

Short biography

Philippe LAMBERTS was born in Brussels (Belgium) in 1963. He holds a degree in Applied Mathematics from the Université Catholique de Louvain. From 1987 to 2009, he held various commercial and managerial positions at IBM. In June 2009, he was elected to the European Parliament for a first term, during which he devoted much of his time to the reform of banking and financial regulation. In 2014, he was re-elected as an MEP and a month later was appointed Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group. After five years of working to strengthen the position of the Greens inside and outside the European institutions, he was re-elected as leader of the Greens/EFA after the European elections in May 2019. In his third and final term as an MEP, he is determined to put the Greens at the centre of the European political stage and is leading the fight for an ambitious Green Deal, resolute in the policies and tools needed to tackle the global polycrisis.

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Long biography

Philippe LAMBERTS was born in 1963 in Brussels, Belgium. He studied Engineering in applied mathematics, at the Catholic University of Louvain. From 1987 to 2009, he worked at IBM in a variety of positions, predominantly managing business with industrial and retail clients. He was first elected to the European Parliament in June 2009, then re-elected in the 2014 elections. At the start of his second term, he was appointed Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament. In May 2019, Philippe Lamberts was elected for a third and final term as MEP, and was internally re-elected as the group's co-president alongside Ska Keller.

His political career within the Belgian green party (Ecolo) started in 1991. He served 12 years (1995-2006) as a local city councillor in Anderlecht and as an adviser on foreign and defence policy to the Vice-Prime Minister Isabelle Durant during the first participation of the Greens in the Belgian federal government (1999-2003). In 1999, he became a member of the Council of the European Federation of Green Parties (which would later become the European Green Party) as a representative of Ecolo. In 2003, he was elected to the executive Committee before becoming co-chair of what had in the meanwhile become the European Green Party (EGP). His second term at the EGP ended in November 2012. In the EGP, Philippe Lamberts has led the work on devising the Green New Deal as the response of the European Greens to the multi-faceted global crisis.

During his first term in the European Parliament (2009-2014), Philippe Lamberts was heavily invested as a member of two important parliamentary committees. In the economic and monetary affairs committee (ECON), he predominantly dealt with macro-economic, economic governance and banking issues. In the committee for industry, research and energy (ITRE), he acted primarily as the Greens' spokesperson on research and innovation issues and had a strong interest in industrial and SME policies. He was also member of the Parliament's delegation for the relations with China, a country he sees as a crucial potential partner in meeting the global challenges of the 21st century.

In May 2014, Philippe Lamberts was re-elected as MEP for another five year term. Additionally, he was elected co-chair of the Greens/EFA political group, first alongside his German colleague Rebecca Harms (2014-2016), and more recently alongside Ska Keller (2016-2019). In his role as MEP and co-president, he aimed to reinforce the Greens both within and outside the EU institutions and continued his work inside the ECON committee, mainly on the financial regulation front and tax justice. In the context of Brexit, he was member of the European Parliament working group which followed the negotiation process between the UK and the EU. Finally, he worked to reinforce relations between green parties and civil society, in particular through initiatives such as the European Ideas Lab.

In 2019, Philippe was elected for a third and last term to the European Parliament and re-elected as co-president of the Greens/EFA Group. For his final term as MEP, Philippe aims to keep climate emergency at the top of the European agenda and will continue the fight for social, economic and environmental justice. Alongside Terry Reintke at the helm of the Greens/EFA group, he is determined to put the Greens at the centre of the European political stage and is leading the fight for an ambitious Green Deal, resolute in the policies and tools needed to tackle the global polycrisis.

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Date of birth: 14 March 1963

- 2014-Present **Co-president of the Greens/EFA Group**
- 2009-Present **Member of the European Parliament;** 2009-Present - Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs; 2009-2014 - Member of the Committee for Industry, Research and Energy; 2015-2016 - Member of the Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect; 2017-2020 – Member of the Brexit Steering Group; 2020-Present – Member of the UK Coordination Group
- 2006-2012 **Co-president of the European Green Party**
- 2003-2006 **Member of the Executive Committee, European Federation of Green Parties**
- 1999-2003 **Representative for Ecolo (BE), European Federation of Green Parties**
- 1995-2009 **City Councillor of Anderlecht, Belgium**
- 1987-2009 **Commercial Manager, IBM**

Education

- 1986 **Degree in Engineering - Applied Mathematics; Catholic University of Louvain**