

# FACE Manifesto for the European Parliament Elections 2024

#VoteForNature #SignForHunting



## Benefits of hunting in Europe

Europe's 7 million hunters deliver major benefits to conservation, the rural economy, and society:

- Hunters make a **major contribution** to nature conservation.
- Hunters spend over **€16 billion** per year in Europe's rural areas.
- There is high and increasing **social acceptance** of hunting in many parts of Europe.

## European Elections 6-9 June 2024



The next European Parliament will play a major role in helping to deliver **policies** which benefit biodiversity and rural communities.

Europe's hunters are a key part of the solution and over **360,000** signed our campaign #SignForHunting in 2023 calling for better recognition of hunters' work and policy requests.

## Hunters' Key Demands

Members of the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) including the Federation for Hunting & Conservation - Malta (FKNK) 36 -years FACE member, are inviting all candidates running in the 2024 European Parliament elections to sign this campaign manifesto, calling for:

1. Laws and decisions which affect hunting and conservation to be fair, workable, and understandable whilst respecting the **principles of subsidiarity** and proportionality.
2. A flexible implementation of the **EU Nature Directives** in accordance with the principle of sustainable use and a balanced consideration of the interests of rural areas.

3. Europe's various & divergent **cultural heritage**, including **regional hunting** to be respected, which is vital to the future of a diverse Europe, thereby enriching the lives of citizens.
4. Recognition of the important role of the **hunting community** in conserving nature.
5. The re-establishment of the "Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside" Intergroup for the 2024-2029 parliamentary term.

**Signed:**

[name of candidate and signature]

**from**

[political party]

**Malta**

If you are a **candidate** officially running for the 2024 European Elections, this document is for you. We encourage you to **sign and share** it widely within your audiences. Please also notify us of your support by sending a scanned version to [communication@face.eu](mailto:communication@face.eu) or sign online via [www.face.eu/sign](http://www.face.eu/sign)

**European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) - [www.face.eu](http://www.face.eu)**





## What is FACE

FACE is the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation.

As an international advocacy organisation, FACE actively represents the interests, values and needs of Europe's national hunting associations, composed of 7 million hunters.

Established in 1977, FACE is made up of national hunters' associations from 37 European countries including the EU-27. FACE is supported by 7 associate members and is based in Brussels.

FACE upholds the principle of sustainable use and has been a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) since 1987.

FACE works with its partners on a range of hunting-related matters from international conservation agreements to local implementation issues with the aim of sustaining hunting across Europe.

FACE is the voice of European hunters.

We ensure hunting remains good for hunters, society and nature.

**The Federation for Hunting & Conservation - Malta (FKNK) has been a member of FACE since 1987 and represented at FACE Board level and holds the FACE Vice-Presidency position for the Mediterranean region.**

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