

OPEN LETTER TO MEPS

The European Movement and its collective members welcome the adoption by a large majority of EP the 15th of May 2020 of the resolution on the MFF, the own resources and the Recovery Plan. We will discuss about the mains elements of this resolution in view of the decisions that will be made by the European Commission the 27th of May and we hope that it will have the ambition to break free from the deadly grasp of the European Council, the Council of the Union and the Eurogroup.

The EP has adopted a red line that is coherent with the strategy followed by the Assembly during its first legislature with the collective engagement of EPP, SD, Liberals, together with the British Conservatives, the Italian Radicals and Communists and thank to the engine of Altiero Spinelli :

- Before the direct elections in December 1978 the EP has imposed to the Council and the Commission the global amount of the Regional Fund (the ancestor of the Recovery Fund),
- In December 1979, the EP has rejected the draft of the European budget for 1980, reacting to the deadlock in the Council due to the very known sentence of Margaret Thatcher “*I want my money back*”,
- In April 1981, the EP has adopted a proposal for a deep reform of the own resources system including the instrument of loans on the basis of a European common debt and supporting the principle “*no taxation without representation*” by the codecision of the EP and the majority vote in the Council,
- Lastly in February 1984, the EP has adopted by a large majority the “Draft Treaty establishing the European Union” following the initiative of the “*Crocodile Club*” that we will celebrate the 9th of July 2020 for its fortieth anniversary.

The large majority expressed the 15th of May 2020, from the left to the right and passing via the centre, represents a kind of a constituent coalition because the in our democracies the constitutions are written, adopted and modified by large majorities.

Facing the lockdown in the European Council, the Council of the Union and the Eurogroup on the MFF and the own resources and so the European budget as the instrument to implement the common policies and facing the silence of the governments on the reform of the European system to assure the future of the common policies, the EP should take this historical opportunity and play the leading role claimed in the 15th of January and 17th of April resolutions opening a new constituent phase.

Il faut réagir à l’insistance des juges constitutionnels allemands sur la nature confédérale de la construction européenne en affirmant: Passons d’une communauté *sui generis* à une communauté fédérale.



We have to react to the persistence of the German constitutional judges about the confederal nature of the European integration and affirm strongly: “we have to pass from a *sui generis* community to a Federal Community”.

For that, it's fundamental the EP will built the consensus of the EU citizens through transnational *agora* before the starting of the constituent process as well as through innovative majorities in the national parliaments following the example of the “interparliamentary assizes” organized in Rome in November 1990 before the IGC on the Maastricht Treaty. Agora and Assizes could take place in the framework of the Conference on the future of Europe.

We area ready to discuss with you about common initiatives involving other National Councils of the EM and our networks of Civil Society.

Best regards,

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