

DECLARATION OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT IN ITALY

A majority of the European Parliament (395 for, 171 against and 128 abstentions) has adopted today a common resolution on the **EU action to fight against the COVID-19 and its consequences**.

The European Movement in Italy welcome the proposals adopted by the European Parliament on the **need of a united and strong answer**, on the **urgency of European solidarity in the health dimension**, on the European solutions to **overcome the economic and social consequences**, on the **respect of the rule of law and the fundamental rights**, on the **external actions and the international cooperation**.

The position adopted by the EP has joined the **proposals sent to the EU leaders by 150 pro-European personalities** coming from various countries on the initiative on the European Movement in Italy.

We underline the support to the **need of a European and common debt instrument** having a European guarantee as a complementary and strong measure of the other actions decided at European level (ESM, ECB, EIB and SURE) that should be created with a **European recovery fund**.

Mainly, the European Movement in Italy underline the demand of a **new Multiannual Financial Framework** with **new and fresh own resources** to **create common goods** for the European citizens and looks forward a **coherent and courageous initiative of the European Commission**.

The Heads of State and government have now the great responsibility to act protecting the interests of the whole EU citizens and follow the guidelines adopted by their representatives at European level in the European Parliament.

In all the liberal democracies founded on the rule of law the decisions are taken through a **transparent and deep debate** ending with a the expression of the **majority's will** on behalf of the citizens.

The European Movement demand that the next European Council will discuss the actions against COVID-19 and its consequences in a **transparent way** and **virtually opening the doors** of the Justus Lipsius (the building of the Council in Bruxelles) to the EU citizens.

If necessary and as it happened In Milan in June 1985, **the European Council should act by majority**.

This act could be a major step in view of the **debate on the future of Europe** that should start as soon as possible to tackle the political consequences of this crisis.

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