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BRUSSELS' INDECISION AND SLUGGISHNESS PUTS EUROPE AT RISK

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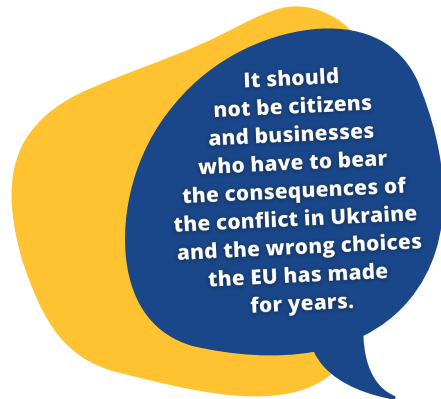
Winter is just around the corner and the European Commission still has not come up with a viable proposal to control energy costs.

Just a few days ago Italy held its elections and during this campaign period, as Lega, we have had the opportunity to observe with our own eyes how much the increase in prices has already directly affected the productive world and the weaker segments of the population. A similar situation is ongoing in the other Member States.

And the EU itself, very often engaged in championing the rule of law in this or that country, should rather concentrate its efforts on finding a solution to the continuation of this economic crisis that is also becoming social.

We ask again that it should not be citizens and businesses who have to bear the consequences of the conflict in Ukraine and the wrong choices the EU has made for years by not having an energy strategy.

The introduction of a price cap for gas and measures to contain the cost of bills with European resources are goals that can no longer be postponed. As a matter of fact, they are necessary if we want to save not only the winter but also the future of our Continent.



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HIGH ENERGY PRICES: WE ARE PAYING FOR THE MISTAKES OF THE EU!

Jordan BARDELLA, 1st Vice-President ID Group



The war in Ukraine has played a big role in the rise of energy prices. But it is first and foremost the successive mistakes of the EU that we are paying for today.

The EU wanted to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, but it has put us in the hands of Russia, the United States, and petro-monarchies of the Gulf. It claimed to decarbonize our economy, but we are reopening coal-fired power plants because of an absurd and irrational war against nuclear power, because of the lobbying by the Greens.

The EU claimed to defend the ecology, but it now imports American shale gas with a lot of methane tankers. In defiance of its values, it is now on its knees before Azerbaijan, which is bombing the brave people of Armenia, because the EU desperately needs its gas.

Far from the promise of a social Europe, the EU is now preparing the rationing of millions of European families.

By its inconsistencies, by its renunciation of sovereignty, the EU has plunged our peoples and our companies into distress by confronting them with emergencies that we thought were from another time.



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Jordan Bardella, 1st VP of the ID Group, French delegation - Rassemblement National

SCHENGEN ENLARGEMENT WOULD BE A TRIUMPH OF CORRUPTION

Gunnar BECK, 2nd Vice-President ID Group



When Bulgaria and Romania applied for membership of the Schengen area in 2011, the Council of Ministers rejected the bid. Germany, France, the Netherlands and Finland expressed concerns about the countries' shortcomings in anti-corruption measures and in the fight against crime.

Macron and Scholz now support their accession, although the track record of these countries in fighting corruption and crime are dismal. According to Transparency International's corruption perception index, Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania have made no progress over the last decade. In fact, since 2015 and 2017 respectively, corruption in Bulgaria and Croatia has increased.

Greenlighting these countries now would be a triumph of corruption, and would open the door to abuse. Non-EU nationals will get easier access to Schengen visas, and stay in the EU illegally after their visa expires. We are opening the door to another migration crisis.

The migration crisis has shown we need to rethink Schengen, instead of expanding it with three deeply corrupt Member States. We need two major reforms: expand the possibilities and length of internal border controls, and strengthen the protection of our external borders.

The revision of article 23 SBC and article 63 of the Return Directive is vital to protect Europe against illegal immigration.



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IRANIAN REGIME'S BRUTALITY AGAINST WOMEN CONTINUES UNABATED




Marco CAMPOMENOSI, Italian Delegation

Mahsa Amini, a name that is familiar to all of us due to the saddest events that humanity can come to know. She was a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman who died after falling into a coma on 16 September following her arrest in Tehran by the Guidance Patrol of the Islamic regime of Iran. She was arrested due to her hijab not meeting the government's mandatory Hijab standards. The police falsely stated that she died due to heart failure, but further evidence demonstrates that she suffered fatal blows.

As media anger spread all over the globe, the protests in Iran broke out spontaneously across the country. Sadly, peaceful and brave protesters are being repressed by state forces simply because they are demanding change for their democratic rights. They are being harassed, arrested, imprisoned, tortured, flogged, and even killed for defying repressive laws imposed on them.

Suppression of women's rights is an undeniable characteristic of Islam. Under the law of "compulsory veiling" and title of "improper veiling", women of Iran have been denied their most fundamental rights of freedom and have been harassed.

Mahsa Amini, Hadis Najafi and 240 other people followed. Leaderless protests in 162 cities within 31 Iranian provinces. Over 12000 people arrested. Will the regime of Iran ever be stopped? Will the European Union make a move to stop the Iranian regime from continuing its systematic and unacceptable violence against its citizens?



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

ISLAMIC VEIL: CONTESTED IN IRAN, PROMOTED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

Jean-Paul GARRAUD, French Delegation

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Successive violent demonstrations have taken place in the Islamic Republic of Iran since the announcement of the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old young woman of Kurdish origin, who died on the 16th of September in Tehran hospital. She was arrested a few days earlier for not wearing her veil properly and was allegedly beaten by the “vice squad.”

As a sign of protest and even revolt, in small groups in the streets of some cities, some courageous women appear on social networks cutting their hair, burning their Islamic veils, or tearing it off and holding it up, arms extended.

While these Iranian women are risking their lives to fight for liberation, the European Union is helping to promote this same Islamic veil...

On 21 September, a delegation from the FEMYSO movement, which is close to the Muslim Brotherhood and financially supported by the European Commission, carried out an actual proselytizing exercise, on the premises of the European Parliament, in favour of the wearing of the veil for women.

On the same day, 21 September, a message from the European Commission on social networks featured a veiled girl as part of the Erasmus+ program.

In addition to turning into veritable totalitarianism, the Europe of Brussels is drifting towards total submission to radical Islam.

Of course, there is no question of letting this happen!

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Jean-Paul Garraud, Head of French delegation - Rassemblement National

RETHINKING THE EU'S STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HORN OF AFRICA

Nicolaus FEST, German Delegation



The countries that make up the Horn of Africa have archaic laws and values that run counter to those we have in western civilization. Despite this, the EU turns a blind eye and continues to send billions of euros to the region.

Take for example the issue of LGBT rights, a topic that the EU is very proud to champion. In nearly all states that make up the Horn of Africa, it is illegal to commit homosexual acts. Those who commit these 'crimes' face the death penalty or life imprisonment. Moreover, there is also an issue with freedom of religion in the region, particularly in Eritrea and Ethiopia, where we see widespread discrimination, intolerance and persecution of Christians. This is simply unacceptable.

Where EU funds truly end up remains a mystery. On paper, of course, it goes to legitimate organisations. However, there are a number of reports that this money sometimes ends up in the wrong hands, such as local militia groups.

Going forward it is imperative that the EU reassesses its strategic relationship with the region. It should pursue a policy of strict conditionality which sees targeted assistance only given to nations that are making substantial progress towards democratisation, improving human rights and managing migratory flows.



Nicolaus Fest, Head of German
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EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION: MONKEYPOX AS A PRETEXT

Gerolf ANNEMANS, Flemish Delegation

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Debates this week on extending the tasks of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and on the extension of the legal framework to combat cross-border threats to health, have once again brought us into a story of ever more EU.

Although health care is clearly a national competence and the role of the EU is only complementary, 'the health provisions of the Treaties are still greatly underused,' it reads. Article 168 of the TFEU stipulates that 'a high level of human health protection shall be ensured in all Union policies and activities' and is a first loophole to take away more and more health powers from the Member States.

All these regulations on the table are once again an attempt to promote EU integration by using the COVID 19 thematic or even monkeypox as a pretext. Of course, this leads to ever larger institutions such as the ECDC or the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and even international organisations such as the World Health Organisation (WHO). Agencies that not only need more and more people and more and more budget, but above all - they are convinced - need more powers.

Time and again, however, it is proven that the dreamed centralization turns out to be too unwieldy and too far from the citizens.

It even becomes completely dangerous when individuals within this 'European Health Union' would get a grip on what you literally have to swallow or been injected with in the future. Remember Commission President Von der Leyen who had created "a deep bond of trust" with the Pfizer boss.

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Gerolf Annemans, Head of Flemish delegation - Vlaams Belang

ARTICLE 7: AFTER HUNGARY SOON ITALY?

Harald VILIMSKY, Austrian Delegation



Hungary is now to be denied of 7.5 billion euros that the country is entitled to under the Union budget from 2021 to 2027.

The European Parliament had already rubber-stamped this in September, saying Hungary was no longer a democracy but an "electoral autocracy". This from a body whose voter turnout has been below 50 per cent for decades, and which last came within a whisker of topping the 50 per cent mark in 2019. Viktor Orbán's Fidesz won an overwhelming victory in the parliamentary elections in spring: an absolute majority of 54 percent and a two-thirds majority in the mandates. Not even the toughest Orbán opponents spoke of election manipulation.

Leading the Hungary-bashing is Ursula von der Leyen as President of the Commission. One has to fear that Von der Leyen's hunting party against conservative and patriotically minded governments which place the nation-state and its people at the focus of their policies, will now also reach Italy. Shortly before the Italian election, Von der Leyen made this clear once again. She threatened in the direction of Italy that the EU Commission has the right "instruments" if the new Italian government adopts policies that displease the EU centrists.

The Brussels Inquisition sends its regards. The demonstration of the instruments of torture has already taken place in the examples of Hungary and Poland, but has apparently strengthened the Italians in their stance more than frightened them. Von der Leyen has thus involuntarily turned out to be an election helper for Meloni & Co.

One can be sure: The EU, as a moral "reformatory with an educational mission", will try to make the Italians feel this. It is obvious that in this plenary week we will witness another political staging of the EU centralists against Hungary.



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Harald Vilimsky, Head of Austrian Delegation - Freiheitliche Partei Österreich

MAHSA AMINI – A MARTYR OF LIBERTY!

Laura HUHTASAARI, Finnish Delegation

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A lot has been said and written about equality and human rights and usually those who talk and write about them identify themselves as "liberals" and "democrats". However, quite often they are not very logical. We hear that women earn less and are patronized by a white male class who just want to discriminate against women and minorities. In other words, a white man who eats meat and drives a car is per se a discriminatory phenomenon.

When young men from Africa and the Middle East arrive in Europe, they are welcomed by "liberals". They call it cultural enrichment. With this in mind, it is very hard to understand why the attitudes of these men towards women and minorities are not a problem for the liberal elite. Head scarfs, forced marriages and inequality are not a problem at all anymore.

On 7 September 2022 Mahsa Amini, an Iranian woman, refused to wear a hijab, a headcovering. Because of this she was beaten up by the police and later died. This was extreme brutality and is a despicable way to treat a young woman who only wants to be free.

Unfortunately the liberal elite is very silent about this but I am happy the EP is at least willing to discuss this tragedy. Mahsa Amini was a true hero and I hope her memory will show the women in muslim countries the path to liberty.

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Laura Huhtasaari, MEP Finnish Delegation
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OUR WAY OF LIFE IS THE CARBON THEY WANT TO REDUCE

Jaak MADISON, Estonian Delegation



Why is it the case that the EU's response to a crisis is always too little too late? This was again the case with the gas price gap that was proposed already in the beginning of the crisis. An army of highly paid bureaucrats and countless hours of debate have not brought any relief to the people of Europe, although I am certain that all the EU officials got their long "well-deserved" summer vacations like it was business as usual.

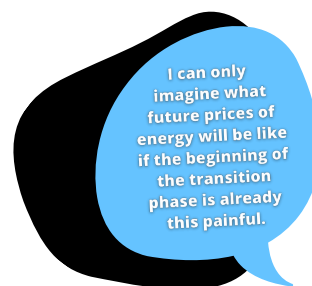
Winter will soon be upon us and many people will once again be disappointed with the EU's response, as was the case with the COVID epidemic before, where solidarity was thrown out of the window. Maybe this is what it takes to wake people up and force them to abandon their foolish beliefs about the "planet saving" green deal.

It is actually good that the EU is not getting much done as their solutions would mostly only exacerbate the problem. Their green deal will bring suffering to countless households and still Brussels would claim that this is the way to the future.

I can only imagine what future prices of energy will be like if the beginning of the transition phase is already this painful. Or will it be back to the "green" Russian gas from our "beloved" Russian partner when the situation allows it?

Right now, all the blame is being placed on Russia's war of aggression. Their tanks must have made our wind generators turn slower, the war must have caused the sun to shine less brightly and of course has also forced us to close down our nuclear plants and coal mines. Only Brussels bureaucrats could sell this lie, but not for long.

European left-wingers and greens have fought for decades against cheap energy and now they have succeeded with their green policies. According to them, Europeans must lower our living standards to save the planet, while people in Asia and Africa are polluting ever more with their rapidly rising populations. Our way of life is the carbon they want to reduce.



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ID initiatives for the Plenary Session

A motion for a resolution on the **EU's response to the increase in energy prices in Europe;**

A motion for a resolution on the **Death of Mahsa Amini and the repression of women's rights protesters in Iran;**

3 Amendments to the **EU's strategic relationship and partnership with the Horn of Africa;**

4 Amendments to the **Situation of Roma people living in settlements in the EU;**

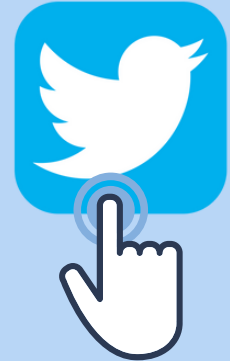
A major interpellation on **Attacks on energy infrastructure.**

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

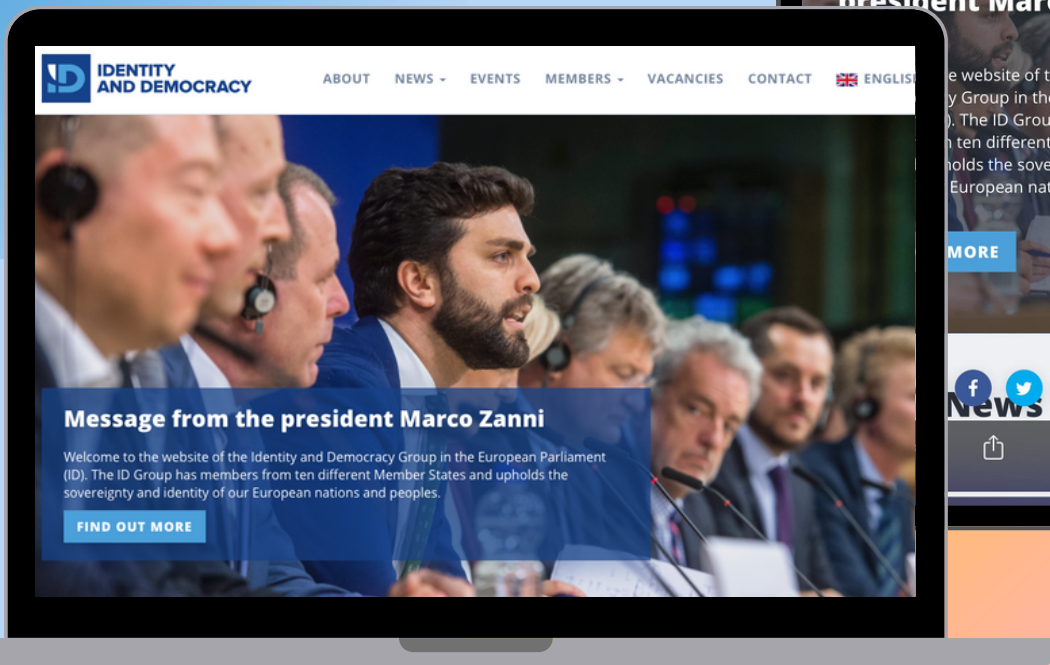
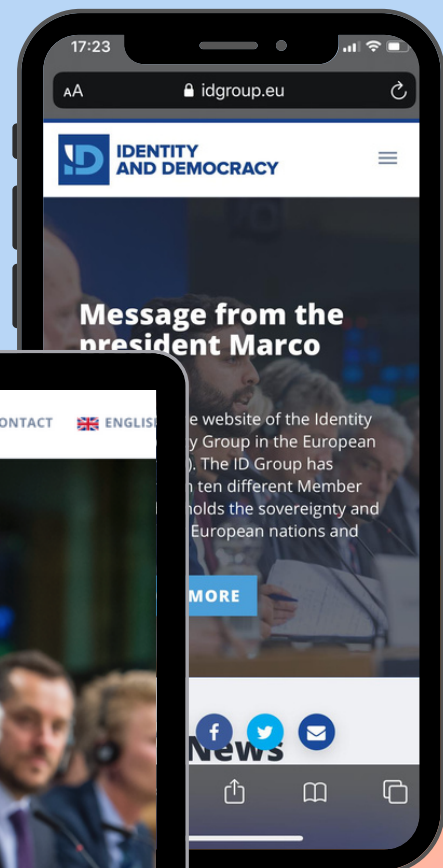
The murder of an Italian nun killed in Mozambique;

Police brutality against women in Iran.

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