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IMMIGRATION: THE PANDEMIC IS NOT AN ALIBI



MARCO ZANNI, President ID Group

The immigration issue has become central once again.

Thousands of people coming from Libya and Tunisia have traveled the Mediterranean route to land particularly on the Italian coasts.

The pandemic has contributed to the fact that the EU stopped dealing with one of the most important issues for the future of our continent, but this must not and cannot be an alibi.


The shortcomings in the preparation of an effective plan for the management of migratory flows are not attributable to the period we are living.

The Pact on Asylum and Migration prepared by the Commission in September 2020 already lacked adequate responses to the emergency.

The voluntary redistribution among the Member States and the increase of rescues at sea through ad hoc missions, or worse left to the discretion of NGOs richly financed with the money of European citizens, are not effective solutions.

We must now act decisively to defend our borders from the invasion.

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TO HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY, WE FIRST HAVE TO CHANGE OUR BUSINESS MODEL

Nicolas BAY, 1st Vice-President ID Group

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The Commission will present its "new" industrial strategy.

We thus learn that there was already one!

Given the awful results, we can only be worried about what will happen next...

The best industrial strategy would be to free our economy and allow our companies to reach their full potential, without crushing their competitiveness through taxation and over-regulation.

The escalation of constraints and ever more demanding standards unapplied to our rivals, particularly environmental standards with a Green Deal with unattainable objectives, heavily weigh on European industry.

This approach is basically shooting ourselves in the foot.

But for this to happen, the EU's trade policy must first be reviewed.

It is essential to protect our economy and our market, to break free from the dogma of globalized free trade.

This is what creates unfair competition, hampers our growth and causes industrial relocation in third countries.

To consume locally, we must protect our products.

Stubbornly striving to be the best in the green class will only make us impotent and weak, at the mercy of the aggressive strategies of countries that have neither our complexes nor our modesty and for whom our market is wide open!

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

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL

Jörg MEUTHEN, 2nd Vice-President ID Group



The ongoing Palestinian attacks on Israel are most alarming.

Once more Israeli society is the victim of extremist Palestinian aggression.

While many leftist politicians and media in Europe deny Israel's right to defend itself and even share Hamas's propaganda, we express our full solidarity with our friends in Israel.

We shall always stand together against terrorism.

Nothing can justify these Palestinian missile attacks, nothing can justify terrorising and killing civilians.

This week, the EU is discussing a "Strategy for Israel and Palestine", but there can only be one "strategy": the EU must immediately stop its funding of the Palestinian authorities.

300 million Euro is paid every year, which is obviously not spend on humanitarian aid, but sink in Hamas's and Fatah's mire of corruption and terrorist violence against Israeli citizens.

As long as such extremism is supported politically and financially from abroad, there can be no sustainable peace process in the Middle East.

We will not tolerate the EU keeping on financing this terrorism.

We will keep on supporting Israel's fight for its inalienable right of existence.



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EP REPORT ON TURKEY: ADMISSION OF IMPOTENCE AND DENIAL OF REALITY

Jérôme RIVIERE, French Delegation



The report of the Socialist MEP Ramos takes note of the Turkey report presented by the European Commission on the years 2019 and 2020, rich in abuses on the part of the Turkish authorities.

While the text to be voted on includes an almost exhaustive list of abuses by Erdogan's regime, it does not set out the right conclusions about what to do next.

Not once has political Islamism been mentioned as the ideological origin of the new regime that Erdogan is gradually installing.

The report acknowledges that the accession negotiations have stalled, but it only regrets it.

The report calls for the pre-accession funds paid to Turkey to continue, but to be paid to civil society actors.

The text ends to discredit itself by reaffirming Turkey's European identity and by wishing for a de-escalation of tensions, and "good neighborly" relations.

Once again, the European Union veils its face and refuses a confrontation with Ankara.



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Jérôme Rivière, Head of French delegation -
Rassemblement National

NO PLACE FOR ILLEGAL MIGRANTS IN THE EU

Tom VANDENDRIESSCHE, Flemish Delegation



The illegal migration season of 2021 has begun.

Last week roughly 1400 migrants arrived in Lampedusa, adding up to a total of more than 12 000 illegal migrants that have entered the European Union through Lampedusa in 2021 thus far.

This is becoming an appalling yearly custom at Europe's southern borders as Spring announces itself.

The failure of the European Commission to address the situation in Spain and Italy not only leads to humanitarian casualties in the Mediterranean, it also puts the safety, security and livelihood of EU citizens at risk.

The criminal negligence of Brussels leaves us no other option but to reassess national sovereignty, severely strengthen the effort of Frontex and above all clearly demonstrate that there is no place for illegal migrants in the European Union.

The future of our children and grandchildren is at stake.



Tom Vandendriessche, MEP Flemish Delegation - Vlaams Belang

FRA HAS TO BE CLOSED!



Harald VILIMSKY, Austrian Delegation

The EU Fundamental Rights Agency is probably one of the most controversial EU agencies.

Now the regulation to be approved by the EU Parliament this week calls for a further extension of this agency's competence.

Apart from the fact that the Council of Europe and the OSCE are already responsible for the protection of human rights, there is no need for a bloated EU agency that squanders millions of European taxpayers' money with more political-ideological opinions than with balanced and objective reports.

The intention is to put as much pressure as possible on disagreeable member states and their governments through such extensions of competence, as has been done recently with Hungary or Poland.

They want to impose those values on these countries as indispensable, which undermines Europe and the sovereignty of its states as much as possible. While every party or individual citizen who opposes those « values » is put under enormous political pressure with the help of this agency. Thus, contrary to its name, the Fundamental Rights Agency has very little to do with the protection of fundamental rights.

The main task of this institution is the politically correct spying on citizens who express their justified displeasure at the unrestricted mass immigration to Europe.

In addition, it stands for the fatal immigration and welcome policies that range from the German Chancellor Merkel to the Commission President Von der Leyen. Because all this is in clear contradiction to the interest of the European people, there is no reason to grant further competences to the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.

On the contrary, we demand a rapid closure of this "politically biased" left-wing ideological agency.



Harald Vilimsky, Head of Austrian Delegation - Freiheitliche Partei Österreich

REPORT ON THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS IN THIS AREA



Ivan DAVID, Czech Delegation

There is no doubt that the environment is deteriorating dramatically in many countries, violating human rights.

Damage to natural resources and their inappropriate exploitation continue. There is also no doubt that environmental degradation is one of the factors leading to emigration.

However, I consider it important to address the causes and not the consequences, as is unfortunately, usually the case.


The costs and consequences of the disproportionate exploitation of natural resources must be borne by those who cause them, such as national and multinational companies damaging natural resources by disproportionate exploitation of any resources or by individuals and indigenous peoples who burn forests, cut down forests without restoring them, disproportionate water usage, poor grazing and difficulties regenerating the environment etc.

People from other communities cannot be held responsible for their actions.

If the share of forests in Kenya has fallen from 48% to 2% in 50 years, a solution must be found on the ground and not by supporting the immigration of the perpetrators of this degradation.

The degradation of Libya by the war is to be solved by its perpetrators, who were the states causing the disintegration, not the inhabitants of other countries.

Declaring the granting of rights to indigenous people whose environment has been damaged by untouchable multinational corporations is the pinnacle of hypocrisy.



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

MIGRATION IS A COMPETENCE OF THE MEMBER STATES!



Laura HUHTASAARI, Finnish Delegation

The EU bureaucrats are doing one thing well.

They are trying to do their best to break common rules and not to respect even the TFEU.

Migration policy is one example.

According to TFEU art 79(5), it is up to the Member States to determine volumes of admission of third-country nationals coming from third countries to their territory in order to seek work, whether employed or self-employed.

In other words, there is no legal basis for a EU policy here.

Unfortunately, the rapporteur of the file 'New Avenues for Legal Labour Migration' completely ignores all this.

I can fully understand why.

The final target of the eurofederalists has always been a centralised superstate in order to undermine sovereign national states.

They would like the EU bureaucrats to decide over migration.

For me, this is unacceptable.

There are legal avenues to come to a member state, you just need to go to the consulate and apply for a visa.



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Laura Huhtasaari, MEP Finnish Delegation
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EU'S EXTERNAL MIGRATION POLICY

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Last week another boat with around 1 400 illegal migrants crossed the Mediterranean and arrived in Lampedusa. Europe is being flooded by illegal migrants who do not share our culture, nor our values.

Yet the European Commission has recently proposed a new Pact on Migration that seeks to create “more legal pathways” for economic opportunists to come to Europe.

The ID Group is strongly opposed to this new Pact on Migration.

This week, the European Parliament will adopt a resolution on human rights protection and external migration policy.

The ID Group does not agree with the content of this resolution and has therefore tabled an alternative motion for resolution, which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3yfsawg>

In essence, our resolution reaffirms that Member States should remain responsible for determining who enters their territory.

We also call for a clear distinction between those who are true refugees, and others who illegally seek to enter Europe for economic purposes.

We further want development aid that is granted to developing state to be conditional upon the effective implementation of readmission agreements, so that illegal migrants can effectively be returned to their country of origin.

European countries have to protect their citizens, before they become a minority in their own countries. The only way to do this, is to **effectively** limit migration.



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No to Turkey in the EU! - Stop negotiating

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

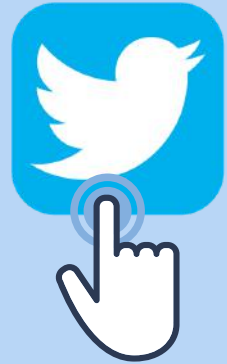
It was an enormous mistake by the EU to accept that candidacy. First of all, Turkey is not a European country. It is also not a democracy: the Erdogan regime is persecuting minorities and violating the principle of freedom of speech. Moreover, as there are no more internal borders within the EU, the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

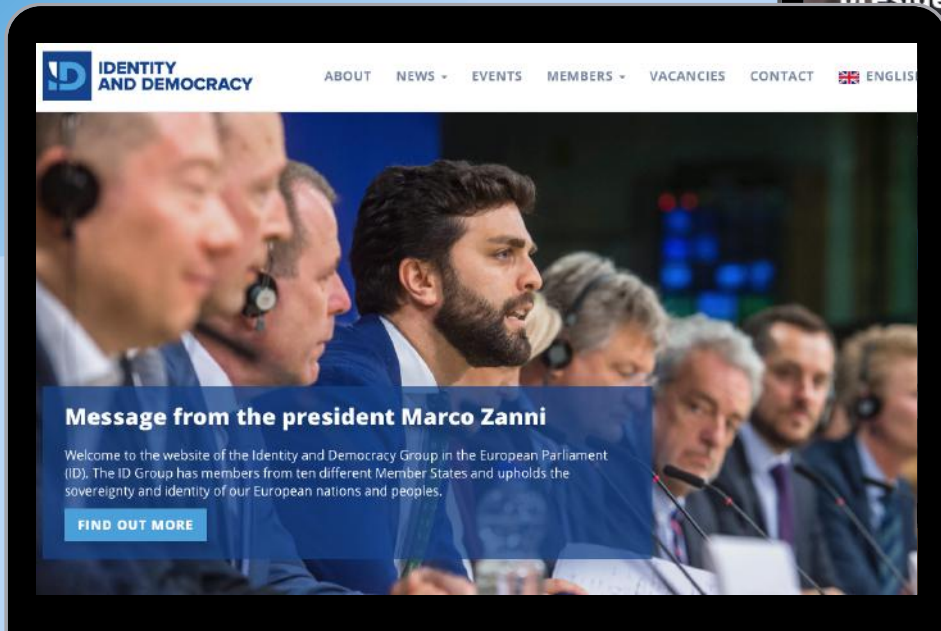
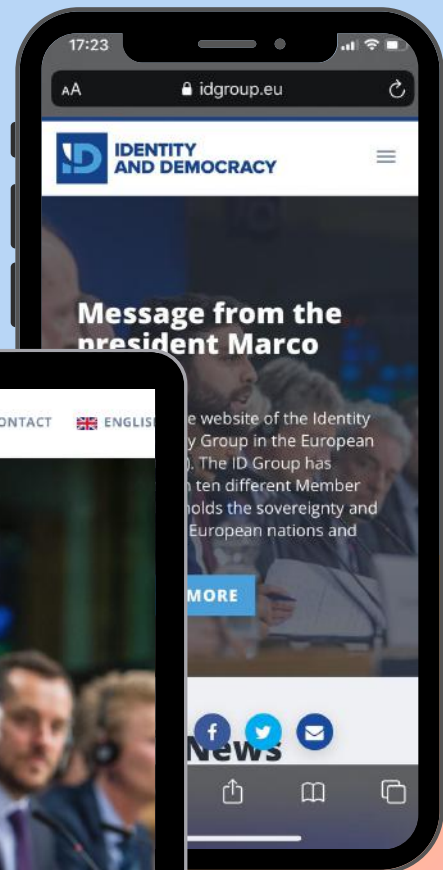
The unacceptable provocations by the Erdogan regime should not be rewarded by continuing endless and pointless accession negotiations with Turkey. Therefore the Identity and Democracy Group (ID) in the European Parliament wants these negotiations to be put to an end. The 'pre-accession' money flow to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

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

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