

## PLENARY BOOKLET Identity and Democracy



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### IDENTITY AND DEMOCRACY: THE FIGHT GOES ON

#### MARCO ZANNI, President ID Group

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Two and a half years ago, the adventure of our political group, Identity and Democracy, began in the European Parliament, and now we have two and a half equally challenging years ahead of us.

It has been an unusual legislature, in which the restrictions that were necessitated by Covid have forced us to work in a different way than we were used to.

This has not prevented us from continuing with our mission, which was initiated in response to an EU that does not provide adequate solutions to the needs of its citizens.

We are still facing three major crises in our nations: the economic and social crisis, aggravated by the pandemic; the security crisis, with the threats of terrorism still present in our cities; and the immigration crisis, with illegal flows that are destabilizing our countries.

In 2019 ID was born precisely to create an alternative path, to provide a response based on nation states as pillars of our democracies which makes European cooperation a value that can bring benefits to our citizens, and not a constraint that stifles growth.

We will keep working, with concreteness, to bring value, to give answers to

new and ongoing crises, such as the energy crisis that is afflicting European companies and citizens, and to arrive stronger and prepared for the next challenges that await us.

With competence, a desire to do and to change things.

As President of the ID Group, an honorable duty has been renewed for a second term, of which I am proud. I will strive to ensure that all our objectives are achieved.



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

### WE ARE THE BULWARK AGAINST THE EU'S LEFTIST AGENDA

#### Jörg MEUTHEN, 2nd Vice-President ID Group

The first half of the parliamentary term has passed and we can look back on two and a half successful years of our Identity and Democracy Group in the European Parliament.

Despite the extraordinary circumstances of the continuous COVID-19 pandemic and some of the other groups' constant attempts to exclude our ID Group from the political process, we were able to work as a constructive and critical opposition.

We made millions of Europeans heard in Brussels and inside the European Parliament we stood — and we will stand — as bulwark against the EU's leftist agenda.

As parties of the ID Group, we will keep on fighting for the sovereignty of our nations, the protection of our identities and traditions, rational solutions - instead of ideology and hysteria - and freedom and democracy.



Jörg Meuthen, 2nd Vice-President ID Group, German Delegation - Alternative für Deutschland

# MID-TERM INCONCLUSIVENESS: OUR DUTY IS TO EXPOSE IT ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS

#### Marco CAMPOMENOSI, Italian Delegation

Even if this is my first term serving as a MEP, I am well aware of the mechanisms that regulate the functioning of the EU institutions and its decision-making procedures, having worked at the European Parliament for several years before running my campaign to be elected in 2019.

My experience taught me not to be surprised by the complete lack of results that has characterised this Parliament for the last two and a half years.

I believe that my duty as a politician elected by Italian citizens is to expose the inconclusiveness of this Parliament and its political majority to the European public.

The situation is undoubtedly quite alarming.

Some political delegations want to impose a strict and ideological agenda on the ecological transition that risks to undermine the competitiveness of our enterprises and the economical sustainability of our societies.

Meanwhile, the EU's irrelevance is increasingly confirmed in international politics where the silent conflict between China and US might escalate in a few years.

Furthermore, the EU is promoting policies on trade and internal market that are suited for multinational enterprises, damaging local economies and endangering our know-how.

The truth is that these days the European Institutions - and among them the Parliament - follow an agenda dictated by leftist political forces, that are promoting extremist policies that might cause unbearable social costs for our nations.



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

#### THE LESSONS OF THE MID-TERM

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#### Jérôme RIVIÈRE, French Delegation

This plenary session marks the mid-term for the European Parliament, and presents an opportunity to take stock of what the European Union has done over the past 30 months, and our work to defend the sovereignty of nations within the hemicycle.

Two major events have changed the face of Europe. The first is of course the Brexit, which will go down in history as the first crack in the anti-national edifice that the federalists have been trying to build for several decades. By recovering its sovereignty, the United Kingdom has demonstrated that the mad rush of the Union and Brussels European bureaucrats is not inevitable, and that the decisions of the people can be respected. The French, who have had a European Union imposed on them, even though they had rejected it in a referendum, know that nothing impossible.

The second is the pandemic that has shaken the world, and the opportunity that the federalists saw in it to advance their political agenda. With the economic crisis, with the Next Generation EU plan, the European Commission has contracted a common debt with the nation states, paving the way for the creation of a European tax and new own resources.

While the edifice was cracking, while we saw the total imperiousness of the EU in the sanitary management of the crisis, the headlong rush towards more and more Europe was once again the answer of Brussels.

Our fight is therefore not over, far from it. Within our respective countries and in the European Parliament, we will continue to defend the interests that we consider as vital: national sovereignty and freedom of the nation states.



Jérôme Rivière, Head of French delegation - Rassemblement National

### A COMMUNITY OF FREE AND SOVEREIGN NATIONS

#### Gerolf ANNEMANS, Flemish Delegation

The ID Group concluded the midterm with an important evaluation moment, namely the Summit in Warsaw with most of the potential partners in the European Parliament who want to step up against more and more EU.

With partners who see the European community as a community of free and sovereign nations.

This cooperation, at whatever level and in whatever way, is necessary and there is no other way, because the Conference on the Future of Europe, which proceeds silently in between the various Covid waves, also shows where the federalist EU forces want to go.

They want a nationless construction of the European Union, beginning with its own European electoral law, a supranational social structure and in the end even its own military.

Citizens in Europe will never have known about the existence of this conference, perhaps a small percentage comparable to the level of clenbuterol in the blood of Alberto Contador: cero, cero, cero percent...

Meanwhile, Europhile associations, parties, unions and experts are preparing the conclusions desired by the EU.

Fortunately, more and more partners are finding each other to reverse this evolution. A reformed EU is not synonymous with more EU, but an EU that is retreating and that is, at the most, concerned with – and limited to – the powers assigned to it by the Treaties.

The center of gravity of policy and democracy must remain close to the citizens and therefore at the level of the Member States and nation states.



Gerolf Annemans, Head of Flemish delegation - Vlaams Belang

### THE STRONGHOLD AGAINST RAMPANT CENTRALISM

#### Harald VILIMSKY, Austrian Delegation

The first half of this legislature was dominated by the Corona pandemic. We remember the helplessness of the EU Commission, which, instead of providing decisive help to the member states, came up with dubious vaccine purchases and total chaos.

Once again, it was the nation states that took the initiative. Once again it became apparent that the EU, especially the EU Commission, cannot deal with major crises and even makes them worse.

Commission President Ursula von der Leyen proved to be one of its most dubious representatives.

In the Corona crisis, she drew attention to herself with a ridiculous video for hand-washing. She was not only responsible for the disastrous vaccine procurement, but also for breaking taboos on the introduction of debt union in the context of the Corona aid funds.

As the highest high priestess of the Green Deal, which calls on citizens to perform eco-social abstinence, she jetted from Vienna to Bratislava, 41 kilometres away, on one of her countless air-taxi flights by private jet.

Last but not least, the Commission President's migration policy, with 1.4 million asylum applications since 2019, is a shot in the oven.

With this failed policy, a responsible politician and bearer of responsibility should actually have taken his hat off long ago.

As we now enter the second half of this legislative period and we look at the previous years, I see the FPÖ and its partner parties as the only stronghold against rampant centralism.

It would be important if, as a project for the future, we succeeded in gathering as many like-minded parties as possible and building up a corresponding strength to fight against Eurocentralism.

The beginning has already been made with the memorandum of understanding between parties of the ID and the ECR and we are optimistic that we will succeed in this project.



Harald Vilimsky, Head of Austrian Delegation - Freiheitliche Partei Österreich

### MY TIME IN THE PARLIAMENT HAS CONFIRMED MY FEARS

#### Jaak MADISON, Estonian Delegation



My time here in the European Parliament has confirmed my fears - the institution that is supposed to be the "democratic heart" of Europe is nothing more than a monstrous bureaucratic machine, where "working hard" and "changing people's lives for the better" is often an act.

However, it is actually good that the Parliament is a huge chat room with powerless resolutions.

The alternative would be a situation where the disproportionately large number of left-wingers here in the Parliament would try to turn Brussels into a new centralised Moscow where the EU would be some kind of federation: A United States of Europe or an EUSSR!

Billions of taxpayer euros are needed to feed this monstrosity.

The number of artificially created jobs here is astonishing. We could cut Parliaments staff in half and save lot of money for the EU citizens.

That would result in fewer resolutions by the Parliament, which would be a good thing as Member States themselves know perfectly well what to regulate and how to do it - we do not need Brussels for that.

Being a Member of the European Parliament of course has its uses as well. Before coming here there was nobody from the right side who could truthfully tell people back home what this place really is and what people in Brussels are up to.

Many MEPs here say that they are using their mandate to defend the interests of their home country, but in reality they are agreeing with everything that the EU project requires from them.

For example, to their constituents they say they do not support migrants flooding Europe and then they fly to Brussels the next day and vote in favour of the Migration Pact.



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It is our responsibility here to tell the people the truth - that the Brussels bureaucrats are living in their bubble and not standing up for the ordinary citizen.

We on the right have to forge strong friendships to stand against this menace.

I am thankful for having so many hardworking and wonderful colleagues in the ID Group as my brothers and sisters in arms in this fight for a better Europe!



Jaak Madison, MEP Estonian Delegation -Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond

### STOP THE UNFAIR RISE IN ENERGY PRICES DUE TO EU POLICIES!

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With its Green Deal, the EU will make energy prices even higher. Due to rising demand, prices are soaring and our external suppliers are taking advantage of it.

Our energy sovereignty is under threat.

We are waiting for the European Commission, who is so quick to give lessons to all Europeans, to explain to us how ordinary people will be able to heat their homes in the winter, or use their cars.

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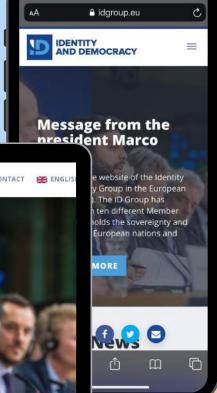






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