

DANIEL COHN-BENDIT



Member of the European Parliament (1994-2014)

Daniel Cohn-Bendit was a student leader during the unrest of May 1968 in France and he was also known during that time as Dany le Rouge (French for "Danny the Red", because of both his politics and the color of his hair). He is a passionate European and from 1994 to 2014 he was Member of the European Parliament.

In 1984 he became a member of the Green party and in 1994 he was elected to the European parliament. At the European elections in 1999, he re-entered French politics as the leader of the French Green Party (Les Verts) list. He found considerable support in the French media, who often feature him, even when he does not represent or is at odds with the French Green party. In 2002 he became co-president of the Greens/Free European Alliance Group in the European Parliament. As an economic expert Daniel Cohn-Bendit was a Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and a member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs. He also was a substitute in the Subcommittee on Security and Defence and co-chaired the Spinelli Group, a European parliament intergroup aiming at relaunching the federalist project in Europe.

In 2010, he was involved in founding JCall, a non-profit advocacy group based in Europe to lobby the European parliament on foreign policy issues concerning the Middle East.

Europe and economic policy are the core issues of the passionate keynotes of Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

Topics (Selection):

- European politics
- Immigration & migration
- Society
- Demography
- Foreign policy

Publications (Selection):

- For Europe (with Guy Verhofstadt), 2012
- Has the European Experiment Failed?: The Munk Debate on Europe (with Niall Ferguson), 2012