



## **Make Europe Work for Developing Countries – Vote!**

Dóchas is calling on all eligible people in Ireland to come out and vote for Development in the upcoming European Parliament elections.

The EU is a major player on the international stage, and for developing countries the cliché that Europe is an ‘economic giant and political dwarf’ definitely doesn’t hold. Not only are the EU member states together the largest donor of overseas aid, but European policies about trade tariffs, export credit and agricultural subsidies determine the fate of many poor nations. Europe has enormous influence on global issues such as human rights, climate change and human security.

**Anyone concerned about global development  
must take a keen interest in EU matters**

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Starting today, Dóchas and its member organisations are hosting a **series of public debates with candidates** standing in the elections for the European Parliament.

These events will be held in:

- **Maynooth:** Callan Hall, NUI Maynooth, from 1 to 2.30pm on **12 May**;
- **Cork:** Imperial Hotel, from 12.30 to 2pm on **13 May**;
- **Dublin:** European Parliament office, from 10am to 12pm on **15 May**;
- **Galway:** Harbour Hotel, from 6 to 7.30pm on **21 May**.

At the Dublin debate on 15 May, Dóchas will officially launch its manifesto: [There’s Power in the Parliament: 10 Ways Irish MEPs Can Make a Difference for Development](#)

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