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Green Deal: Wrong targets and no results

The EU Green Deal has been one of the primary initiatives of this Commission, heavily influenced by the extreme green fanaticism of individuals like Timmermans and others who have disregarded the devastating effects associated with several measures developed in recent years. These measures pose a significant threat to the long-term stability of the EU's economic framework.

The emission reduction targets set forth are entirely unrealistic, and the mandatory transition to renewable energy sources is unachievable within the given timeframe. This presents the risk of further outsourcing to countries with less stringent environmental regulations, with minimal overall environmental benefit.

To ensure the feasibility and economic sustainability of the green transition,

a realistic assessment and greater flexibility in target implementation are necessary. We cannot afford to let the European agricultural and industrial supply chain bear such a high cost, as it would result in increased reliance on non-EU countries for the production and consumption of basic goods.

We are pleased to see that we are no longer alone in condemning this issue, as other political groups in this Parliament are starting to recognize the exorbitant cost of these green policies. It is better late than never, and hopefully, it is not too late.



Marco Zanni

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President ID Group, Italian delegation - LEGA PER SALVINI PREMIER

Preserving unanimity means preserving the nation state

The unanimity requirement is a crucial safeguard of national sovereignty within the European Union. However, there are concerns that the Union, in its pursuit of further integration, is seeking to abolish this requirement. Through the use of passerelle clauses outlined in the Treaties, the Union aims to transition from unanimity to decision-making by majority.

These attempts to bypass the unanimity requirement pose an immediate and significant threat. Disguised as a driver for efficiency, the replacement of unanimity with majority voting undermines national sovereignty.

As ID Group, we view the unanimity requirement as the final defense protecting individual Member States from an overreaching EU Commission. By discarding unanimity through the passerelle clause, all Member States, especially smaller nations, are stripped of their power and relegated to mere observers in EU decision-making processes.

Foreign policy matters remain the competence of the Member States themselves. It is only when they can reach a consensus and form a unified stance that the EU may become competent to represent the collective voice of the Member States. The unanimity requirement allows for the amplification of each Member State's voice, if and when unanimity is achieved. However, there is certainly no practical need for the EU to reach unanimity and act with one voice all the time. A transition to decision-making by majority is unnecessary.

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Gunnar Beck

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2nd Vice-President ID Group, German delegation - ALTERNATIVE FÜR DEUTSCHLAND

We urge Europe to focus on Libya and Tunisia, because Europe's security is at risk

The so-called “permacrisis” we are living in since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has undermined the globalization paradigm, which relies on extended value chains and market stability. Nowadays, there is a shared and recognized need to shorten our value chains as well as strengthen their resilience. A regionalization of maritime traffic and exports has become a defined trend in the international economy. This is the reason why Africa is more important than ever, especially because it has deposits of raw materials and rare earth elements indispensable to build green technologies. China has gained almost exclusive access to some African territories, exploiting their lands and building up dual-use infrastructures. On the contrary, Europe's actions are still uncertain.

Moreover, the rising crisis in some northern African states represents one of the most significant fragilities of the Mediterranean basin, and it might cause

a skyrocketing of illegal migration to Italy, Greece, and Spain. Nevertheless, the EU has been demonstrating a lack of strategy in its relations with Africa, showing no real interest in tackling the phenomenon of illegal immigration or stabilizing northern Africa.

We urge Europe to focus on Libya and Tunisia, since they are strategic hotspots for our autonomy and security. In particular, we need to support Libya on the path of stabilization to make it a reliable partner. At the same time, we cannot afford Tunisia to undergo an economic and institutional downfall, since it would have unimaginable consequences for Europe as well.



Marco Campomenosi

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MEP ID Group, Head of Italian delegation - LEGA PER SALVINI PREMIER

Migratory submersion: we urgently need to stop it!

Last week, France experienced riots unprecedented in the country's history. Following the death on Tuesday, 27 June of a young offender with a habit of refusing to obey orders, suburban youths wreaked havoc. Most of them, foreigners or immigrants, have demonstrated the limits of the lack of assimilation. Over the past 50 years, Europe has been faced with a flood of immigrants, and France has not been spared, welcoming millions of migrants that it cannot assimilate.


Despite the insecurity caused by this anarchic immigration, the European Union continues to welcome all over the world's misery, under humanitarian pretexts. However, it is the EU and all the left-wing political parties that are responsible for these migratory flows. People are drowning in the Mediterranean because they have been encouraged to join our continent. Brussels' laxity on migration has not escaped the attention of smugglers, who encourage migrants to take all the

risks, knowing that they will be rescued and brought to European soil by coastguards or NGOs.

We need to help those countries on the Schengen area's external borders that are facing the arrival of migrant boats on their own. The only truly humane policy is a firm policy. The message to migrants and smugglers must be clear: do not take any foolish risks - you will not set foot in Europe!



Jean-Paul Garraud

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MEP ID Group, Head of French delegation - RASSEMBLEMENT NATIONAL

Israel has the right to defend itself against terrorism

The rise of anti-Semitic hate among certain segments of the Muslim population in Germany and other countries has been significantly exacerbated by the large influx of immigrants under the German Christian-Democrat government since 2015.

Israel's effective handling of similar, and even greater, challenges is admirable. I have had the privilege of visiting Israel and have gained valuable insights into the situation on the ground, including how the EU can contribute to improving the circumstances. One of our shared objectives is to shed light on EU funding for anti-Israel NGOs.

As a friend of Israel, I am deeply concerned about the draft report on relations with the Palestinian Authority, which includes elements of blatant anti-Semitism. It is disheartening to note that even the German CDU abstained from rejecting the report at the committee stage.

In response, our ID group has proposed amendments to address the most glaring issues within the report. For the Plenary, our key amendment to be voted highlights the importance of acknowledging that Israel is a recognized member of the international community, entitled like any other nation, to defend itself against terrorism. I eagerly anticipate the voting stance of the Christian Democrats and other right-of-center parties regarding our amendment.



Joachim Kuhs

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MEP ID Group, Head of German delegation - ALTERNATIVE FÜR DEUTSCHLAND

The Road to Europe

This week there is a debate on the agenda on 'the need for EU action' on search and rescue in the Mediterranean. Every few months such a debate pops up after a shipwreck occurs.

In the first place, private and NGO vessels act as a smuggling service for illegal migrants and should be stopped. These NGOs are even encouraging migrants to dispose of their travel and identification documents and are coaching them on what to say to guarantee that their asylum claim is successful. Sources within Frontex confirm that certain NGOs regularly cooperate with smugglers.

The road to Europe is often a dangerous one, but for those who get here a very rewarding one.

The majority of those reaching European coasts are economic migrants, mostly young men, from sub-Saharan African countries and countries such as Pakistan or Bangladesh, which are safe countries. There are millions trying to enter our home countries illegally.

From the moment these asylum deceivers set foot on European soil, they appear to be able to claim all kinds of rights and enjoy social benefits without ever having contributed to them. Finally they have the whole family come over. That is unsustainable.

Any increase in EU search and rescue capacity would create further pull factors for migrants to risk their lives to travel to Europe. The EU and its Member States should not only investigate the search and rescue activities of NGOs operational in the Mediterranean and stop funding them, but should also implement measures and sanctions against NGOs that are a taxi service for illegal migrants.

The only way to effectively save lives and stop the massive influx over land and sea is a strict migration policy that ends illegal migration attempts. But the political elite in Europe seems to care more about the so-called human rights of these asylum fraudsters than about the safety, the welfare and future of our people on the old continent.

Tom Vandendriessche

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MEP ID Group, Flemish delegation - VLAAMS BELANG

COVID committee hides Von der Leyen's misconduct

This week in Strasbourg, the report of the COVID sub-committee is to be voted on, which analyses the consequences and mistakes from the Corona crisis and presents possible solutions. And as always, the old saying applies that the opposite of good is 'well-intentioned'. For a fundamental problem, namely the questionable vaccination procurement of the EU Commission President, was de facto left out.

Neither did Commission President Von der Leyen appear to explain herself to the subcommittee, nor were appropriate consequences demanded by the committee for this billion-dollar disaster. Far too much vaccine was ordered, which is why the contracts are now to be changed. Apparently, the doses that are no longer delivered will also be charged. We have EU Commission President Von der Leyen to thank for this disaster, who to this day refuses to disclose exactly how her communication with Pfizer boss Bourla went before the contract was initiated.

According to the agreement, the number of 500 million vaccine doses still agreed for delivery is to be reduced to 280 million. At the same time, the delivery is to be stretched to 2026. For the 220 million doses not delivered, a kind of "cancellation fee" of 10 euros per dose is to be paid, i.e. a total of 2.2 billion euros for a non-delivery. At the same time, the price of the doses still to be delivered is to become higher than the agreed 20 euros, although no information is yet available on the exact amount.

The persistent refusal of Commission President Von der Leyen to shed light on this idiosyncratic contractual arrangement would alone be enough for her resignation. It is completely impossible that she will be given a second term as Commission President without a detailed clarification of this affair.

Harald Vilimsky

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MEP ID Group, Head of Austrian delegation - FREIHEITLICHE PARTEI ÖSTERREICH

Are the upcoming elections making MEPs face the truth?

The European Parliament is going to have a tough vote on Wednesday in plenary on the EU nature restoration law. As the European Parliament elections are fast approaching, many MEPs from mainstream parties are reconsidering their position on the Green Deal.

Parliament's majority to push ahead with the crazy Green Deal is fractioning. It looks like the MEPs from parties like the EPP and Renew are suddenly more cautious and want to slow down this green train heading for the abyss. Now some of them are even saying that we also have to think about the economy and the costs that the Europeans must suffer resulting from this green religion.

Sadly, it is not as if these MEPs are now waking up and willing to face the truth. They are just worried about their re-election chances in June next year. I am sure as soon as their position is secured again, they would be back on track, encouraging the Green Deal.

Jaak Madison

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They know it would be hard to explain to their voters why living standards are declining in order for us to "save the planet". That is why they represent themselves as champions of the people who care about the common man, hoping to fool the masses. Even though before they were voting in favour of every green deal proposal that was taking away competitive advantage from our companies and raising the cost of living.

I hope that people will see through this farce because the moment these politicians feel themselves securely entrenched in the Parliament for the next five years, they will again return to the Brussels bubble and be staunch supporters of the Green Deal.

In the meantime, we can use this fractioning inside the Parliament to at least delay the nature restoration law that aims to cripple our farmers and companies. Instead, we could rather start growing trees on the European Parliament premises after tearing down some of the buildings.



MEP ID Group, Estonian delegation - EESTI KONSERVATIIVNE RAHVAERAKOND

ID initiatives for the Plenary Session

8 amendments to the **Recommendation on relations with the Palestinian Authority**;

5 amendments on **Industrial emissions**;

4 amendments on **Ambient air quality**;

25 amendments on **COVID-19 pandemic**;

6 amendments on **Establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products**;

2 amendments on the **Implementation of 'passerelle' clauses in the EU Treaties**;

1 amendment to the **Control of the financial activities of the European Investment Bank**;

4 amendments on **Strategic lawsuits against public participation**;

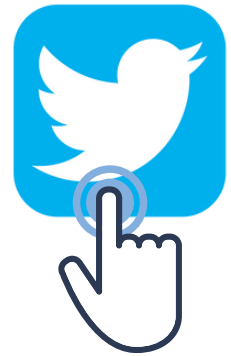
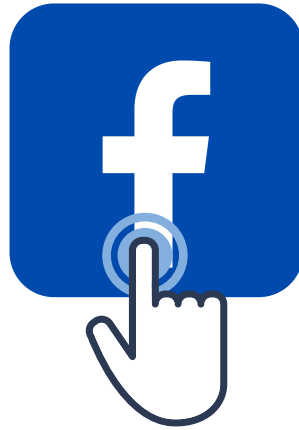
17 amendments to the **Parliament's rules on transparency, integrity, accountability and anti-corruption (ING2)**;

5 amendments on the **Situation in Lebanon**;

a motion for a resolution on the **Need for EU action on search and rescue in the Mediterranean**;

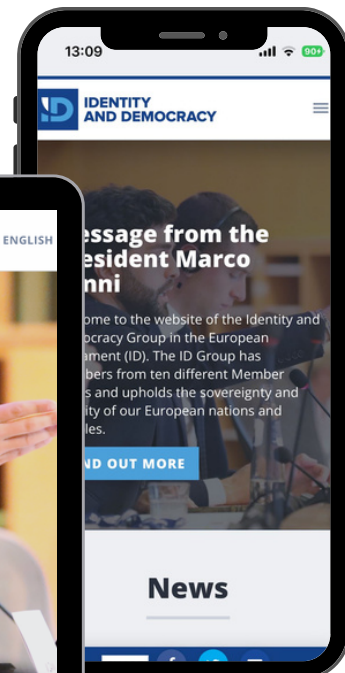
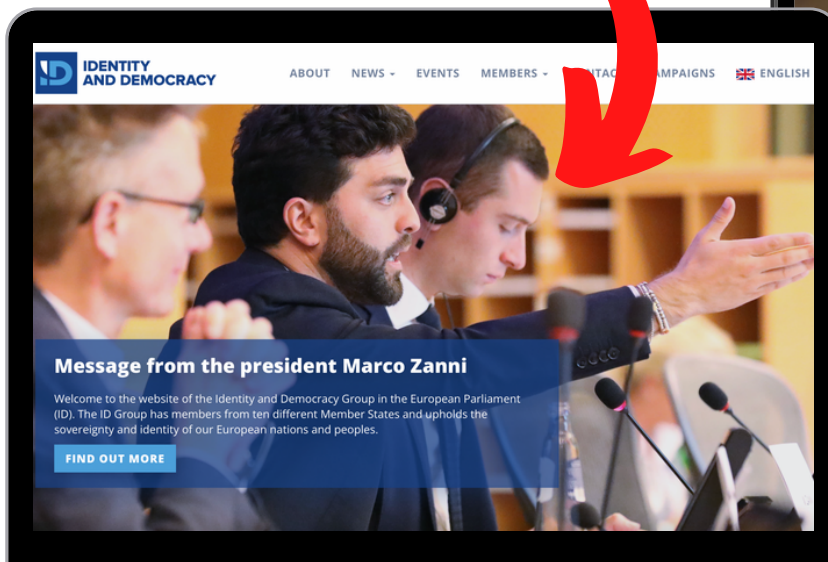
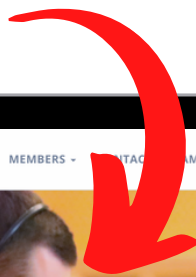
8 amendments on the **Establishment of the EU Ethics Body**.

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