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## Volkswagen votes for Europe

- **Board of Management and Works Council call upon employees to vote in European election**
- **Large banner on southern power plant at Wolfsburg plant**
- **Group has supported European election for 40 years**

**Wolfsburg, May 10, 2019 – In a joint election appeal, the Board of Management of the Volkswagen Group and the Group Works Council have called upon the company’s employees in the European Union to vote in the election to the European Parliament. Depending on the country, the election is being held from May 23 to 26, 2019.**



**Banner with the symbol of the European Union on the southern power plant at its Wolfsburg plant**

The appeal, which has been drawn up in 16 European languages, addresses employees in the following terms: “Everyone who wants to have their say on the future development of the European Union should exercise their right to vote. Europe concerns each and every one of us. This is why we, the Board of Management of the Volkswagen Group and the Group Works Council, jointly call upon all of you to take part in the election. Exercise your right to vote and help shape the future of Europe.”

The reasons given are as follows: “A united Europe which has a viable future and is strong in international competition is in all our interests. The single European market, cross-border trading and freedom of movement for specialists and the exchange of knowledge are essential prerequisites for our competitiveness. However, a united Europe is more than all that. It has brought the continent freedom and prosperity following centuries of bloody wars and disputes.”

As a conspicuous signal of its commitment to Europe, the Group has installed a banner with the slogan “Volkswagen votes for Europe” on the southern power plant at its Wolfsburg plant. The banner, with the symbol and blue color of the European Union, has a size of 12 x 27 meters and is to remain in place until the day of the European election in Germany, May 26, 2019.

Volkswagen Group’s commitment to participation in the European election has a long tradition. Before the first election in 1979, Volkswagen already published a comprehensive article on election questions and an advertisement with an appeal to vote in its employee magazine.

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The Volkswagen Group currently employs about 490,000 people, or three quarters of its global workforce, on the European continent. The Group records about half of its sales revenue in Europe. The 12 group brands come from seven European countries, where there are 69 production plants.



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## About the Volkswagen Group:

The Volkswagen Group, with its headquarters in Wolfsburg, is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. The Group comprises twelve brands from seven European countries: Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, ŠKODA, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN. The passenger car portfolio ranges from small cars all the way to luxury-class vehicles. Ducati offers motorcycles. In the light and heavy commercial vehicles sector, the products include ranges from pick-ups, buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 664,496 employees around the globe produce on average 44,567 vehicles, are involved in vehicle-related services or work in other areas of business. The Volkswagen Group sells its vehicles in 153 countries.

In 2018, the total number of vehicles supplied to customers by the Group globally was 10,831 million (2017: 10,741 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.3 per cent. In Western Europe 22.0 per cent of all new passenger cars come from the Volkswagen Group. Group sales revenue in 2018 totalled €235.8 billion (2017: €231 billion). Earnings after tax in 2018 amounted to €17.1 billion (2017: €11.6 billion).

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