

Call for votes in the European elections 2019

„Volkswagen for Europe“

The European elections in May 2019 are decisive for the future of Europe. Everyone intending to have a say in matters of the European Union should use his or her right to vote. Europe concerns each of us – that is why we call for votes. As a company, we are advocates of a strong Europe, both politically and economically. We do not recommend any specific parties to vote for. The Volkswagen Group is politically neutral, but not indifferent.

Europe is where the Volkswagen Group is at home. Our twelve brands come from seven European countries. 69 of our production sites are located here.¹ About 470.000 people work for us on the European continent. That accounts for three-quarters of our workforce worldwide.² We generate about half of our sales revenue in Europe.³

The Volkswagen Group is interested in an internationally competitive and strong Europe. The European Single Market, with its compatible rules and standards, international trade as well as the freedom of movement for skilled workers and the exchange of knowledge are central to our competitiveness.

The united Europe is our home. Even more, the European Union is our future in a world undergoing radical changes. We are convinced: solidarity and cooperation between people and countries in Europe are essential to peace, freedom, prosperity and economic progress in every country on the continent. And the European Union becomes more than the sum of its parts.

¹ As well as two more in Russia.

² Annual Report 2018, p. 149; Sustainability Report 2018, p. 85: 492.445 people in Europe, except Russia (on 01.01.2019 4.719 people, www.volkswagenag.com/de/group/portrait-and-production-plants.html)

³ Annual Report 2018, p. 23; Europe/Other markets (incl. Russia): 143,089 Mio. € of 235,849 Mio. € total. The sales revenue of the joint venture companies in China is not included in the figure for the Group.