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The results of the European elections show a strengthening of Eurosceptic and radical right-wing parties which want to block a European policy. The General Secretary of the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE), Bishop Michael Bünker (Vienna), commented: “The European Parliament must not become a showplace for extremist forces. The radical right will harm people in Europe.”

Bünker explained: “Even if a few of these parties have presented themselves as defenders of the Christian West during the election campaign, the content of their policies is diametrically opposed to the Christian message. The Christian faith requires love of neighbour and respect for others, solidarity and responsibility for a peaceful life together. That does not go with xenophobic and racist slogans.”

The Protestant churches in Europe see in the EU, despite its defects, an important project of European unification. Even before the vote they called for democracy in Europe to be strengthened.

Bünker: “Particularly in times of crisis in which close collaboration beyond frontiers is indispensable, we cannot afford to allow the common effort for a peaceful and unified Europe to be threatened.”