

PLENARY BOOKLET

Identity and Democracy



6 - 9 JUNE

PLENARY SESSION

2022

THE GREEN CRUSADE GOES ON, NO MATTER THE COSTS

Marco ZANNI, President ID Group



Not even the pandemic, the energy crisis and the conflict in Ukraine have cooled off the green ideology of the European Commission, of which Vice-President Frans Timmermans is the main sponsor.

Since its inception, the 'Fit For 55' package had raised fears not only in our Identity and Democracy Group, but even among the EU bureaucrats and inside the European Commission itself.

Today, those concerns have become reality.

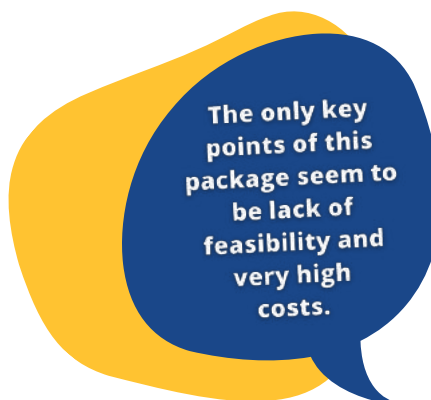
With 'Fit For 55', the waste-to-energy system is placed in the hands of the municipalities, putting the costs of it on citizens' shoulders; road transport and buildings are included in the ETS2 system; and completely unrealistic time targets for zero emissions are set, with a switch to electricity that will make us de facto dependent on China for components.

Further evidence of the Brussels bureaucrats' detachment from real life, but also a sign that the Continent's independence from third countries is a slogan, rather than a programme.

The only key points of this package seem to be lack of feasibility and very high costs.

After all, we could expect nothing else from an instrument that is a direct emanation of the Green Deal.

The plan, which was supposed to be the Von Der Leyen Commission's greatest success, over time is turning out to be an authentic flop. Which will be paid by European taxpayers.



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

EU GREEN DEAL OMITS THE BIGGER PICTURE

Gunnar BECK, 2nd Vice-President ID Group



The European Parliament wants the EU and the Member States to step up their efforts in achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

Since 2010, the EU's CO2 emissions have decreased by 14%, while global emissions have increased by 11%.

In 2010, the EU's share of global greenhouse gas emissions was over 10%, now it's 8.6%.

Between 2010 and 2019, Chinese CO2 emissions increased by 21%, while China's share of global CO2 emissions has increased from 27.5% to 30%, and is expected to continue increasing over the next decade.

Emissions in other so-called developing economies are also steadily increasing. Therefore, even if the de-developing EU achieves climate neutrality by 2050, the global CO2 emissions may have doubled.

In other words, the EU's Green Deal costs European citizens billions, both in terms of money and in terms of quality of life, and will have no effect in the long term. If the EU were serious about climate change, it would abolish the privileged non-Annex I status of the so-called "developing" countries, including China, which exempts them from binding emission reduction targets.

The EU's lack of global vision regarding this global problem suggests that the Green Deal is not at all about the environment. It is about sabotaging our social market economy and our European way of life.



The EU's Green Deal costs European citizens billions, both in terms of money and in terms of quality of life.

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

CO2 EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR CARS AND VANS: THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IS DAMAGING OUR INDUSTRY



Marco CAMPOMENOSI, Italian Delegation

The “Fit for 55” proposals aim to achieve a 55% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 throughout the Union, imposing strict climate legislation on some of the most important European industrial sectors.

One of them, the automotive sector, risks losing its competitiveness due to the new “CO2 emissions standards for cars and vans” that will be voted on in Strasbourg next week.

The original proposal coming from the European Commission is highly critical, because it does not respect the principle of technological neutrality.

On the contrary, the Commission aims to impose a de facto ban on the production of internal combustion engines in Europe from 2035 onward, making electric propulsion the only available technology on the market.

This ban, confirmed by ENVI Committee, might be one of the most detrimental decisions recently taken by the Union towards the automotive sector.

In fact, ruling out combustion engines has as a consequence to externalize the production of main components for automotive (e.g. batteries) to China and Asia, where raw materials such as lithium or nickel are collected and processed.

Basically, the Union wants us to renounce to a market share where we are leading at a global level thanks to our know-how in internal combustion engines, even though the alternative will bring us to rely more and more on China.

This is the reason why we are going to try to modify this legislative proposal once again.



The Union wants us to renounce to a market share where we are leading at a global level thanks to our know-how.



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

SOCIAL CLIMATE FUND



Hélène LAPORTE, French Delegation

The Social Climate Fund is a typical example of the kind of nonsense that only the EU is capable of implementing.

With its extremely high targets for decarbonising the economy, the EU is now obliged to create an ad hoc fund to support citizens who will be affected by energy and mobility poverty.

A typical example of a pyromaniac firefighter.

In order to stem the inevitable rise in road transport and heating fuel prices, this European fund will finance temporary direct income support measures, such as reduced energy taxes and charges.

However, this support would be limited to 40% of the total cost of each national plan for the period 2024 to 2027.

The question of financing is still unresolved, as this new fund is to be fed by the new, as yet uncertain, own resources which are already to finance the repayment of the Next Generation EU recovery plan.

This situation is clearly a case of squaring the circle.

While support for low-income households should be supported in this time of energy crisis,

this support should not be a consequence of the EU's unrealistic climate neutrality targets.



The Social Climate Fund is a typical example of the kind of nonsense that only the EU is capable of implementing.



Hélène Laporte, Head of French delegation - Rassemblement National

THE EU NEEDS LESS MIGRATION, NOT MORE!

Nicolaus FEST, German Delegation



Despite mounting evidence that Europeans want less migration, the EU continues to pursue ambitious policies that wilfully ignore the majority. The justification for such is always the same, that we “need” migration to fill the gaps in our labour markets.

This initiative by the Commission seeks to conclude partnership agreements with African countries to fill so-called gaps in the EU employment market.



However, if we look at recent unemployment rates across Europe, we can evidently see that we do not “need” migration. Millions of people across Europe are still without work, so where is the logic in outsourcing our jobs to migrants?

Such proposals from the EU highlight just how out of touch they are with both reality and the needs of our citizens. Europe is not in need of more migration, but less!

What we should be doing is focusing our efforts towards prioritising jobs and training opportunities for our own people. Whilst the EU follows a policy of ‘migrants first, Europeans second’, we are the party that unashamedly prioritises our own citizens first.

The ID Group has therefore proposed to add to the plenary agenda a debate on the Commission's proposal on attracting skills and talent to the EU", particularly the Talent Partnerships with North African countries.



Nicolaus Fest, Head of German delegation - Alternative für Deutschland

TOWARDS A REVISION OF THE TREATIES?

Gerolf ANNEMANS, Flemish Delegation



This week we have a debate on the 'call' for a Convention for the revision of the Treaties. This so-called 'call' arises from the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe (COFE), whereas the democratic deficit of this Conference has been clearly illustrated. The COFE was designed to promote a pre-determined agenda and has been used as a smokescreen to force through fundamental policy changes, including abolishing unanimity in the Council, and to create a further enlargement of the EU.

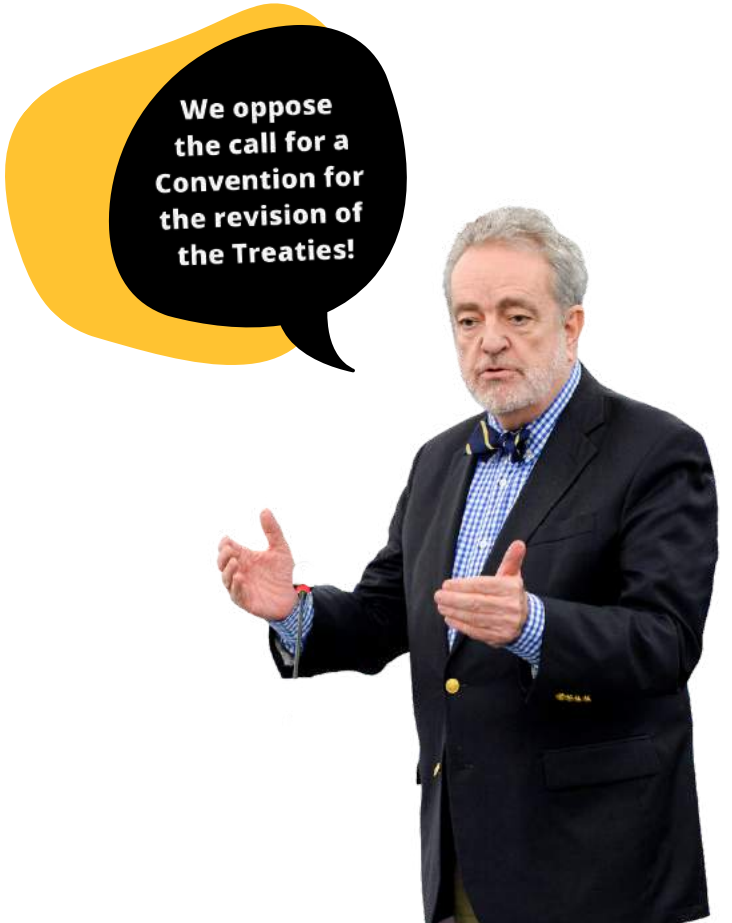
We oppose the call for such a Convention with the only goal to implement an 'ever-closer Union' and finally an EU super state. We consider this proposal as a failed attempt to meet the demand for a necessary and thorough reform of the EU functioning.

In the past, procedures for Treaty changes have been used to push through a European Constitution. This was only prevented through the referenda outcome in certain Member States.

Therefore once again, we demand that national referenda are held in Member States so that citizens can vote on the possibility of a modification of the treaties. This would give a real democratic legitimacy to such a proposal, unlike the conclusions of the

COFE based on a small number of selected citizens.

Up until now thirteen Member States have expressed their opposition to a modification of the Treaties, which is a good thing. We call for a more democratic and transparent European Union, where a significant number of competences would be handed back to the Member States, which would remain fully sovereign with extended veto rights.



**We oppose
the call for a
Convention for
the revision of
the Treaties!**

Gerolf Annemans, Head of Flemish delegation - Vlaams Belang

FIT FOR PRICE INCREASES



Harald VILIMSKY, Austrian Delegation

Fit for 55 combines the destruction of the economy and the environment in one huge legislative package. The consequences of this legislative package are devastating for the economic foundations of Europe and would at the same time cause massive damage to the environment. Thus, this legislative package bears evidence to the ideological delusion that now determines the actions of this EU Commission.

The implementation of the package would not only endanger mobility and energy supply in Europe. Citizens would also have to reckon with a wave of increases on an unimagined scale, and this would affect all areas from mobility to housing costs.

At the same time, this unpredictable package will destroy Europe's industrial foundations. In the face of this disastrous EU policy, the economic competition, especially in Asia, can sit back and rub its hands. Without an efficient industry, Europe's innovative strength would also be decisively weakened and the path to new, environmentally friendly technologies, especially in the field of energy production, would be blocked.

The opportunity to make our industry more environmentally friendly and at the same time more efficient in the long term would be lost.

Along with the industry, innovation would also be shifted abroad.

Since CO2-intensive industries would relocate abroad, where it is known that environmental standards are much lower, the plan would also be harmful to the environment in the short term. Special attention is once again being paid to redistribution within the EU in "Fit for 55". Redistribution of funds is probably the only thing that still works well in the EU.

But if "Fit for 55" is implemented, there will soon be nothing left for the Commission to redistribute. Due to this fact, we have submitted corresponding rejection amendments. The FPÖ will not support this madness!



Harald Vilimsky, Head of Austrian Delegation - Freiheitliche Partei Österreich

LULUCF: MAKING SURE THAT OUR FOREST OWNERS AND INDUSTRY HAVE DIFFICULT TIMES



Laura HUHTASAARI, Finnish Delegation

The Commission's proposal on Land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) should only be an accounting tool - the LULUCF Regulation sets out the rules for accounting carbon emissions and removals.

Unfortunately the ENVI committee wishes to mix this up with social politics, biodiversity and even labour law.

In addition to that, the European Parliament wants the LULUCF carbon removals to increase to 310 MT. For countries like Finland, this is very challenging. The ENVI committee wants even higher reductions.

The EU does not understand that if there is not enough logging, the carbon sinks will reduce. This is not the aim when one wants to increase carbon sinks.

Forests and the forest sector can positively contribute to the climate change mitigation and adaptation by removing CO₂ from the atmosphere.

Sustainable forest management also helps to maintain the fertility of the soil, protect watersheds and reduce the risk of natural disasters. At the same time, forests are an important source of economic growth and employment.

Unfortunately, the EU does not understand this and therefore wants to create regulations that actually harm our industry, farmers and forest owners.

This regulation could have become something constructive but unfortunately it just creates more burdens and helps our competitors.



The EU does not understand that if there is not enough logging, the carbon sinks will reduce.

Laura Huhtasaari, MEP Finnish Delegation
- Perussuomalaiset

HEALTHCARE IS A MEMBER STATE COMPETENCE



Jaak MADISON, Estonian Delegation

Once again, the European Parliament has taken it upon itself to act as the world's human rights guarantor - this time its focus is the United States. The European Parliament will hold a debate focussed on a majority opinion by the US Supreme Court that was leaked to the press, where the Court seeks to potentially overturn the infamous Roe v Wade ruling, which sought to protect a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. The leaked opinion has been both lauded and condemned by the public, experts, and politicians around the world.

The EU now somehow interprets the potential judgment of a national court, which would only apply in the territory of the country concerned, as a "global threat to abortion rights", with the European Parliament working on a resolution that will no doubt condemn the potential decision of an independent court of a sovereign third country.

In this regard, the ID Group will table its own resolution on the topic. The primary focus of the resolution is that the EU should not meddle in the affairs of the US, which is a sovereign country with a well-established judicial system.

Furthermore, Member States should be able to determine their healthcare policies (including questions of abortion)

free from EU interference, regardless of the substantive arguments against or in favour of abortion, which in the public discourse often lacks the necessary nuance, as is the case with many political opinions that relate to emotional topics.

We also argue that, traditionally, the term "sexual and reproductive healthcare" includes a vast array of maternal and infant healthcare measures. However, the political left has hijacked this term and now uses it as a euphemism for abortion.

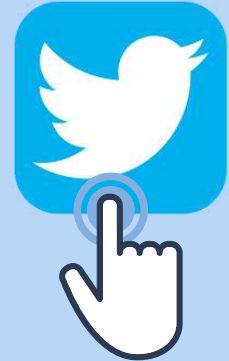


The EU should not meddle in the affairs of the US, which is a sovereign country with a well-established judicial system.

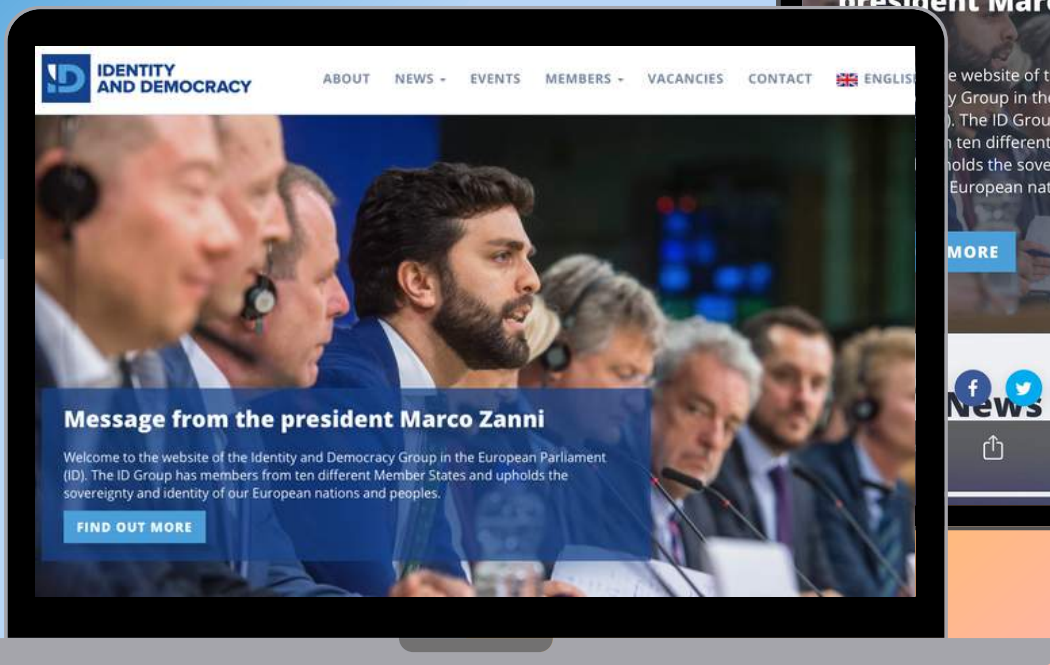
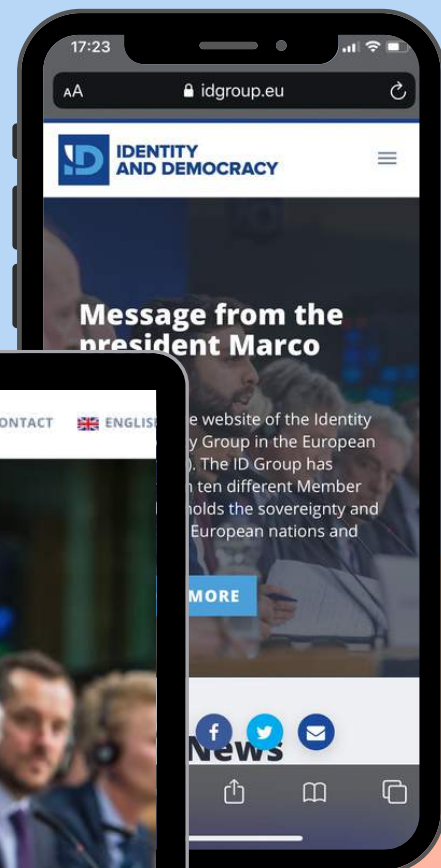


Jaak Madison, MEP Estonian Delegation -
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Visit our website
www.idgroup.eu and sign
up to our Newsletter!



Follow us!

Defending the identity of peoples and the sovereignty of nations!

The Identity and Democracy group, founded in June 2019, has 65 members in the European Parliament, coming from 10 countries: Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Flanders (Belgium), Czech Republic, Finland, Denmark, Estonia, the Netherlands



**IDENTITY
AND DEMOCRACY**

IDENTITY AND DEMOCRACY GROUP

BRUSSELS

Zweig Building - 07K014
60 Rue Wiertz
B-1047 Brussels

STRASBOURG

Louise Weiss Building - T04055
President Robert Schuman Avenue 1
CS 91024
F-67070 Strasbourg Cedex

WWW.IDGROUP.EU

@IDGROUPEP



@IDGROUPEP



@IDGROUPEP

