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General attitude towards EU, Germany in Europe, EU of different speedsNeoliberal and undemocratic EU needs to start anew. EU needs thorough reform: new treaties, new structures• A social, democratic, and peaceful Europe • Break power of financial markets, democratic control of banking sector• Power to the people: European referendums, subsidiarity• Strengthen European Parliament (right of initiative, in EMU affairs same rights as Council and Eurogroup)	 More democratic Europe EU needs strong institutions: Increase competences of European Parliament to close democratic gap (full collaboration in economic and monetary policies, full budget rights) Reform of European Commission so that it has capacity to act Strengthen European parties and possibilities to engage them In near future, revision of Treaty of Lisbon End goal: European Constitution More social Europe European social union (basic assurance in all member states, EU rules 	 European cooperation is vital and has to be developed further More Europe, cooperation according to subsidiarity principle EU should be more social (e.g. European unemployment insurance) and environmentally friendly More democratic and transparent Europe: European Parliament should remain only parliamentary representation of EU citizens (no euro currency side-elements) European Parliament right of initiative, information right on euro-related questions, equal 	 Europe continues to be our Future, but needs Institutional reforms More transparency and efficiency Strengthen European Parliament with right of initiative, only seat in Brussels, reduce number of European Commissioners) Subsidiarity (rejection of European Commission's proposals for a social pillar) Simplify European integration by Europe of different speeds Goal: decentralised and federal EU 	 Strong, self-confident, and dynamic Europe, that is capable of protecting its interests and bearing international responsibility Make use of momentum (Pulse of Europe, renewed Franco-German cooperation) to make Europe fit for future Franco-German axis as driving force (not losing sight of Weimar Triangle of Germany, France, and Poland) 	 Freedom and self- determination for Germany instead of EU Germany is the paymaster of EU Return to alliance of sovereign states Organise referendum on exiting the EU



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	against social dumping) <i>Germany in Europe</i> • A European Germany, not a German Europe • Special responsibility for Germany and France for European cohesion, but all member states are equal • Europe means gaining sovereignty that we would no longer have as individual nation-state • Renew European prosperity promise. Germany is not net contributor, but net gainer from EU (exports, employment) • EU needs to become more flexible because member states hold opposing views as to the	co-decision on EMU - European Parliament should control a European monetary fund that should replace euro-rescue mechanism - Voting out of the EU Commission through a vote of no confidence with a simple (rather than two-thirds) majority - Transparency votes in Council of Ministers - Lower hurdles for EU citizens' initiatives - Compulsory Lobby Register to increase transparency <i>Germany in Europe</i> - Germany should contribute more to unite and strengthen the EU			



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		future and working methods of the EU • Groups of forerunners explicitly provided for in the treaties	Rejection of a core Europe, division of Europe. A Europe of different speeds should not be standard, yet possible. Deepened cooperation should be open at all times for other member states and should be organised within the treaties			
Germany: national and int. security	 Withdrawal of German troops in foreign countries, closure of all German foreign military bases Europe-wide ban on weapons exports Costs for Defence Ministry are too high Disarmament of Bundeswehr 	 International responsibility of Germany increased. To be able to contribute more to resolving regional and global security issues, more money needs to be set aside in the national budget Increase Bundeswehr personnel and material (and secure necessary 	 Military caution Restrictive policy on weapons exports and ban on export of weapons to crisis regions and countries where human rights are being violated Global nuclear disarmament should be at forefront of German and European politics No armed drones for German Bundeswehr 	 Modernise German Bundeswehr Common armour development and acquisition Speed up arms control and (nuclear) disarmament No arms delivery to crisis areas Improve cooperation to combat terrorism (transformation of Europol 	 Core of German foreign and security policy is to strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation in NATO, EU, UN, OSCE Increase personnel and material to Bundeswehr 	 Reform army to improve operational readiness Reintroduce of military service Guard the frontier and introduce border controls (with guarantee of free movement of goods and people) Make deporting foreigners involved in criminality easier



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	 increase in national budget to do so Yet against unnecessary and unrealistic increase of defence spending to 2 percent Policy of détente, peace diplomacy and <i>civil</i> crisis prevention and management are key points of German and European foreign policy. Strengthen (on national and European level) crisis and conflict prevention/mediation/st abilisation New efforts for disarmament, against nuclear and WMD world-wide No export of small weapons to countries outside EU and NATO 	Germany and EU should take more responsibility for shaping peaceful and cooperative world order	to EU police and founding of a EU information agency; exchange of data; strengthen EuroJust) Improve national and European cybersecurity No-spy agreement between EU member states		



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Army

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NATO

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European rating

Society should not

• European debt

conference to

national debts

pay to save banks

determine legitimacy

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Create public

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Turn European Stability

Mechanism into

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Further development of

Growth Pact to decrease

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sustainable growth

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opportunities for pension

companies etc. since 0

percent interest rates of

European Central bank

Strengthen no-bailout

lowers their profits

Strict application of

financial aid European

decrease ESM borrowing

Stability Mechanism;

clause

funds, insurance

- No European economic aovernment
- No more bank rescue ٠ measures
- No European ٠ communitarisation of liability risks
- No moves towards a Banking Union, rather recover national sovereignty over financial services



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		• Establish independent International Trade Court of Justice							
Energy Union, digital internal market	 Delete EURATOM from treaty base of EU Build alternative European community for renewable energy and energy saving 	 Break down digital hurdles for EU citizens, as part of European internal market European rules for supervision of digital services, charter of fundamental digital rights in Europe 	 'Green New Deal' for Europe. Investment in social and ecological renewal of the European economy: Climate- and Energy Union European digital internal market 	 European digital internal market Bundle European capacities to ensure European cyber security Completion of the European internal energy market 	 European digital internal market Completion of the European internal energy market 				
Migration (Dublin,	• Fair system based on solidarity instead of	• Preventive, extensive peace and development	 Replace Dublin system with solidary system 	• Replace Dublin III with fair distribution system of	EU has common responsibility for	• Accommodation of refugees in the region			

(Dublin,	solidarity instead of	peace and development	with solidary system	tair distribution system of	responsibility for	refugees in the region
Frontex,	Dublin system	policy is main point of	• Address causes of refugees	refugees throughout	refugees, which all states	No common European
Turkey deal)	 Address causes of 	German and European	fleeing	Europe (allocation based	should fulfil	asylum system.
and	refugee streams	politics	Securing EU external	on population and	EU should strengthen	Immigration according to
develop-	Humane European	Expand mandate Frontex	border is a common	economic power of	outer border to hamper	German rules
ment	asylum policy with	to secure external border	responsibility and should	member states)	illegal migration,	Return all intercepted
	open borders for	All EU members need to	not be borne by border	 Protection of EU external 	strengthen Frontex	refugee boats to where
	refugees seeking	take responsibility:	countries	borders (evolve Frontex	• EU should make deals	they came from
	protection	solidary distribution of	• Turkey deal is problematic,	into a true European	like EU-Turkey deal with	No family reunification
			should not be a blueprint			



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and entrepreneurship

•	Legal and safe routes to Europe Abolish Frontex, replace by coordinated sea rescue (under EU auspices) Cancel EU-Turkey deal; agree no refugee deals with north African countries	•	refugees and uniform decision praxis States that accommodate refugees should receive support and states that refuse to do so should suffer disadvantages Financial support from European budget for states that carry a great burden in order to stimulate voluntary accommodation of	•	for agreements with other states in Africa and the Middle East Legal and safe routes to Europe Take in refugees seeking protection. Oppose deportation to crisis and conflict regions of asylum- seekers who have exhausted all procedures Asylum processes need to be quicker and more	•	border agency with own capacity to act) European development cooperation: focus on quality rather than quantity, differentiation in selecting partner countries	•	other countries in north Africa Implement European entry and exit register as soon as possible Improve information exchange between security agencies of EU member states Increase budget for development cooperation to 0.7 percent	•	Self-preserva German state people Africa is too helped by Eu Reform devel policy: assess success poter sustainability whether it is interest of Ge Stimulate pri enterprises to
•	German spending on development cooperation finally to	•	refugees Agreements with third parties only if compatible	•	efficient Active integration policies			•	Marshall Plan for Africa. Create, together with the African Union, a new		development

Commitment to 0.7

on development

Europe has special

responsibility for Africa.

'Future pact' between EU

cooperation

and Africa

percent of GDP spending

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cooperation finally to reach international with Geneva Convention norm of 0.7 percent of Accommodate more GDP refugees in cooperation with UNHCR, distribution

according to fair

distribution code

Expand German

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• Rejection of linking money for development (and other means) with border and migration control

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African Free Trade Union

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Russia,

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(two-state solution)

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		 and security in Europe require de-escalation and, political dialogue with and differentiated sanction mechanism against Russia. Progress in implementation of Minsk agreement should go along with proportional lifting of sanctions Special responsibility of Germany when it comes to Israel. In favour of two-state solution 	resolution to the conflict in Syria			
Bre	 Protect right of UK citizens to work in Europe and vice versa Make sure UK citizens can continue living in Europe and vice versa 	member states. No Europe à la carte in the	 negotiations is EU27 holding together EU and UK should remain close partners 	 Pragmatically dealing with Brexit Keep UK as partner of the EU, yet no cherry-picking Take Scottish and Irish interests into account Clarity about future relationship by spring 	• Continue economic and political relationship with UK after Brexit, but as non-member it cannot benefit from all advantages of the EU	• Every member state has the right to exit the EU. Germany might be forced to follow this example



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		especially in foreign and security policy	 EU jurisdiction are guaranteed Britons who have been in Germany for a long time should be able to stay Take Scottish and Irish interests into account 	2019, before next election to European Parliament		
Trans- Atlantic relations	• Danger of Germany taking a leading role in the global and European military security architecture was already existent before the election of US president Trump	 US will remain Germany's closest partner outside the EU, 'no matter who governs there' (shared interests, values; and contemporary global challenges require a transatlantic partnership capable of acting) However, Europe's security and peace will in the future come down to itself more 	 The presidency of Trump (a dangerous Narcissist) calls into question the parameters of German policy since 1990 Isolationist and nationalist policies of Trump are one of the factors fundamentally changing EU security Strengthen a transatlantic community based on values Deepening exchange with American civil society and states 	 Strengthen transatlantic relationship. Transatlantic economic dialogue new foreign policy priority Since US might turn more isolationist, EU should define common foreign policy priorities and strengthen its own capacity to act in security and political realm Based on its economic power, Germany should assume more international responsibility (invest 3 	 Germany has security and political interest in strong relationship with a reliable US New American administration unclear about foreign policy questions. Need to take our fate into our own hands US remains central partner, in trade and economics as well 	 US is Germany's most important partner As a response to US reorientation towards the Pacific and east Asia, Germany should have an autonomous security strategy



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			percent of its GDP in international security & coordinated increase of federal budgets for foreign policy, development and defence)		