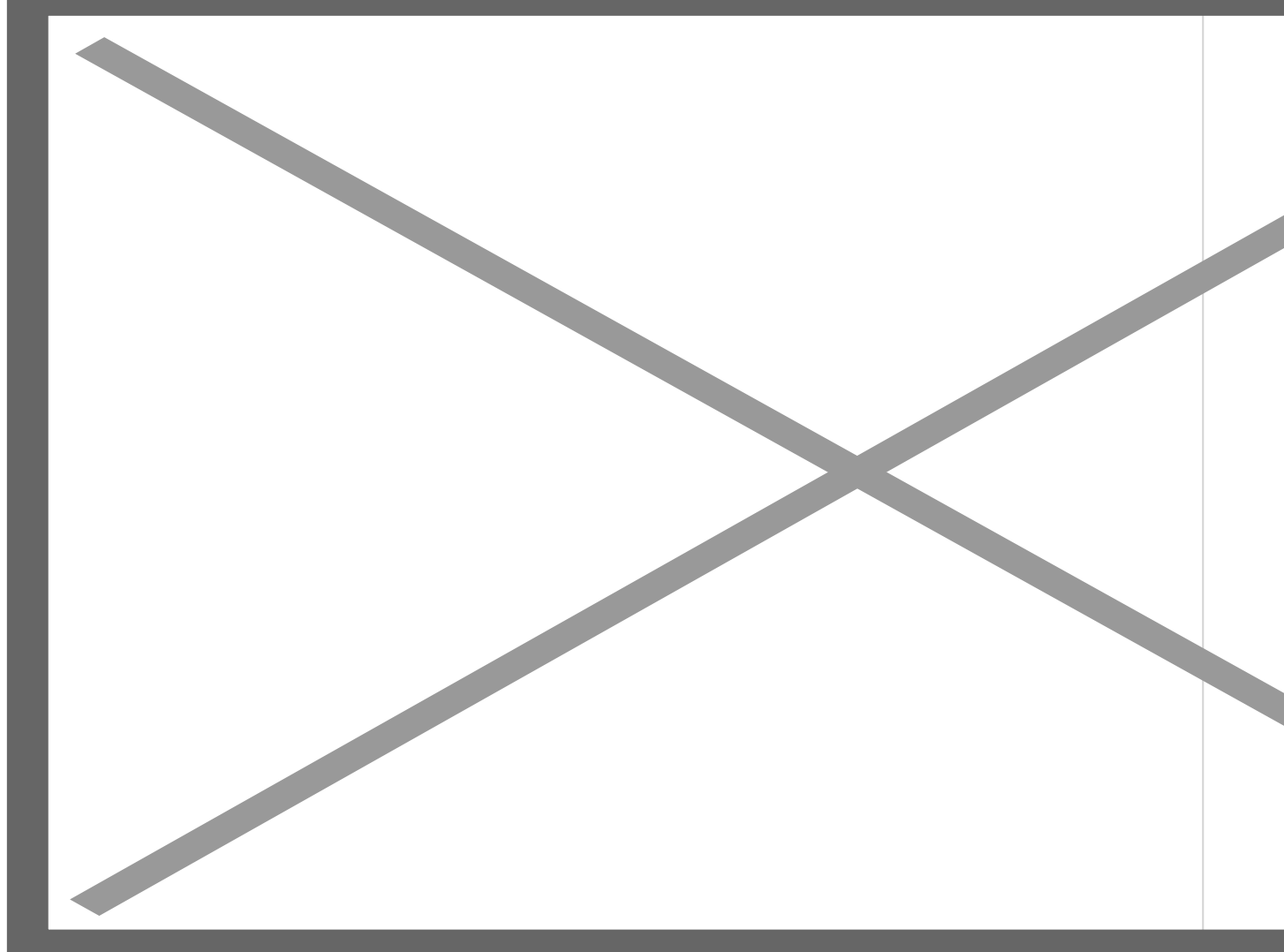


Swedish Social Democrat warns against far-right alliance ahead of EU elections

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?Voters cast their ballots on the first day of early voting in the EU elections at the Central

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Stockholm, June 4 (RHC)-- A member of the European parliament from the Swedish Social Democratic party has warned against far-right groups, just few days ahead of key EU elections. Evin Incir, who is running for re-election, said she is "worried that the far-right, conservative and liberal groups will join forces" in the next European parliament.

"I hope that scenario won't happen," she told the Guardian on Tuesday. She said some of these groups have already come together to "shoot down" or "water down" climate and environment initiatives.

Incir said her goal as a social democrat would be a "progressive" parliament, but noted that a "realistic" hope for the next European parliament would be a centrist coalition.

Opinion polls have showed that the Social Democrats are leading, with the far-right Sweden Democrats and center-right Moderates being neck-to-neck in the second place. Last week, France's President Emmanuel Macron called the rise of the far-right parties and governments in European politics an "ill wind," urging Europe to "wake up."

"Everywhere in our democracies these ideas thrive, pushed by the extremes and in particular the far-right. This ill wind is blowing in Europe, so let us wake up," Macron said in a speech in the eastern city of Dresden on May 27.

Macron's remarks came as polls are indicating France's far-right National Rally is extending its lead against his party.

The European Parliament elections in the EU are scheduled to take place from June 6 to 9.

The 27 EU countries have the elections on different days; for instance, the Netherlands has elections on June 6, while people in Sweden and France will head to polls on June 9th. The 720 members of the European Parliament represent the interests of the approximately 450mn EU citizens at the European level.

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