobs and opportunities, entrepreneurs do, but politicians must provide a framework that enables entrepreneurs to do this. This will be our message to new and returning MEPs over the coming weeks.”*

### Additional information

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