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Less bureaucracy for stronger business

The EU's blind ideology, with its unrelenting increase of laws and demands, is drastically reducing the possibilities for European enterprises to be on a par with foreign companies, free from such regulatory burdens. I'm not referring only to Chinese subsidised companies, but also to the US or Canadian markets.

The European Green Deal is a clear example of this destructive agenda, and in this Plenary we should already start to block some dangerous measures contained in several reports, such as "Packaging and packaging waste" or "CO2 emission performance targets for heavy-duty vehicles".

The EU should go back to its original role, as an institution facilitating cooperation and the increase of the economic growth, whilst protecting our business environment.

Only by proceeding in this way will we be able to create prosperity and maintain a competitive position on the global stage.



Marco Zanni

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President ID Group, Italian delegation - LEGA PER SALVINI PREMIER

Defending National Sovereignty: A Call to Reject The Dangerous EU Power Grab

Again, despite its failed Conference on the future of Europe, the European Parliament is once more pushing to fundamentally alter the landscape of our nations, demanding they surrender even more power to the ever-encroaching grasp of the European Union.

Under the guise of responding to challenges and crises, a motion calling for an amendment to the Treaties aims to reshape the Union and enhance its capacity to act. However, what it truly contains is an unprecedented power grab by the EU, undermining the principle of unanimity, democratic legitimacy, and accountability.

The motion's call for a Convention to revise the Treaties and grant more authority to the EU is a threat to the autonomy of our nations. It proposes radical changes to decision-making processes, institutional frameworks, and competences, all of which would further erode the ability of individual Member States to govern themselves.

Since the Conference for the future of Europe we are trying to raise awareness about the intended power grab which could result in a dismantling of our nations.

As ID, we stand united in the defence of our nations' sovereignty. It is imperative that we protect the democratic principles upon which our countries are built and resist any attempts to consolidate EU power at the expense of the national identity and autonomy of our Member States.



Gunnar Beck

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

PPWR, the ultimate controversial EU 'green' ambition

The Commission's proposal for a regulation on packaging (PPWR) is yet another EU rash decision to penalise Member States.

Even worse, failing to provide an impact assessment based on scientific and technological criteria, the proposal risks jeopardising the survival and economic viability of many European companies, not to mention jobs.

This time, the ideological leftist "green demands" attack the recycling sector head-on, risking harming Member States, such as Italy, which have long been committed to achieving and surpassing the objectives already set by the EU.

The new 'PPWR sustainable paradigm', by imposing a transition from plastic recycling to reuse, would cancel out all the efforts made to date, resulting in a real leap back in time, in the name of progress.

Europe should pursue alternative and reasonable paths to support its Member States and businesses in developing sustainable packaging solutions.

This proposal, if adopted, would increase the volume of virgin packaging and the consumption of energy and water needed to wash containers, increasing at the same time the risks to health and organoleptic qualities of food products.

It comes down to serious negative impacts on national agri-food, processing and distribution supply-chains, and ultimately on consumers. Effects, once again, opposed to the sustainability objectives that the Commission and left wing parties claim to pursue.

As always, our party, Lega, remains strong on the frontlines, fighting the de-industrialisation race set by the European Union.

Marco Campomenosi

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

The European Union is working to erase the Member States!

The expansion of the European Union is not just geographical; it is also legal.

Numerous treaties, including the Rome Treaty of 1957, Maastricht Treaty of 1992, and Lisbon Treaty of 2008, have completed this work; or so we thought.

Today, MEPs from the Renew and Socialist groups want to extend the powers of the European Union by reaffirming the primacy of its law over that of the Member States; reducing them to entities condemned to obey without reacting.

So far some countries are resisting; such as Hungary and Poland.

For years, Brussels has been putting pressure on Budapest and Warsaw, because the constitutional reforms carried out or certain laws adopted, would be contrary to the rule of law; a notion defined by the EU alone!

Where does democracy fit into all this?

The Hungarians have elected representatives to ensure that their will is translated into reforms and laws.

On the other hand, the European Commissioners and the judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union have not been elected by anyone. This is an essential question of legitimacy and the sovereignty of the peoples of our nations, who must be respected.

This was the thrust of Marine Le Pen's 2022 program, which sought to give the people back their say through a referendum, amending the Constitution to enshrine the supremacy of domestic law over that of the European Union.

That's what democracy is all about: the power of the people, by the people, for the people. We are constantly reaffirming this here in the European Parliament, where out-of-touch technocrats are constantly trying to impose their law.

Jean-Paul Garraud

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MEP ID Group, Head of French delegation - RASSEMBLEMENT NATIONAL

EP's resolution on the primacy of EU law raises eyebrows and concerns

It is with great concern that we witness the Parliament's relentless push for a uniform application of the principle of primacy without due regard for the legal traditions and constitutional identities that define our Member States.

The Parliament's resolution conveniently sidesteps the fact that the principle of the primacy of EU law is not explicitly enshrined in the Treaties but has been crafted through the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). This lack of explicit clarity has opened the door for interpretative overreach into matters of national importance.

The Parliament fails to acknowledge the reservations expressed by certain national constitutional or supreme courts, dismissing legitimate concerns about EU competences and the protection of fundamental rights.

This omission underscores a troubling disregard for the principle of subsidiarity, a cornerstone of the EU's commitment to

respecting the diverse legal landscapes of its Member States. Even more troublesome is the resolution's call for the Commission to wield the sword of infringement procedures against Member States based on judgments of national courts challenging the primacy of EU law.

The principle of primacy of EU law is in fact a form of lawfare, waged by the Union against the Member States, which have created the Union in the first place. It remains to be seen if the creation can successfully turn against its creators. We will certainly fight back and we have the principle of sovereignty fighting on our side.



Joachim Kuhs

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Rushing into Treaty reform

This week the European Parliament votes on proposals for the amendment of the Treaties. Referring to the so-called 'Conference on the Future of Europe', the rapporteurs call for 'strengthening the EU competences' in areas of climate change, environment, health, civil protection, industry, education, energy, foreign affairs, EU defence, migration, social policies, etc.

Let me remind you of our vision on this event. This 'Conference on the Future of Europe' was a failure, denounced by no fewer than 13 Member States that did not wish Treaty reforms on the basis of this sham conference. These Member States opposed the results of this federalist dragon with its "citizens' panels", which should in no way be considered representative of what the citizens of the Member States really want. Especially not, knowing that almost all the previous referenda, organised prior to the Lisbon Treaty, rejected this project of a stronger union, detached from the Member States' sovereignty.

The selection of individuals, the organization of agoras in the EU Member States, the costs associated with the contributions and payment to these citizens, as well as the concrete and continuous participation of these citizens throughout the process, have all shown that this conference had more to do with a piece of federalist comic theatre than gathering legitimate views from the public.

What we should do is negotiate from scratch on Council level and in accordance with the wishes of each and every Member State a new Treaty that reinstalls the long forgotten subsidiarity principle; certainly with opting-out clauses and a repatriation of competences to the Member States. This will facilitate a better, and more suitable decision making process, closer to the citizens than the totally integrated and severely centralised EU state that the federalist lobby in this Parliament has in mind.

Gerolf Annemans

"Member States do not want Treaty reforms on the basis of a sham conference."



MEP ID Group, Head of Flemish delegation - VLAAMS BELANG

Stop the political witch hunt against Hungary!

Political forces within the EU institutions and especially in the European Parliament are trying to do as much damage as possible to the Hungarian government, almost like a prayer wheel.

The political witch-hunt, which in Brussels now condemns everything that does not correspond to their ideological world-view, continues. It is a disgrace how Hungary is being treated here on the European political stage.

Moreover, it is a disgrace that not only left-wingers but also so-called Christian Democrats are taking part in this political staging by the left.

Because it is nothing more than pure political posturing, as Viktor Orbán and his government do not fit into the canon of values of the left wing and woke EU centralists. He stands for the traditional family, the protection of children from early sexualisation and against the degenerating trend of a thousand genders.

He is also out of line on the issue of migration, by wanting to protect his country, and above all, his people, from this unbridled invasion from Arabia and Africa; while at the same time trying to initiate peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, as a leading statesman.

That is why the EU Commission and the EU centralists accuse the Hungarian government of a "persistent threat to the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary" and justify this with a "failure to fulfil the conditionality for EU funds" for the country.

It is precisely these accusers who are themselves in the swamp of corruption; when you think of contracts or the 35 billion Euro vaccine deal; which to this day has had no consequences for the Commission President. This theatre must finally end - at the latest on 9th June, when a majority of patriotic and conservative parties will move into this House!

Harald Vilimsky

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

Fundamental changes need referendums

In the midst of political discourse, our nation stands at a pivotal moment, facing proposals that could reshape the very essence of our relations with the European Union.

Granting additional powers to Brussels carries the risk of losing national sovereignty and limiting our ability to make decisions in line with our interests and values. In light of the 2012 decision of the Estonian Supreme Court, it becomes clear that any changes to the fundamental treaties must be accompanied by a referendum to refresh the mandate given by the citizens in 2003.

We will not allow our country to become a puppet in the hands of bureaucracy, distant from the real needs and demands of our people. We are obligated to defend our national identity and the right to independently determine our future.

Voting for the so-called development that disregards the interests and will of our people is not part of our plans. National autonomy is a value we are not willing to sacrifice for abstract ideals of uniformity.

Our principle is clear: we support a steadfast line where the strength of our union relies on sovereign nations, not submission to centralized authority. Returning to fundamentals is our demand, where our union is built on cooperation, not the engulfing of national interests in the flow of federal ambitions.



Jaak Madison

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MEP ID Group, Estonian delegation - EESTI KONSERVATIIVNE RAHVAERAKOND

ID initiatives for the Plenary Session

5 amendments to the resolution on **UN Climate Change Conference 2023 in Dubai;**

22 amendments to the report on **Strengthening the CO2 emission performance targets for new heavy-duty vehicles;**

13 amendments to the report on **Packaging and packaging waste;**

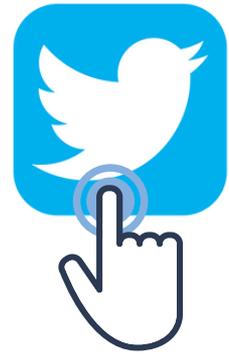
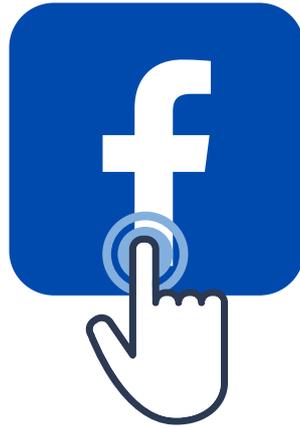
16 amendments to the report on **Sustainable use of plant protection products;**

12 amendments to the report on **Proposals of the European Parliament for the amendment of the Treaties;**

15 amendments to the report on **Implementation of the principle of the primacy of EU law;**

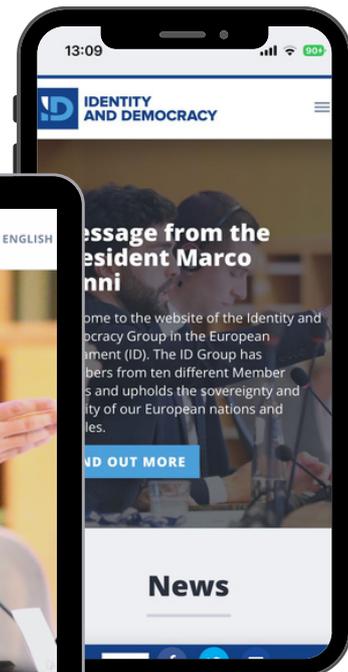
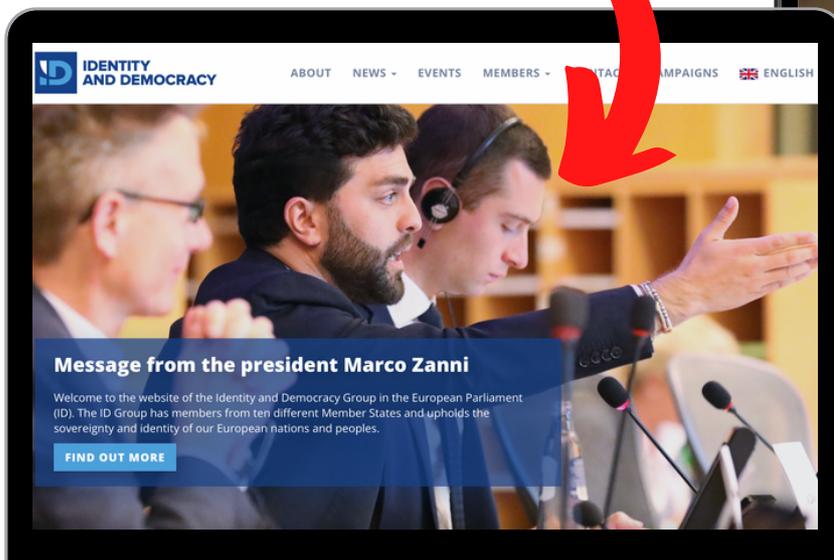
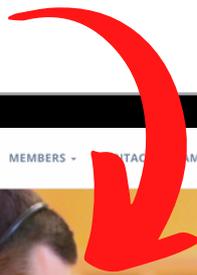
1 amendment to the report on **Operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in Mauritania.**

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