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# THE TRUTH ABOUT WUHAN: A DECISIVE FACTOR FOR THE EU'S CREDIBILITY

MARCO ZANNI, President ID Group



More than a year after the start of the worst pandemic of our times, we are counting more than three and a half million victims and we are facing one of the harshest economic crises since World War II.

World Health Organization investigations and research into the Chinese origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus have so far been of little use, due to the total lack of transparency repeatedly demonstrated by Chinese authorities.

A recently published American research study outlines a worrying picture: three researchers from the Wuhan Virological Institute (WIV) reportedly contracted the disease as early as November 2019.

Now we expect clear signals from Brussels, considering, among other things, that the Wuhan laboratory from which the outbreak is suspected to have started, would even be among the beneficiaries of funds from the Horizon 2020 programme.

Not only do we demand that the EU institutions shed light on the use of the resources allocated so far, but above all, we demand that they do their best to make the investigation on the origins of the virus by the WHO effective and to

verify whether protocols and safety standards have been respected in Wuhan.

What happened cannot and must not happen again. The health of our citizens, the security of our economies, and the credibility of Europe itself are at stake.



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# RULE OF LAW: PARLIAMENT FLOUNDERS AND MAKES A FOOL OF ITSELF

Nicolas BAY, 1st Vice-President ID Group



For three years the Commission, with the complicity of the majority of the European Parliament, has been persecuting Poland and Hungary for alleged breaches of the rule of law.

If the Parliament is really upset, it is within its remit to propose a motion of censure on the Commission.

We would be delighted to support it!



However, it has never been able to demonstrate them in a credible manner. And for good reason: the allegations are either unfounded or refuted by Warsaw and Budapest.

This is to the point that the procedures are currently blocked for lack of evidence.

The majority of the European Parliament, a bad loser, therefore decided to set up a “conditionality mechanism”, ready to hit in the wallet the countries it couldn’t punish through legal ways.



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The Council wisely wanted to wait for the verdict of the CJEU on the legality of the mechanism before authorising its activation, a decision which the Commission complied with.

Political power must remain in the hands of the Member States.

The Parliament is tripping over itself and is becoming frankly ridiculous. Its manoeuvres to undermine the legitimate primacy of the Council are pathetic.



Nicolas Bay, 1st Vice-President ID Group,  
French delegation - Rassemblement National

# EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY QUOTAS AND A RUINED LANGUAGE

Jörg MEUTHEN, 2nd Vice-President ID Group

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Although the UN's annual "Gender Inequality Index" already states that economical and juridical equality between women and men in Europe is the highest worldwide, as part of the EU's mainly leftist agenda, the European Parliament is debating mandatory quotas for women and sexual minorities in private businesses and politics.

While the EU is discussing "equality", it is actually promoting new forms of discrimination and inequality. We strongly oppose such quotas, since they assume that women are not able to pursue a career and reach their career goals out of their own capabilities and skills.

These quotas are an attack on the achievement principle. A candidate's gender should never be a reason to favor or discriminate against him or her.

The EU's doubtful focus on gender issues does not only affect our economic life. It also targets our private life by promoting so-called "gender neutrality" in all spheres of public life and especially our languages. We can already see in many of our countries, how a minority forces the majority to change their way to speak. In fact such development will neither help a single woman, nor avoid a single case of discrimination, but will ruin our languages, which have developed over centuries.

For us, as ID Group, it is obvious: protecting our culture, our identity means also protecting our languages.

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# THE EU'S CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY AND THE RISKS OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE



Marco CAMPOMENOSI, Italian Delegation

The coronavirus pandemic has revealed the critical importance of technology and highlighted the risks of relying on globalised value chains for key digital infrastructure.

The discussion on EU cybersecurity strategy taking place during this week's plenary cannot neglect the current state of affairs when it comes to technological dependence on third countries.

Digitalisation of the economy and society has created new opportunities for cyber-attacks.

We observe a trend toward an increase, both qualitative and quantitative, in ransomware attacks on sensitive targets as national strategic infrastructures as well as industry, healthcare, energy and finance sectors.

COVID-19 has showed that technology applies to all kinds of strategic applications, even when not directly linked to defence.

Now, as never before, the EU's dependence on certain products and supply chains is emerging.

Our debate must therefore be an occasion to reflect on the importance of protecting our information space, which is still largely dominated by non-European geo-economic players.

EU cybersecurity strategy must lay its foundations on fundamental pillars as computing power, control of our data and secure connection.

In this regard, we, Members of Lega, are committed to contribute and work on these matters with a view to improve the legislative initiatives put forward by the Commission, namely the revision of the NIS Directive and the new Directive for the resilience of critical entities.



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

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# BRUSSELS AUTHORITIES MUST NOT ERASE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTIES

Jérôme RIVIERE, French Delegation



The next EU-US summit will be held in Brussels on 15 June. Never in its history has Europe had so little influence on the international scene. The Brussels authorities, who themselves call the European Union a "soft power", de facto submit to the American tutorship of Joe Biden.


Moreover, they take advantage of international institutions such as the UN and NATO, which are dominated by the United States, to further dilute the power of the Member States. The report on the UN, which will be put to the vote in this plenary, is a case in point: it calls for an "unconditional commitment" to the values of the UN, and seeks to remove any aspect of national politics from foreign policy.

The United States is a historic ally of European nations, but this alliance should not be synonymous with submission. The stated intention of Joe Biden's team to make the USA the world's policeman once again is particularly worrying.

European sovereignty is a dangerous utopia, only a nation can be sovereign. By forgetting this, the European Union condemns itself to impotence on all subjects.

We can see this with the uncontrolled immigration that is overwhelming our continent, with the collapsing of the middle classes, with the loss of our common civilisational identity.

The bureaucrats of the European Union do not forget the people. They seek to destroy them.



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# THE NOT SO SOCIAL SUMMIT

## Gerolf ANNEMANS, Flemish Delegation

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This session we will have a debate on the result of the Social Summit held in Porto recently. Under the guise of 'European unity and solidarity', the European Pillar of Social Rights was once again dusted off.

The quasi-religious dogma that exercising all powers at EU level leads to better results has been superseded by the facts.

The European Commission's vaccination strategy turned out to be a fiasco. At the same time, all European borders were kept open.

In my country Belgium, the debate has been going on for years to remove the organization of health care and social security from the Belgian level in order to move it to the regional level (of Flanders), where I think it also belongs.

Now we're not going to transfer everything completely the other way round to an even more otherworldly EU level, are we?

Moreover, the health crisis has forced us to face the consequences of globalisation. Most of the manufacturing and supply chain has been relocated to, and controlled by China. It is of the utmost importance to keep strategic sectors and production here in Europe.

That is a higher priority than developing a common social policy for Germans who are not Greeks and Spaniards who will never become Swedes.

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**Facing the consequences of globalisation is of a higher priority than developing a common EU social policy!**



Gerolf Annemans, Head of Flemish Delegation - Vlaams Belang

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# NO FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIMENTS!



Harald VILIMSKY, Austrian Delegation

The EU wants to establish itself more and more as a global actor. For that, money is needed. A lot of money. This is shown by the Commission's proposed Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI). This is where most of the current external financial instruments (EFIs) are to be brought together, with a planned budget totalling 89.2 billion euros from 2021-2027.

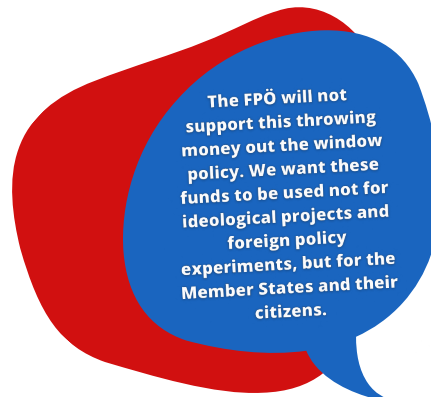
Thus, according to its authors, this instrument is intended to support sustainable development in the EU's neighbourhood countries, Africa, Asia, North and South America, the Pacific and the Caribbean. It is also intended to strengthen thematic aspects of EU foreign policy such as human rights, democracy and civil society, and to contribute to climate change, migration, peace and stability, and cooperation with strategic partners.

With these gigantic projects, the EU is indulging in a luxury it should actually avoid. With the multi-billion export of EU values to third countries, such as the Green Deal, the promotion of LGBTQI ideology or the welcome policy for migrants, the EU is once again forgetting that the money could be better spent elsewhere.

For a week now, the EU has been taking on debt so that it can fight the consequences of the coronavirus.

By doing so, it has broken its own rules! At the same time, the EU is throwing billions of euros towards projects in third countries to boost its foreign policy self-confidence. Billions that could be used to buy more vaccines. Billions that could finally be used to expand external border protection. The list is accordingly long.

The FPÖ will not support this throwing money out the window policy. We want these funds to be used not for ideological projects and foreign policy experiments, but for the Member States and their citizens.



Harald Vilimsky, Head of Austrian Delegation - Freiheitliche Partei Österreich



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# RULE OF LAW SITUATION IN THE EU

## Ivan DAVID, Czech Delegation



Every regime of course talks about the rule of law, only the law is very different.

Democracy is more or less. There is always an interest that citizens feel that the authorities are working for them or even them participating in decision-making.

Such an illusion is to be fulfilled by the "Conference on the Future of the EU".

Even the first secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia surprised many by stating: "We are the rule of law, we have the laws."

The European Union is certainly less democratic than any nation state that is a member.

The democratically elected European Parliament is not endowed with a legislative initiative. It can only consider regulations and directives from the European Commission, which is by no means a democratic structure.

At the same time, the Commission is the executive and has a monopoly on the "legislative initiative", and the Commissioners are not elected and accountable to the governments that appointed them, but to the Commission. They are not revocable by the governments that appointed them.

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While there is talk of EU reform, in reality, undemocratic elements are being strengthened in an effort to achieve the complete suppression of the will of nations and their nation-states. It is even a declared goal. So the rule of law is in the EU, but democracy is very little.



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Ivan David, Head of Czech Delegation -  
Svoboda a přímá demokracie

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# HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA SHOULD BE RESPECTED



Laura HUHTASAARI, Finnish Delegation

I have been shocked to learn about arbitrary arrests and other measures taken by the Cuban government against political actors who are demanding their human rights.

It would be in the interest of all parties to let the Cuban citizens have a say in the future of Cuba.



The EU should not start to normalize its relations with the one party Cuba before Cuba has taken clear steps towards democracy.

The EU should strongly consider to freeze the cooperation agreement with Cuba if no improvement regarding human rights is made.

Cuba is a great country with impressive scientific results, such as their COVID vaccine "Soberana".

Cuba has also sent doctors around the world and has a human and friendly face.

Every year, thousands of European tourists enjoy the Cuban hospitality.

However, the political situation in Cuba remains difficult and the Cuban government is not doing all it could do to democratize the political system in Cuba.



Laura Huhtasaari, MEP Finnish Delegation  
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# EU-US SUMMIT

## Jaak MADISON, Estonian Delegation



On 15 June 2021 an EU-US summit will take place, addressing issues relating to the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change, trade and regulatory policies, as well as various other foreign policy questions.

Although the EU federalists are excited about renewing and reinvigorating the transatlantic relationship after Mr Trump's presidency, the Biden administration has proven to be quite mediocre.


When Trump used the term "China virus", leftist groups were deeply offended - what has now transpired is that Mr Trump was indeed correct and that more evidence is emerging that the virus originated in the Wuhan laboratory.

Mr Trump was also criticised for being Putin's lap dog, when in fact it is Mr Biden who recently waived sanctions on a company building the controversial Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline between Russia and Germany.

Under Trump, various peace agreements were concluded in the Middle East and Mr Trump even proposed a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict - during the Biden administration a full-scale war erupted between Israel and Palestine.

Mr Biden is also intent on making migration to the US easier - time will prove what a tragic policy direction this will be for the US. Despite all this, Biden has been lauded by the left in Europe. Their hypocrisy is tragic.

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# NO TO TURKEY IN THE EU!

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## **No to Turkey in the EU! - Stop negotiating**

Turkey is still officially a candidate country to join the European Union.

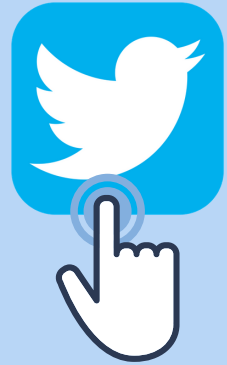
It was an enormous mistake by the EU to accept that candidacy. First of all, Turkey is not a European country. It is also not a democracy: the Erdogan regime is persecuting minorities and violating the principle of freedom of speech. Moreover, as there are no more internal borders within the EU, the accession of Turkey would lead to a huge and uncontrollable migration flow towards Europe.

Making things even worse: Turkey is posing a threat to the security and sovereignty of EU Member States such as Greece and Cyprus. Erdogan is also supporting Islamist terrorist groups in Syria, Iraq, Nagorno-Karabach, Libya, etc.

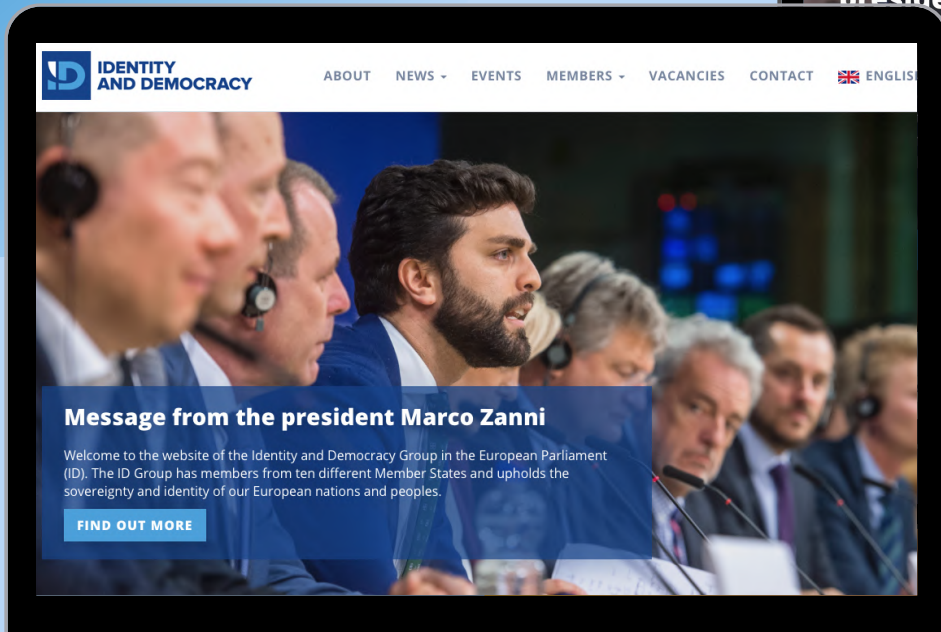
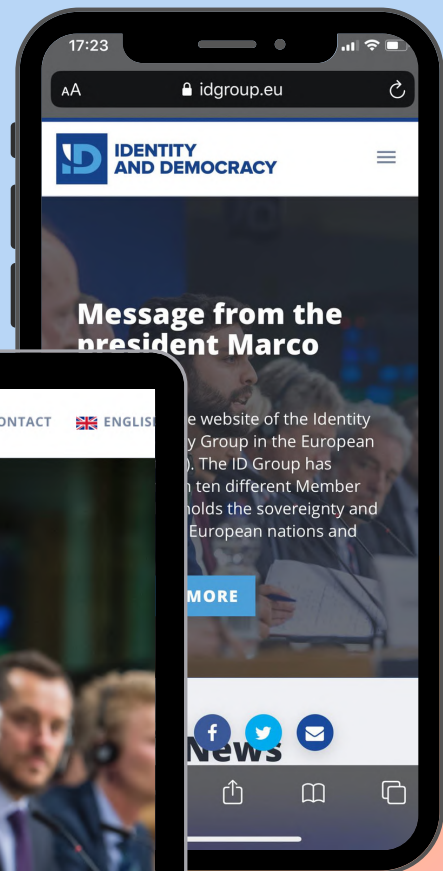
The unacceptable provocations by the Erdogan regime should not be rewarded by continuing endless and pointless accession negotiations with Turkey. Therefore the Identity and Democracy Group (ID) in the European Parliament wants these negotiations to be put to an end. The 'pre-accession' money flow to Turkey should also be stopped.

**Support the common sense position of the ID Group and sign the petition [here!](#)**

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