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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOKLET: DEFENDING SOVEREIGNTY, DEFENDING OUR FUTURE

*While the world moves towards common sense, peace, and the protection of traditional values — **Brussels continues down the wrong path.** Once again, the EU is trying to expand its power at the expense of national sovereignty.*

This week in Strasbourg, Patriots for Europe will fight back.

We say: no more attacks on our industries, our borders, or our families.

*And no — Brussels has no right to lecture **Hungary** for choosing to protect its children. That is a national decision, and we stand by every country's right to make it.*

*We firmly reject the idea of a **European army.***

*We are against any centralization of **EU defense policy** — and against every single step that gives the European Commission more power in this area. Defense is a matter of national security. It must remain in the hands of sovereign governments, not unelected bureaucrats in Brussels.*

*We say yes to **strong nations, secure borders, and proud workers.***

*And we say absolutely yes to protecting our **car industry** — the best in the world — from Brussels' destructive agenda.*

*This plenary week, we will make our position clear: **Europe needs real change — the PATRIOTS are that change!***

Rescuing Europe's industry: time to break free from the Green deal trap

The European Commission's responses to Europe's competitiveness crisis follow one another, as do the disappointments. We can legitimately wonder whether Ursula von der Leyen has taken the measure of the crisis we are going through after five years of over-regulation linked to the Green Deal.

During this plenary session, we will be discussing energy-intensive industries, the heavy industries that form the backbone of the continent's economy. The proposals that the Commission is making in its 'clean industrial deal' for these sectors are largely insufficient and are, once again, in line with the logic of the Green Deal.

The Patriots' Group is proposing strong and coherent measures. Firstly, with regard to electricity, we are calling for nuclear energy to finally regain a real place in European policy, and to benefit from the same advantages as other sources of electricity.

We must get away from the deadly European mechanism of fixing energy prices, to return to competitive prices compared to China or the United States. We are also calling for a review of public procurement rules in order to establish a true European preference as well as trade defence tools.

It is becoming more urgent every day to suspend the Green Deal and to review in detail what in this policy is handicapping our companies. The obstinacy of the European Commission and of the majority political groups in pursuing this course of action is condemning our companies, strangling our farmers and killing the purchasing power of citizens. This week in Strasbourg, we will defend a policy that will finally put Europe on the path to growth.

Jordan Bardella

“It is becoming more urgent every day to suspend the Green Deal.”



President Patriots Group, French delegation - Rassemblement National

We stand for a Europe that protects, restores peace, and delivers prosperity to the Europeans

The European Union is at a crossroads. Years of misguided decisions on war, migration, and the Green Deal have eroded trust and undermined the EU's founding promises of peace, security, and prosperity.

After three years of war in Ukraine, peace must be our priority. The EU should back diplomatic initiatives—particularly those led by the United States—not escalate military involvement. The idea of joint EU debt to finance war is dangerous. Moreover, Ukraine's accession to the EU would have unpredictable economic consequences to the Europeans, especially with regard to the agriculture, labour market and the security of the Member States.

Europe must take responsibility for its own defence through stronger cooperation and modern capabilities, but this cannot be an excuse for more centralisation or handing power to Brussels. Defence is, and must remain, a national competence.

Kinga Gál

“We demand a Europe that protects its people, defends its sovereignty, and restores prosperity.”



First Vice-President Patriots Group, Hungarian delegation - Fidesz

The Commission's Green Chaos: Cleaning Up Its Own Mess, One Delay at a Time

Here we go again. Another urgent procedure, another “simplification package”, and another desperate attempt by the European Commission to cover up its own policy failures—with a smile.

This week, MEPs are being asked to fast-track a vote on “omnibus” directive, which postpones key obligations under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD). These were once hailed as the Commission’s flagship Green Deal instruments. Today? Even the Commission admits they’re unrealistic, overburdening, and economically damaging. This proposal doesn’t fix anything. It merely delays the disaster. The reporting obligations for thousands of companies are being pushed by two years—until 2027 and 2028—because otherwise, companies would be forced to prepare for rules that might never come into force in their current form. That’s not planning. That’s chaos control.

And while we’re on chaos: let’s not forget that the vote on the automotive industry resolution was just pulled from this plenary. Why? Because the Commission might bring a new proposal. Might. In the meantime, Europe’s car industry—once a symbol of innovation and strength—is left in limbo. No certainty, no strategy, just Brussels fog.

Let’s be honest: this is not simplification. It’s bureaucratic procrastination. The Commission is buying time, not solving problems. It’s rewriting its mistakes instead of admitting them—and asking us to rubber-stamp it.

We stand for real deregulation, for legal certainty, and for an EU that doesn’t leave its entrepreneurs, workers and industries drowning in red tape while waiting for yet another “new proposal”. Enough is enough. Europe deserves clarity, not delay. Leadership, not excuses.

Klára Dostálová

“Even the Commission admits they’re unrealistic, overburdening, and economically damaging.”



Vice-President Patriots Group, Czech delegation - ANO 2011

Turkey will never share our European values

Rule of law, democracy, freedom of speech, human rights—these are all concepts that do not exist in NATO member state and EU applicant Turkey. Corruption, violence, rigged elections, support for Islamist causes, and the imprisonment of journalists and political opponents, however, are all too familiar.

On March 19, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Turkey's supreme leader since 2003, had Istanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu arrested. Eager to hold on to power after the 2028 presidential elections, Erdoğan imprisoned his main political rival, the opposition's leading presidential candidate. He also revoked İmamoğlu's university degree, a requirement for presidential candidates.

Moreover, in true Erdoğan fashion, İmamoğlu was vilified and incarcerated on charges of corruption, terrorism, and treason.

Thousands of Turks have taken to the streets in mass protests, despite the aggressive response of Erdoğan's riot police and restrictions on social media. They demand İmamoğlu's release and call for Erdoğan to be jailed for corruption, terrorism, and treason instead.

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has shattered the last remnants of Turkey's democratic credibility. In 2019, the EU suspended Turkey's accession process. It is time to put an end to it entirely. Expressing concern and "urging transparency," as High Representative Kaja Kallas does, is not enough. Turkey is not a European country, it does not share our European values, and it never will. Brussels must finally face this reality.

Sebastiaan Stöteler

“Erdoğan should be jailed instead of İmamoğlu.”



Vice-President Patriots Group, Head of Dutch delegation - PVV

New EU strategy threatens Member States' sovereignty

The European Commission's recently unveiled 'EU Preparedness Union Strategy' has sparked significant criticism, with many viewing it as a veiled attempt to centralize power under the pretense of crisis management. Rather than taking proactive steps to avert crises, the EU appears to be leveraging them as an excuse to expand its authority. The Union should be focused on preventing turmoil; instead, it allows conflicts to escalate at our doorstep while suggesting that we prepare for such eventualities—a stance that many consider profoundly cynical.

Moreover, the EU is encroaching upon powers that it does not rightfully hold. This not only threatens the security independence of member states but also intentionally exceeds the acceptable limits of what a union of sovereign nations can enact. Austria's constitutionally protected neutrality must not be compromised as a bargaining chip for a centralizing European Union.

As members of the PATRIOTS, the Austrian Freedom Party firmly believe that the EU must return to its fundamental mission of fostering peace, security, and cooperation.

Instead of fabricating new crisis scenarios and gravitating toward militarized structures, we advocate for a recommitment to the core principles of the European ideal—namely, de-escalation, diplomacy, and unwavering respect for the sovereignty of Member States. This is the path forward that we must collectively embrace.

Harald Vilimsky

“De-escalation, diplomacy, and unwavering respect for the sovereignty of Member States.”



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

The McAllister Report: Centralisation at the Expense of Sovereignty

The McAllister report on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), up for vote in the next plenary, pushes for further integration and centralisation of EU foreign policy. While cooperation is important, this vision sidelines national sovereignty and imposes a one-size-fits-all doctrine shaped by Brussels bureaucrats, far removed from the concrete realities of each Member State.

This approach is especially problematic for smaller, peripheral and maritime countries—from Portugal and Greece to Ireland, Finland, and the Baltic States—whose foreign policy and security needs are deeply shaped by unique geographies, historical alliances, and strategic positions.

Many of these nations have centuries-old diplomatic traditions and specific regional threats that cannot be addressed through a centralised, continental perspective.

By enhancing the role of unelected EU bodies in defining common positions, the report risks homogenising national diplomacy and diluting the strategic priorities of individual states. Countries on the periphery may find their maritime, border, or regional concerns deprioritised in favour of dominant narratives set by larger Member States with very different agendas.

Instead of empowering Brussels, the EU should respect diversity and promote voluntary cooperation among sovereign nations. A strong and united Europe is only possible when national voices are not only heard—but trusted.

Foreign policy cannot be effective when dictated from the centre. It must be anchored in sovereignty, regional knowledge, and democratic legitimacy.

António Tânger Corrêa

“Foreign policy cannot be effective when dictated from the centre.”



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

A plan that misses the real issue

The 'action plan for the automotive industry' presented by the European Commission is just a smokescreen. Behind the announcements on batteries, connected vehicles and social benefits, it merely reinforces an ideological orientation: that of banning the sale of combustion vehicles from 2035. This dogmatic choice continues to impose all-electric without respecting the fundamental principle of technological neutrality.

The Commission is enthusiastic about autonomous and connected vehicles, even though the network of charging stations is far from ready.

The 1.8 billion euros for raw materials, or the billion promised for automotive AI, mask the essential: low-income households are excluded from this transition, as shown by the fiasco of social leasing in France, which has been renewed in 2025 with reduced subsidies.

The forced greening of company fleets, unchanged CO₂ standards and the strengthened environmental label from 2026 accentuate the pressure on an already weakened sector.

As for the social aspect, it anticipates layoffs without challenging the imposed course.

This plan, far from being a strategic response, is a technocratic cover-up. We need to open the debate on 2035: it is this deadline that needs to be reviewed, to preserve our industry, our jobs and the freedom of movement of Europeans.

Jean-Paul Garraud

“The forced greening of company fleets accentuate the pressure on an already weakened sector.”



MEP Patriots Group, Head of French delegation - Rassemblement National

Patriots Push Back: We will not allow Europe's budget to become a tool for political blackmail

The 2026 EU Budget guidelines, recently adopted by the European Parliament's Budget Committee, reveal the disturbing agenda of the Brussels elite.

The grand coalition of the EPP, Socialists, Liberals, and Greens is united not by the interests of European citizens, but by a radical ideological crusade.

Under the guise of "solidarity" and "progress," they are preparing to funnel billions of euros into fueling war, supporting illegal migration, undermining national sovereignty, and promoting extremist 'woke' ideology.

The Patriots for Europe Group stands in firm opposition to this reckless and dangerous budgetary path.

We say no to illegal migration, no to gender ideology madness, we reject 'woke' ideology and we support peace against Brussels' war mongering.

Based on this our Group proposes 30 amendments to the Plenary vote - amendments that prioritize peace, national sovereignty, and respect for the will of the people.

We defend the right of Member States to protect their borders, their traditions, and their democratic self-determination against the ideological aggression of EU institutions.

We will not allow Europe's budget to become a tool for political blackmail.

Tamás Deutsch

"We defend the right of Member States to protect their borders, their traditions, and their democratic self-determination."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Hungarian delegation - Fidesz

Steel Promises, Rusting Reality: The Flawed Vision of Europe's Metals Plan

The so-called European Action Plan for Steel and Metals is yet another demonstration of how disconnected the European Union is from the real needs of our territories. Instead of offering concrete solutions, Brussels provides weak and ineffective measures in the face of serious challenges.

Europe's steel and metal industries are being crushed by skyrocketing energy costs and ever-increasing international competition. Yet the Plan fails to offer any meaningful support. Talking about decarbonisation is not enough: we need to ensure that our companies can compete on equal terms, not be buried under EU-imposed rules devised by those who have never set foot in a factory.

Even worse, the Plan places further financial burdens on companies to adapt to the much-desired green transition, with no real concern for their economic sustainability — already under severe pressure due to inflation and years of failed European policies.

The result? A real risk of further delocalisation and the gradual deindustrialisation of Europe.

As patriots, we call for a different approach: enough with ideological dogmas. What we need are targeted investments, affordable energy, and real protection from unfair competition. We need a Europe that defends its industry — not one that brings it to its knees in the name of reckless ideological agendas.

That is why, together with the Lega delegation to the European Parliament, I submitted a written question to the European Commission, asking for clear answers on how it intends to guarantee the protection of our industrial base. As coordinator of the ITRE Committee, I will continue to fight to ensure this Plan does not become yet another empty document. We need a real strategy — a common-sense strategy — designed for those who produce, not for those who preach.

Paolo Borchia

“We need a common-sense strategy designed for those who produce, not for those who preach.”



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Italian delegation - Lega Salvini

Europe needs peace, not parody

A grotesque video recently published by an EU Commissioner shows her calmly pulling a so-called "war survival kit" from her handbag, complete with perfect manicure and an unsettling smile. It looks more like a parody of Sex and the City than serious leadership. She speaks of war as if it were a lifestyle trend. This dystopian display reminds us of the Capitol elites in The Hunger Games — out of touch, theatrical, and terrifyingly frivolous.

War is not glamorous. War means death. Every week, hundreds of young Ukrainians die on the battlefield. While Brussels bureaucrats play Napoleon in their carpeted offices, it is European lives they are risking.

We choose peace. VOX supports the negotiations led by the United States to bring an end to the suffering of the Ukrainian people. Europe must not obstruct these efforts.

We reject the warmongering rhetoric pushed by Brussels bureaucrats and echoed in Spain by the Popular Party and the Socialist Party. Rather than scaring citizens and playing generals from their desks, they should be working to restore peace. Their hypocrisy is evident: they claim to support Ukraine, yet have sent more money to Russia through gas purchases than they have provided to Ukraine in aid.

We will not send our troops to fight abroad on behalf of von der Leyen, her bureaucrats, or the woke ideology promoted by EU institutions. Spanish soldiers must remain in Spain, defending our borders and protecting our sovereignty.

Jorge Buxadé

“Our troops must defend our borders — not fight for Von der Leyen’s delusions.”



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Spanish delegation - VOX

Powering Europe's Backbone: Saving Energy-Intensive Industries

Europe's energy-intensive industries—steel, chemicals, cement—are the backbone of our economy, yet Brussels' Clean Industrial Deal (CID) threatens to snap it. EU electricity prices, 2-4 times higher than global competitors', are a death knell for manufacturers already battered by China's 550-million-tonne steel overcapacity. The CID's vague promises of "green premiums" and voluntary labels are regulatory fluff, not salvation for struggling workers.

High energy costs are Brussels' gift to foreign rivals. While the Commission pumps €1.8 billion into battery tech reliant on Chinese raw materials, EUROFER warns the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) fails to shield EU producers from cheap imports or support exporters.

Decarbonization dogma doubles the pain: firms face soaring bills and compliance burdens, forcing layoffs, while competitors thrive on pragmatic policies.

We should reject this suicide pact. Suspend the CID's unworkable mandates and decouple electricity prices from volatile gas markets—households and factories deserve relief, not punishment. Scrap the 2035 combustion engine ban bleeding related sectors dry. Redirect misspent funds, like the €15 million LIFE programme handouts to NGOs, to subsidize energy costs, protect jobs, and stabilize communities.

Sovereignty demands a competitive edge, not green shackles. China's state-backed industries don't play by Brussels' rules—neither should we. A real plan prioritizes affordable energy, robust trade defences, and regulatory cuts over ideological experiments. Without it, Europe's industrial heartland will wither, its workers and families left to pay for the Commission's climate obsession. Leadership means strength, not surrender—act now.

Filip Turek

"Sovereignty demands a competitive edge, not green shackles."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Czech delegation – Příklad & Motoristé sobě

The EU Talent Pool: Europe's Self-Inflicted Decline

The European Union is no longer a champion of progress, it has become an architect of its own demise. The proposed EU Talent Pool, disguised as a solution to labour shortages, is in reality a blueprint for demographic and economic suicide. While Brussels sells it as an efficient migration tool, the fine print reveals a radical agenda: 7 million new migrants by 2030, on top of existing asylum and illegal inflows. This represents not just a policy shift, but a fundamental redefinition of Europe's future.

The scheme claims to target skilled workers, but in practice, it will flood Europe with low-cost labour, turning temporary gaps into permanent dependency. Worse, it ignores the fiscal reality: studies show low- and mid-skilled migrants are net drains on welfare systems over their lifetimes. Short-term corporate gains will be dwarfed by long-term societal costs: overburdened public services, wage suppression, and cultural fragmentation.

Meanwhile, the EU's obsession with mass migration distracts from real solutions: automation, workforce activation, and pro-natal policies. Other nations protect their interests, the U.S. tightens borders while boosting productivity, even the UK's Labour Party now resists unchecked flows. Yet Europe's elites march blindly toward a future of decline, sacrificing self-sufficiency for the illusion of cheap labour.

The choice is clear: either Europe reclaims its economic sovereignty by investing in its own people and technology, or it condemns itself to irreversible dependency. The Talent Pool isn't a lifeline, it's an anchor dragging Europe down.

Tom Vandendriessche

“The Talent Pool isn't a lifeline, it's an anchor dragging Europe down.”



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Flemish delegation - Vlaams Belang

The process of EU federalization is ongoing

The EU is using all possible crises to takeover more competences of the Member States. This was during the financial or the pandemic past crises. Over the last years the Commission has been interfering in the judiciary, energy policy and climate finance. This time, the EU is using the war in Ukraine and the crisis in relations with the US administration as a pretext to centralise power in the Union. The process of EU federalization is ongoing.

The European Commission's White Paper on European Defence aims to deepen the integration of the defence industry. The plan envisages raising more than EUR 800 billion from increased defence spending and borrowing on behalf of Member States. Under the slogan of “support for Ukraine”, EU politicians have pushed for a common debt that countries will pay back for several decades and, unlike the covid fund, the current fund is consists only of loans to Member States.

The European Commission also want a mandate to purchase military equipment on behalf of the Member States. It also consider the abolition of unanimity in the Council and the European Council in the field of security and defence policy and the call for the repeal of Article 346 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, i.e. the protection of the interests of Member States, which countries use to defend their sovereignty.

If the new programme enters into force, it will be another bureaucratic tool of the European Commission.

Anna Brylka

“This time, the EU is using the war in Ukraine and the crisis in relations with the US administration as a pretext to centralise power in the Union.”



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Polish delegation - Ruch Narodowy

PATRIOTS INITIATIVES

A motion for a resolution on **Targeted attacks against Christians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;**

18 amendments to the annual report on **Human Rights;**

14 amendments to the annual report on **Common security and defence policy;**

5 amendments to the report on **Strengthening the security of identity cards of Union citizens;**

30 amendments to the annual report on **Common foreign and security policy;**

29 amendments to the **Guidelines for the 2026 budget - Section III;**

8 amendments to the motion for resolution on **Energy-intensive industries.**

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