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On behalf of Marco Zanni, President of the ID Group in the European Parliament, Jordan Bardella, Vice-President of the ID group, and Gunnar Beck, Vice-President of the ID group and member of the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly Delegation:

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Our thoughts and prayers are with members of the Royal Family and the people of the United Kingdom, to whom we express our deepest sympathies.

Her Majesty's outstanding service to the Nation and the Commonwealth will never be forgotten.

May Her Majesty Rest In Peace

THE STATE OF THE SLEEPING UNION

Marco ZANNI, President ID Group



The State of the Union this year comes at a dramatic time for the entire continent.

Indeed, it is even paradoxical that in this climate of uncertainty dominating the geopolitical situation and the economy, and making social inequalities starker than ever, the European Commission is willing to devote much of its time to rather self-referential initiatives.

We are heading into a very dark season for our countries: everyone, no one excluded, will suffer the effects of the recession.

Our political group had already asked the European Commission, back when no one would have imagined the current state of affairs, for its willingness to find a solution so that the effects of the pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine would not be passed on to citizens and businesses.

However, today we must acknowledge, months later and despite our warnings, the total inactivity of the European Union.

Once again the European institutions and apparatuses are proving that they are incapable of renewal and completely unable to give answers to citizens and businesses on vital issues such as energy costs, inflation, and security.



Marco Zanni, President ID Group, Italian delegation - LEGA PER SALVINI PREMIER

IT IS TIME TO RISE UP AGAINST THE GREEN STEAL

Gunnar BECK, 2nd Vice-President ID Group



Spiralling energy cost inflation is driving the highest inflation rate the EU has ever seen since the inception of the euro.

Not only the Ukraine crisis and some Member States' dependency on Russian gas and oil imports are a problem.

Greenflation, i.e. inflation caused by increased capital investment to comply with climate objectives, is a serious issue. Isabel Schnabel, executive board member has recently stated that greenflation is not only here to stay, but will get worse over time. It's a sacrifice, which the ECB and the European Commission have decreed the European citizens are allegedly willing to make.

It confirms what we have argued for years: decades of mindless green central planning has crippled our economy and will now impoverish millions of Europeans.

It is time to rise up against the Green Steal and change the way we think about energy policies: energy should be first and foremost affordable.

My party, the AfD, is organising a big demonstration on the 8th of October in Berlin, to protest against the anti-social climate and geopolitical policies of the German government and the EU.

It will be an eventful autumn before a cold winter, and the ID Group needs to be at the forefront of widespread opposition to the catastrophic EU Green Deal!



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Gunnar Beck, 2nd VP of the ID Group, German delegation - Alternative für Deutschland

INCREASE IN ENERGY PRICES IN EUROPE




Marco CAMPOMENOSI, Italian Delegation

Gazprom made a last minute decision late Friday not to turn the crucial Nord Stream pipeline back on after three days of maintenance. At current forward prices, banks estimate that energy bills will peak early next year at consumption of €500/month for a typical European family, implying a 200% increase versus 2021. For Europe as a whole, this implies a consumption of €2 trillion surge in energy bills. It is clear that during wartime, markets are not “off the table” and that spiralling inflation has sparked a cost-of-living crisis across Europe.

Furthermore, delaying the uptake of extraordinary measures to face this energy crunch will cause a massive capital flight.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. Unfortunately, the European Commission is working on inconsistent solutions, while the only way to sustain our economy is rapidly compensating the spikes in energy prices and commodities that our societies are experiencing. Europe has to finally step back from the unrealistic goals set out in the Green Deal, which has contributed to escalating energy prices in the last year. We need to act before it is too late for our industries to recover from the shock they have been left to deal with.

So, on behalf of the people, we ask the European Union: what is to be done? Europe cannot sit and merely stick to the allowance it gives to countries to take emergency measures. We need to find a better way to protect consumers from rising costs.



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Marco Campomenosi, Head of Italian delegation - LEGA PER SALVINI PREMIER

THE PERSECUTION OF HUNGARY BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Jean-Paul GARRAUD, French Delegation

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The European Parliament gives its backing to a damning new report against Hungary as part of its conception of the rule of law and, what it considers, the “European values.”

Its government is accused of all the wrongs. The conclusion points, without qualification, to the emergence, in that country, of a kind of “monster” called a “hybrid electoral autocracy regime” to push the European Commission to continue blocking the payment of EU funds to Hungary.

Without any legal basis, this text rests on vague and very questionable notions and wants to, once again, impose this imperialist conception of an omnipotent supra European Union. It is a sort of political settling of accounts against a country that refuses to accept these deviations and remains faithful to the fundamental values of European construction.

The Hungarian people have decided and strikingly confirmed their government’s policy. Faced with a coalition of all opposition parties, the outgoing Prime Minister and his ruling party Fidesz won the legislative elections without trouble for the 4th consecutive time, even improving his results by almost 4 points compared to previous elections.

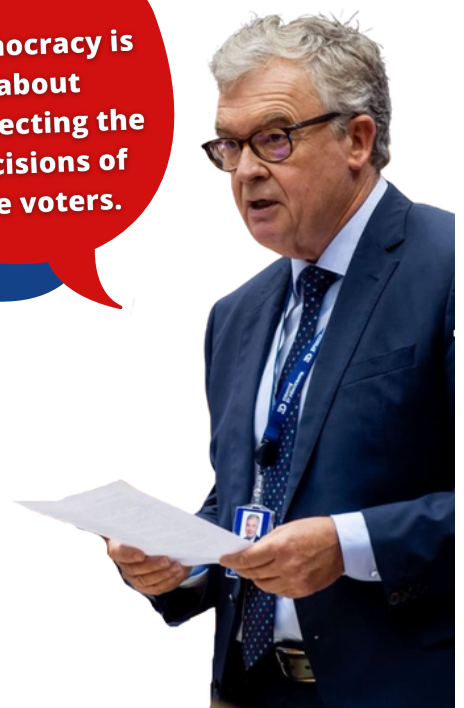
The European Parliament has no use for this report written by a French MEP from the Greens...

Let me recall that the President of the Commission had decided, two days after these elections, to launch, for the first time, the conditionality mechanism on the rule of law and thus bypass the unanimity procedure required to impose a financial penalty on a Member State.

In the words of Mr. de Talleyrand, “everything excessive is insignificant.” The maxim remains perfectly accurate with this report.

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**Democracy is
about
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THE SITUATION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IS PURELY IDEOLOGICAL AND NOT BASED ON FACTS

Nicolaus FEST, German Delegation



According to the Report on the situation of fundamental rights in the EU in 2020 and 2021, the situation of the EU is in pathological crisis. It is described as a place dangerous for LGBT people, racist towards Roma people and unwelcoming towards migrants.

The truth is different: despite some single episodes the overall situation of fundamental rights is fairly healthy. Member States have sufficient checks and balances to guarantee the respect of fundamental rights and each Member State's legislation provides safeguards for the protection of fundamental rights.

The ideological mantra that the EU is in a state of emergency and the continuous birth of new definitions of minorities in need of special protection by the legislator, leads to further unnecessary legislative burden and a disproportionate interference of the EU with national competences, which we oppose.

As the reports original rapporteur, I highlighted a number of relevant German examples of breaches of fundamental rights. All these examples have been erased by the leftist groups, showing that the approach by the majority on the situation of fundamental rights is purely ideological and not based on facts.

Ultimately, I had no other choice but to remove my name from this report after it had been compromised by leftist and centralist forces who systematically deleted my report and refused to engage in any constructive dialogue. So much for European democracy!



Nicolaus Fest, Head of German delegation - Alternative für Deutschland

THE LOUSY STATE OF THE UNION

Gerolf ANNEMANS, Flemish Delegation



Commission President Ursula von der Leyen comes to the European Parliament with her now classic 'State of the Union'. In a literal sense the state of the Union can be called lousy. Inflation is unprecedented and energy prices - especially for the common man - are going through the roof.

The war in Ukraine may have exacerbated this, but inflation and rising energy prices are something from before Russia's invasion.

Remember a banking crisis without solutions. The eurozone has been drowned in debt and the ECB's money printing press has fueled inflation.

Remember a migration crisis where the EU acted (and acts) as a facilitator of migratory flows.

Remember the COVID crisis where the EU took away the citizens' liberties and where the Commission lacked transparency in its approach to say the least.

Remember rising energy prices and energy supply insecurity due to the green fanaticism of Germany and the EU and all its consequences. It will be the common man who will now hurry-hurry have to reduce his electricity and gas consumption ('flatten the curve').

Yet (most) European Member States and politicians who are supposed to defend the common man have sunk so low that they now expect salvation from a European Union that itself is at the root of the problems. As during the COVID crisis, Von der Leyen will undoubtedly plead for more EU powers. I warn: Europe must not throw itself into the arms of the EU.



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Gerolf Annemans, Head of Flemish delegation - Vlaams Belang

STRAIGHTEN OUT THE WATERS INSTEAD OF TEARING UP THE TRENCHES!

Harald VILIMSKY, Austrian Delegation



Hungary is the current darling when it comes to the EU asking for consequences within the framework of the so-called "EU values".

According to a report by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, there is a "clear risk of a serious breach" of these by Hungary. In this context, Hungary is accused of violating the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Among other things, the report criticises the functioning of the constitutional and electoral systems, as well as the independence of the judiciary and other institutions. In fact, this report is another political move to get one over on Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán.

The political witch-hunt against his person and his government, which already reached its climax this spring with the Commission's decision to open proceedings against Hungary under the Rule of Law Mechanism, will therefore continue.

As a result, the European Parliament is asking the Commission to set an example for the Hungarians and hopes that Orbán will be softened up by demanding stricter penalties.

This is happening due to the following reasons: Orbán makes politics for his country, represents Hungarian interests, stands up to rampant illegal migration and resists those left-wing ideological tendencies that have already taken over the entire West and especially the EU institutions.

This report is playing with fire, as it further widens the gaps between Eastern and Western Europe. Especially in the current situation, where Europe is facing serious problems and challenges, the European Commission should rather concentrate on smoothing the waters instead of opening further rifts, and the European Parliament would do well to reject this unseemly report. The FPÖ will do so in any case.



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Harald Vilimsky, Head of Austrian Delegation - Freiheitliche Partei Österreich

RED III DIRECTIVE IS RED LIGHT FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY PRACTICES!

Laura HUHTASAARI, Finnish Delegation



RED III (Renewable Energy Directive) makes things complicated. First of all, it freezes the use of energy derived from primary woody biomass to 2022. If we produced more than that level in 2023, the surplus would not be seen as "renewable". This makes no sense and only harms citizens, businesses and forest owners.

Another problem is the so-called phase out of the biomass after 2030. This 'one size fits all' - approach means that no energy produced of biomass (woodchips) would be considered as "renewable". For forested countries, such as Finland, this would be catastrophic and makes no sense.

Northern EU countries that are dependent on renewable energy need a ceiling that is high enough to make sure that they produce enough renewable energy.

The EU should not make things difficult as we have high inflation, an energy crisis and a war in Europe. Making ideological decisions now can be very costly also for future generations.



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Laura Huhtasaari, MEP Finnish Delegation
- Perussuomalaiset

WHAT IS THE WORTH OF CENTURIES OF HUMAN EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE COMPARED TO A RADICAL UNPROVEN DREAM?

Jaak MADISON, Estonian Delegation



Europe has been on the path of degradation for a long time and it shows now more than ever. The Green Deal sowed the seeds of crisis and now we all can reap the rewards. Like paying enormous amounts of money for a basic service necessary for civilized life - electricity. Alternatively, we can start living like the Amish and be happy with our green way of life.

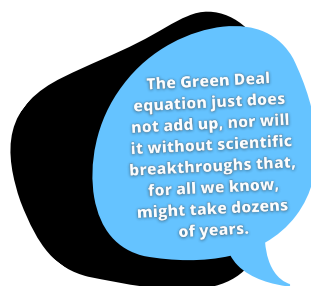
The political powers who pushed for the Green Deal and subsequently made us dependent on Russian gas are still in power and offering excuses and "solutions" for the masses. I wonder: if Russia did not invade Ukraine, who would EU leaders have blamed instead for the unavoidable high energy prices? It is convenient for them to say that these high energy prices are necessary because this is what it takes to support Ukraine.

The real culprit is the Green Deal that has been destroying our fossil fuel industries for years and replacing proven ways of powering our nations with inefficient and unreliable pipe dreams. Still the solution by the EU high ups is to have an even faster transition to green energies.

It is scary to think that the EU Commission truly believe themselves that wind turbines and solar panels can sufficiently power our energy-hungry contingent.

What is the worth of centuries of human experiences and knowledge compared to a radical unproven dream? The Green Deal equation just does not add up, nor will it without scientific breakthroughs that, for all we know, might take dozens of years.

The EU leaders of today are gambling with the odds heavily stacked against them. Their chips are the wellbeing of the people who they swore to serve. For real solutions people cannot put their trust on politicians who orchestrated the problem in the first place and even now still want to blindly stay on the dictated "green" course.



Jaak Madison, MEP Estonian Delegation -
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ID initiatives for the Plenary Session

An alternative motion for a resolution on the **Situation on fundamental rights in the European Union**;

An alternative motion for a resolution on the **Existence of a clear risk of a serious breach by Hungary of the EU values**;

A motion for a resolution on **Nicaragua, in particular the arrest of bishop Rolando Álvarez**;

5 Amendments to the **Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations**;

3 Amendments to the **Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood**;

8 Amendments to the **Renewable Energy Directive**;

6 Amendments to the **Energy Efficiency Directive**;

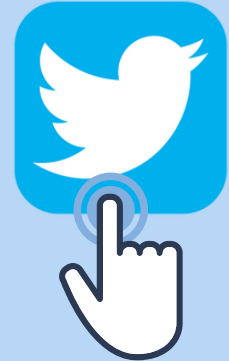
2 Amendments to the **Deforestation Regulation**;

An oral question on the **Commission measure to ease energy poverty and provide relief to consumers**.

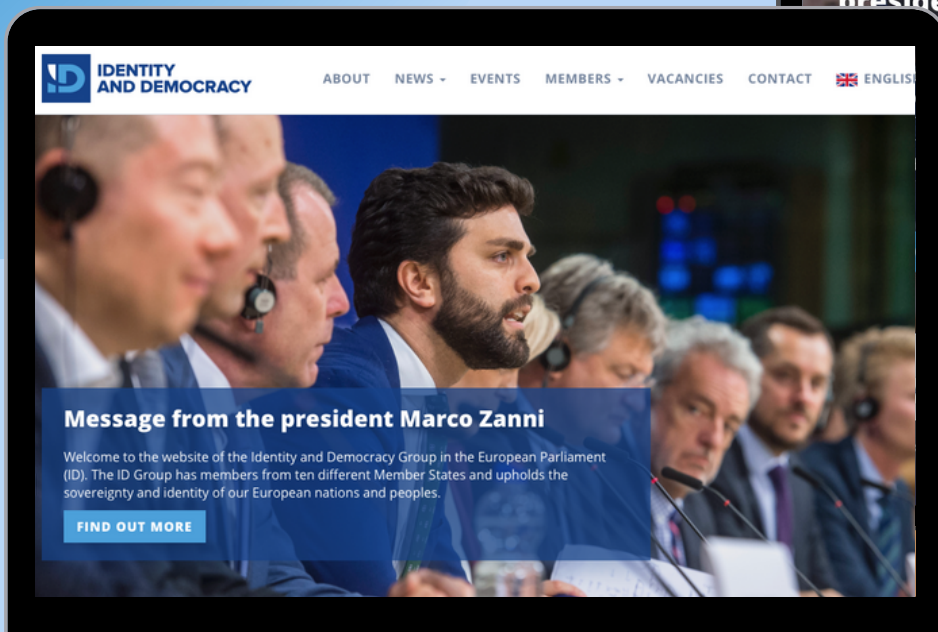
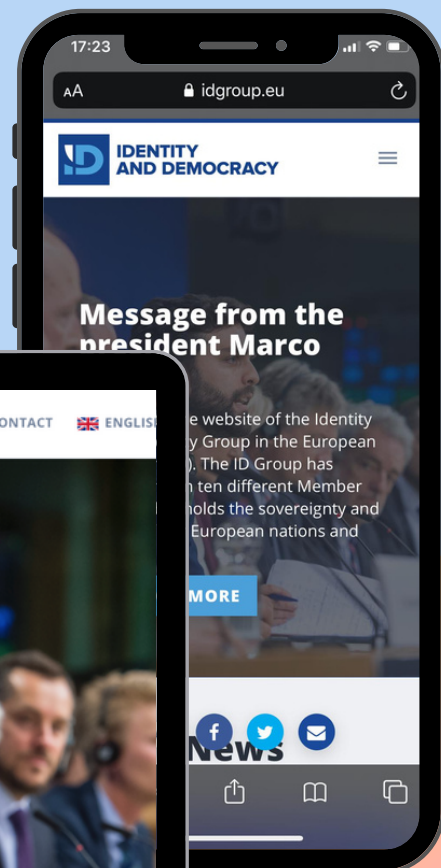
Concerning the human rights urgencies, the Group proposed the following topic:

Hate speech in South Africa

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