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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOKLET

*As we celebrate **two years of the Patriots Group**, we have only just begun our work to bring peace, freedom and prosperity to all of Europe.*

*We oppose Brussels' centralizing agenda and defend **national sovereignty**.*

In this July plenary, the Patriots will focus on competitiveness, security and real priorities.

*We demand affordable energy and innovation freedom for the **automotive industry** instead of over-regulation, plus **stronger borders** and action against **illegal migration**. Europe needs practical solutions, not ideological projects from Brussels.*

We support proposals improving citizens' lives and security while opposing bureaucracy or sovereignty threats.

*Two issues are missing from the agenda. We regret no debate on **Recovery and Resilience Facility funds in Spain**—taxpayers' money protection must not depend on political majorities.*

*Above all, we highlight developments in **Hungary**. The new government's constitutional amendments introduce retroactive, tailor-made rules restricting democratic choice—unprecedented in modern European legal tradition—and expand political control over institutions and media.*

The EPP-left-liberal majority's silence and refusal to debate this raise serious questions about double standards.

Patriots demand consistent respect for democracy across the Union.

Irish Presidency: It is time to Restore Common Sense in Europe

As the Irish Presidency begins, we expect it to respect national sovereignty and address Europeans' everyday concerns.

Migration must remain at the top of the EU's agenda. Our citizens expect Europe to regain control of its external borders, ensure faster returns of those without the right to stay, strengthen cooperation with third countries, and establish return hubs. The Return Regulation was an important step, but implementation will determine success.

The next Multiannual Financial Framework must reflect the realities facing our citizens. With European farmers, workers, and families under increasing pressure, we cannot accept cuts to agriculture or cohesion funding. These policies are essential for food security, regional development, and economic resilience. We reject further centralisation of budgetary powers in Brussels and ideological conditionality attached to EU funding, used by the Commission to politically blackmail Member States. Subsidiarity must remain the guiding principle.

On enlargement, particularly regarding Ukraine, decisions must be based on objective criteria rather than political symbolism. Ukraine's accession would have profound consequences for the EU's agriculture, labour markets, cohesion policy, and security. These impacts deserve a full assessment before irreversible commitments are made. The Copenhagen criteria must be applied equally to every candidate country.

Restoring Europe's competitiveness must be a priority. Lower energy costs, less bureaucracy, and less regulation are essential to strengthen industry, encourage investment, and create jobs.

Europe needs more common sense, pragmatism, and policies that respect nations while delivering tangible results for its citizens. This is what the Patriots stand for.

Kinga Gál

> "Europe needs more common sense, pragmatism, and policies that respect nations."



First Vice-President Patriots Group, Hungarian delegation - Fidesz

Europe Cannot Regulate its Way to Competitiveness

Europe's automotive industry has long been one of our greatest industrial success stories. It has created prosperity, skilled jobs, innovation and regional development across the continent. Today, however, this strategic sector is being squeezed from every direction: soaring energy costs, unfair global competition, supply chain disruptions and an increasingly burdensome regulatory environment.

Instead of strengthening Europe's industrial backbone, the European Commission has too often chosen ideology over industrial reality. Climate ambitions cannot succeed if they come at the cost of Europe's manufacturing base. An automotive policy that produces fewer European cars, fewer European jobs and greater dependence on third countries is not a success. It is a warning.

The automotive transition must be technologically neutral, economically realistic and socially responsible.

Innovation should be encouraged, not dictated. Consumers should choose the technologies that best meet their needs, while industry should be given the freedom to innovate rather than comply with ever-growing layers of regulation.

Europe needs affordable energy, reduced administrative burdens, resilient supply chains and a regulatory framework that rewards investment instead of discouraging it. We must restore competitiveness before we lose it permanently.

We believe Europe's automotive industry does not need another catalogue of obligations. It needs confidence, flexibility and a Commission that stands beside European manufacturers not one that continually raises the hurdles they must overcome.

Klara Dostalova

> “We must restore competitiveness before we lose it permanently.”



Vice-President Patriots Group, Czech delegation - ANO 2011

The Kawel Massacre: The Christianophobia Europe Turns a Blind Eye To

The recent massacre in Kawel, Nigeria's Plateau State, is another dramatic chapter in an anti-Christian persecution occurring amidst near-total global silence.

During this ruthless attack, armed militants raided the Christian community, claiming dozens of innocent victims. Among those brutally killed were a local pastor and a doctor alongside several patients, murdered inside a healthcare facility.

The targeted execution of leading figures indicates a precise design that goes far beyond simple tribal conflicts: it is outright ethnic and religious cleansing.

In Europe, there is an obsessive focus on Islamophobia, while Christianophobia is systematically ignored, despite Christians being the most persecuted religious group worldwide. This hypocrisy is intolerable.

As the Patriots for Europe group, we strongly denounce the European Union's apathy. It is unacceptable that Brussels deploys unprecedented diplomatic efforts and billions in funding in other conflicts, while deliberately choosing to look the other way during the systematic extermination of Christians in Nigeria. There are no second-class victims.

Nigeria holds the grim world record for faithful killed, yet the EU prefers politically correct silence over defending religious freedom and our foundational identity values.

Europe must wake up: protecting persecuted Christians must become an absolute priority. The double standards must end.

Susanna Ceccardi

> “Protecting persecuted Christians must become an absolute priority.”



Vice-President Patriots Group, Italian delegation - Lega Per Salvini Premier

No to Ukraine and Moldova

Ten years ago, the Netherlands held a national referendum on EU–Ukraine Association Agreement. Nearly 61% voted against it. Following that result, the Dutch government secured a legally binding agreement with the EU stating that the Association Agreement would not lead to military guarantees for Ukraine, EU membership, or access to the EU labour market.

The EU has now decided to open the door to Ukrainian membership. In doing so, it has broken the commitments made to the Netherlands. Once again, the EU is violating its legal obligations and trampling on the sovereignty of the Dutch people. This is unacceptable.

The PVV opposes EU membership of Ukraine, Moldova, or any other candidate country. If the EU decides to continue its enlargement policies, it will inevitably strengthen calls for the Netherlands to leave the EU.

Dutch taxpayers should not be forced to finance countries that are heavily dependent on EU transfers while contributing little in return. Moreover, these countries are without exception deeply corrupt, lack transparent governance, and consistently fail to uphold the rule of law. Ukraine and Moldova are also entangled in unresolved territorial disputes, creating the risk of drawing us directly into long-term geopolitical and costly conflicts.

There are no tangible benefits for the Dutch people in Ukraine and Moldova or any other country joining the EU. Ukraine alone is already costing European taxpayers billions of euros. Enough is enough.

Mieke Andriese

> “The Netherlands is not Europe's ATM.”



Vice-President Patriots Group, MEP Dutch delegation - PVV

Ban Fantasies Have No Place in Europe

Recent attempts by several Members of the European Parliament to push for a ban on the European party structure of the AfD reveal a deeply troubling understanding of democracy within the EU institutions. Those who believe they must fight political competitors not with arguments but with fantasies of prohibition are abandoning the core principles of pluralistic democracy.

Democratically elected parties belong at the ballot box and in open political debate – not on a ban list. Democracy thrives on the competition of ideas and the free choice of citizens. Attempts to sideline unwanted opposition parties replace democratic contest with political exclusion. Party bans against democratically legitimate parties have no place in Europe. That is how authoritarian systems operate, not democracies.

This reveals the EU's glaring double standards. Whenever democratic or rule-of-law principles are violated anywhere in the world, Brussels loudly positions itself as a moral guardian.

Yet when it comes to political forces that do not fit the worldview of the Brussels establishment parties, calls for bans and the elimination of political competitors suddenly become acceptable.

The European Union cannot credibly preach democracy and the rule of law worldwide while contemplating the exclusion of democratically elected opposition parties at home. Such hypocrisy undermines its legitimacy. Fantasies of banning democratically legitimate parties must have no place in Europe. The Patriots Group and its member parties, including the FPÖ, remain fully committed to genuine democratic values and will continue to defend them.

Harald Vilimsky

> "Party bans against democratically legitimate parties have no place in Europe."



Vice-President Patriots Group, Head of Austrian delegation - FPÖ

Privacy Is Not the Problem. Surveillance Is.

The Council is again asking the European Parliament to accept an “interim derogation” from the e-Privacy Directive. In plain English, this means creating an exception that allows private online communications to be scanned by service providers, supposedly to detect and prevent child sexual abuse.

Let us be clear: child abuse is a heinous crime. It destroys lives. It must be fought with every serious instrument of the State: stronger police resources, faster judicial cooperation, tougher sentences, better victim protection, and real international coordination against criminal networks.

But a noble cause cannot be used to dismantle a fundamental freedom. The confidentiality of private communications is not an administrative detail. It is the foundation of personal liberty in the digital age. Once the door is opened to the systematic monitoring of messages, images, uploads or conversations, the principle is broken.

Today the justification is child protection; tomorrow another emergency will be invoked.

The Council says the measure is temporary and safeguarded. We have heard this language before. Temporary exceptions become permanent habits. “Voluntary” scanning can become pressure, then obligation, then mass surveillance by another name.

Europe must protect children without treating every citizen as a suspect. That means targeted investigations, judicial authorisation, concrete evidence, and action against specific criminals - not the general scrutiny of everyone’s private life.

Security without liberty is not protection. It is control. We will not accept privacy being sacrificed under a misleading label.

António Tânger Corrêa

Vice-President Patriots Group, Head of Portuguese delegation - CHEGA



> “Security without liberty is not protection. It is control.”

Drug Trafficking: Our Territorial Waters at the Mercy of the Cartels – Let's Take Action!

Europe is facing a silent but devastating threat. Our coastlines, from Rotterdam to Marseille via Antwerp, have become gateways for global drug cartels that challenge our sovereignty on a daily basis.

Drug trafficking is no longer content merely to flood our streets; it is infiltrating our infrastructure, corrupting our institutions and turning entire port areas into lawless zones. Our territorial waters are now the access routes for a form of 'narco-terrorism' that threatens the very stability of our nations.

Faced with this onslaught, Brussels' technocratic response is criminally ineffective. Criminals know no borders, but they exploit precisely the porosity of ours.

We must urgently abandon the prevailing laxity and secure our maritime access points through strict, systematic and sovereign control of our national borders.

But this war will not be won without unwavering support for those on the front line. Our law enforcement agencies, police officers, customs officers and maritime gendarmes, are showing heroic courage in the face of ultra-violent and heavily armed networks. Yet they are sorely lacking in legal, material and political resources. The time for half-measures and grand humanist rhetoric is over.

Supporting our officers means giving them the means to defend themselves, imposing minimum sentences on their attackers, and ensuring zero tolerance for traffickers and users.

If we do not regain control of our ports and waters today, our laws will give way to the law of the cartels tomorrow.

Jean-Paul Garraud

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MEP Patriots Group, Head of French delegation - Rassemblement National

This is Not “Restoring Democracy”, this is an Arrogancy of Power

Under the pretext of “restoring democracy”, the Tisza government is dismantling Hungary’s constitutional order. It wants to eliminate political opponents with retroactive electoral restrictions, remove independent constitutional officials, establish a political police force and bring the public media under direct government control. This constitutes a constitutional coup and severely limits citizens’ democratic choices.

The proposed amendments to the Fundamental Law introduce retroactive term limits for members of parliament, following the retroactive limitation of the office of prime minister. These measures restrict the right of citizens to freely elect their representatives and unreasonably restrict the right to hold public office – an unprecedented step in the modern European legal tradition.

The government is also removing the President of the Republic without legal justification, removing several constitutional judges, creating a new investigative authority with exceptionally broad powers and limited judicial oversight, which could act as an unprecedented and unchecked political police, capable of exerting direct or indirect pressure on political opponents or business competitors, and placing the public media under direct government control.

The European Commission is silent, and globalist forces are not even allowing this to be debated in the European Parliament.

Tamás Deutsch

> “The Tisza government is removing the President of the Republic without legal justification.”



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Hungarian delegation - Fidesz

Safeguarding the Competitiveness of the European Automotive Industry

The European automotive industry is a strategic pillar of the EU economy, generating around 13 million jobs and over 7% of EU GDP. It is a key driver of innovation and the largest private investor in research and development, sustaining a complex industrial ecosystem of manufacturers, suppliers and SMEs across Europe.

However, the sector is currently under significant pressure from global competition, rising energy costs, supply chain vulnerabilities and the rapid technological transition towards electrification.

Rather than reinforcing this industrial base, the European Union has introduced an increasingly rigid regulatory framework linked to the Green Deal and the 2035 phase-out of internal combustion engines.

This current approach risks weakening Europe's automotive sector instead of strengthening it, increasing the danger of deindustrialisation due to an excessive reliance on electrification. A true technology-neutral framework that leaves room for all viable low-carbon solutions, including biofuels, e-fuels, hybrids and hydrogen, is essential to safeguard competitiveness and protect industrial employment.

EU industrial policy should prioritise flexibility, investment security and the resilience of the entire automotive value chain, ensuring a competitive rather than forced transition that works for industry and workers, and is grounded in the real concerns of the sector and its global competitiveness challenges.

Paolo Borchia

> "The current approach risks weakening Europe's automotive sector instead of strengthening it."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Italian delegation - Lega Per Salvini Premier

Welcome to the Woke World of Éire

Ireland has become the vanguard of wokism. In the programme for the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the word "gender" appears 14 times, while "affordable energy", a pressing concern for millions of Europeans, is mentioned only three times. The programme also devotes extensive attention to LGBTIQ+ policies, gender equality, anti-discrimination, and "inclusive" governance. It is clear where the Presidency's priorities lie: not with ordinary Europeans, but with the woke elites.

Another issue weighing heavily on Europe's citizens is immigration. In Ireland, as elsewhere, Europeans are sick and tired of the tsunami of unskilled immigrants from Africa and the Middle East, who contribute little to our societies apart from rising crime rates. Yet the Presidency focuses on implementing the Migration and Asylum Pact and "better management of migration flows." Europe does not need better management of mass migration; it needs secure borders, effective returns, and control over who enters our continent.

The Irish Presidency also advocates a larger EU budget, financed through higher national contributions and common borrowing, leaving taxpayers with an even bigger bill. It pushes ambitious EU-wide spending programmes, further centralisation, and a Digital Euro, and rapid enlargement.

Finally, Dublin wants to prepare the ground for admitting Albania, Moldova and Ukraine despite persistent concerns about corruption, governance and the financial burden this would place on existing Member States. The EU should first put its own house in order. Europe needs affordable energy, secure borders, lower taxes and greater prosperity - not more debt, more ideology and ever deeper integration.

Marieke Ehlers

> "The Irish Presidency has its priorities wrong."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Dutch delegation - PVV

Sánchez is Selling European Passports, and Europe is Paying the Price

Pedro Sánchez's government has turned Spain into the open back door of the Schengen area. First, a mass regularisation of illegal immigrants that has exploded beyond every official forecast. The government lied about the numbers: we always knew they would exceed one million, and now the truth is out. Hundreds of thousands of people, regularised without rigorous background checks, receive papers that grant them free movement across the entire Union. Spain's problem becomes, overnight, the problem of every nation in the Schengen area.

Second, the so-called "grandchildren law". Under the cover of the so-called "historical memory", the Sánchez government is granting Spanish nationality, and with it a European passport, to hundreds of thousands of applicants who have never lived in Spain, whose parents never lived in Spain, and whose effective link to our nation simply does not exist.

The processing has even been outsourced to private firms and to a Cuban state conglomerate, without guarantees or security controls.

The Court of Justice already ruled against Malta for selling nationality without a genuine link. We demand the Commission apply the same standard and open infringement proceedings against the Sánchez government. Not against Spain, but against those who betray it.

This is not immigration policy: it is ballot-rigging on a continental scale, a mass import of votes to keep Sánchez in power. Europe belongs to its nations, and we will defend them.

Jorge Buxadé

> "When a government hands out passports without checking who is receiving them, it is not exercising sovereignty: it is committing fraud against every European."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Spanish delegation - VOX

The Dark Shadow of the Digital Euro

It was launched as a complement to cash money, not as its replacement. It was supposed to be a safe and privacy friendly mode of payment. It was proposed as means of making users more independent from non-European financial systems. Yet, the paper, which was approved last week, contained nothing of this. Rather, it was a dangerous example of an increasingly totalitarian mindset in Europe's ivory towers, a framework that lends itself to abuse.

Even though the ECB announced that it would only process aggregated data to monitor the money supply, and assurances were given that the digital euro would never become a programmable currency, these safeguards seem to have quietly disappeared. The approved text also grants the ECB the power to develop new instruments to limit the digital euro as a store of value while allowing national banks to process transaction data themselves.

A programmable currency is not simply an additional means of payment, it is a powerful weapon in the hands of those who set the rules. Whereas cash enables free and unconditional transactions, this system would create a new reality in which what, when and where people buy or sell could ultimately become subject to political control.

A delegated act by the Commission is all that would stand between our freedom and a powerful instrument of financial surveillance.

No one who values freedom and privacy should be willing to sign such a blank cheque.

Gerolf Annemans

> "A programmable currency is not simply an additional means of payment, it is a powerful weapon in the hands of those who set the rules."



Treasurer Patriots Group, MEP Flemish delegation – Vlaams Belang

The 83rd Anniversary of Bloody Sunday

11 July 1943 was a tragic day in Polish history. It is known as Bloody Sunday — the culmination of the Volhynia massacre, a genocide committed against the Polish population in Volhynia by the OUN, the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, and the UPA, the Ukrainian Insurgent Army. Both organizations collaborated with the Nazis.

Over 100,000 Poles were killed during the genocidal ethnic cleansing carried out by the UPA in Volhynia and Eastern Lesser Poland during the Second World War.

Jews, Czechs, Russians and Ukrainians who opposed the murders or helped Poles were also among the victims. Hundreds of thousands of Poles were expelled from their lands, and many of them never returned.

UPA criminals murdered entire families, especially children, women and the elderly. These crimes were committed with extreme cruelty.

In recent weeks, President Zelenskyy decided to name a military unit after the "Heroes of the UPA".

In Ukraine's public space, the cult of figures connected with the OUN and UPA, such as Stepan Bandera and Roman Shukhevych, is becoming increasingly visible.

The glorification of criminal systems and people responsible for genocide should never take place in the civilized world, yet this is exactly what is happening in Ukraine today.

The international community should react and send a clear message to the Ukrainian authorities: European values cannot be reconciled with the glorification of genocide and ethnic cleansing.

No state or national community should build its identity on such a terrible crime.

Anna Brylka

> "No state or national community should build its identity on such a terrible crime."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Polish delegation – Ruch Narodowy

PATRIOTS INITIATIVES

Objection concerning **Lead in certain fishing tackle;**

7 amendments to the **2025 Commission report on Ukraine;**

3 amendments to the **Draft amending budget no 1/2026;**

2 amendments to the **EIB Annual Report;**

6 amendments to **New Strategy for Media Literacy and Digital Learning;**

7 amendments to the **Objection on decreasing the contribution of high indirect land-use;**

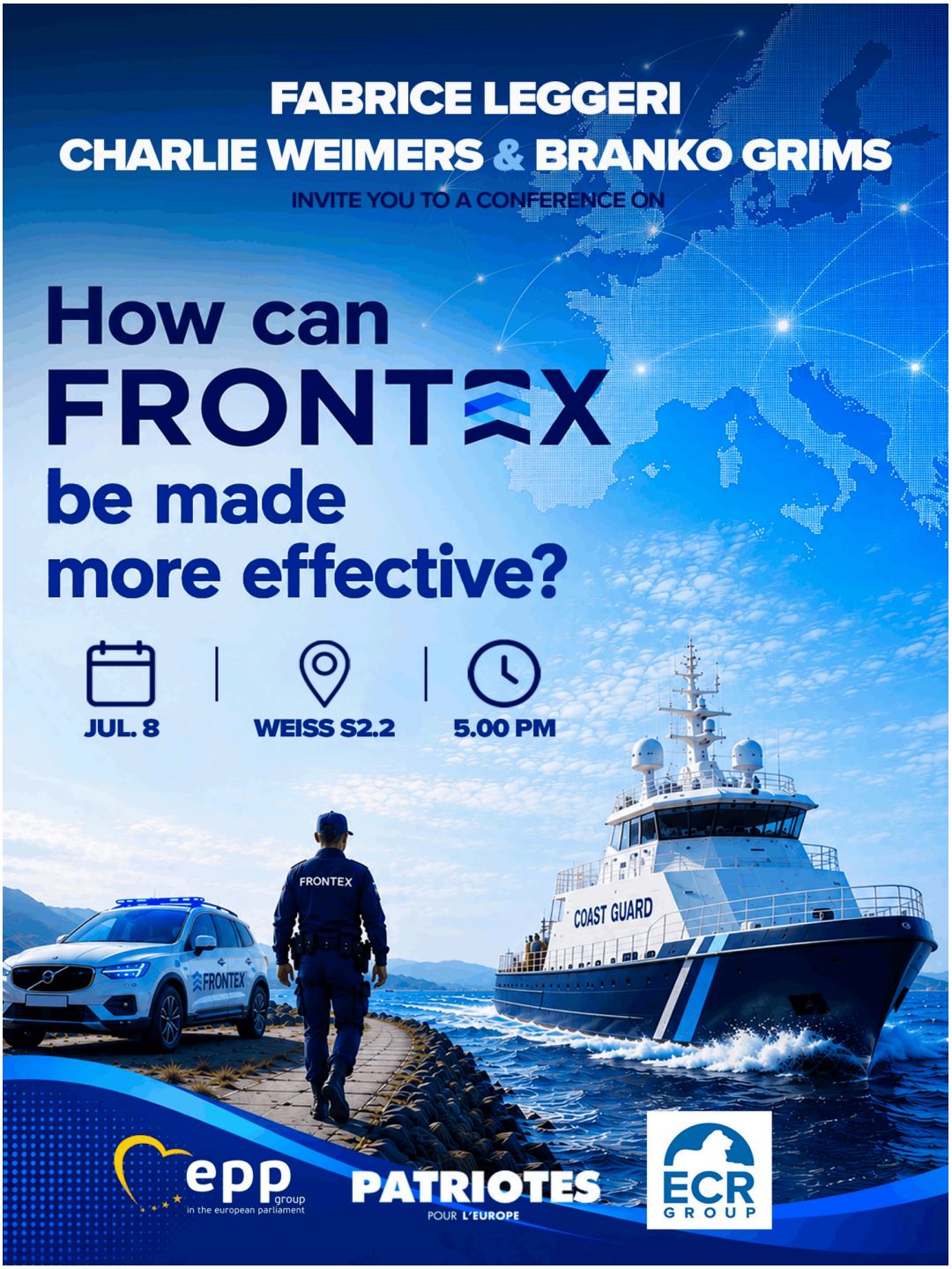
3 amendments to the **Objection on infection with bluetongue virus;**

2 amendments to the **Impact of the 1974 Turkish invasion on Cypriot women and girls;**

Motion for a resolution on **Ongoing persecution of Christians in Nigeria;**

Motion for a resolution on the **Protection of girls in Pakistan.**

PATRIOTS EVENTS



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