

**DECLARATION OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT IN ITALY  
FOR A UNITED, DEMOCRATIC, FAIR EUROPE**

For the first time, the European process of integration is questioned, and the possibility of reversing it has been put forward. Sovereign Nations are playing the biggest role in Europe, and the principles of multilateralism could be dismantled, in an international framework marked by an increasing economic, financial, and social interdependence.

Said interdependence, were it to not to be managed by supranational authorities, would destroy institutional assets, even among the world's most advanced democracies. And if the European Member States think they would be immune from the world's unrest, they would be deluded; to withdraw themselves in a nineteenth-century nationalist dimension is no longer possible in the age of continental States.

In this framework, Italy is progressively distancing itself from the hard core of Member States that are actively engaged in building a united, fair, and democratic Europe.

This appears to be true not only in regard to the significant detour the country has taken towards budgetary and debt constraints; it is also the consequence of the progressive isolation the Italian government has steered the country into. This behaviour goes against the principle of fair cooperation, and hinders the country's ability to put forward propositions to, and advocate for, a stronger, innovating alliance, and a reformed European system aiming to a federal Community.

To the next EP elections, movements aiming to go back to National Sovereignties in Europe will stand for elections and keep the European power, alongside parties with programs that advocate for the preservation of the status quo; Europe would then still be, as it was for the past ten years, the victim of incomplete policies and inadequate rules, unable to reach its goals and to honor its values.

In this framework - while the European method has allowed for an area of freedom, security, and justice, and has quite accomplished the single market, improved environmental quality, and extended citizens' rights - the process of economic and social integration, the common foreign and security policy, solidarity and social protection have not been able to move forward due to the constraints of the intergovernmental method. This reality has created a gap between the European citizens and the European Institutions, that have become a scapegoat for National Governments shortcomings.

Considering a broad electoral participation fundamental, we must look at the forces and movements presently active in every European country that share a positive opinion on the opportunities offered by the EU, and that identify themselves in the Charter of Fundamental Rights, convinced that, at this point, the Integration process can't be reversed.

They believe that the EU might sink due to a total paralysis if we don't move towards a more united, more democratic, and fairer Europe, and if we don't advocate for social justice and prosperity based on work. To do so we must upgrade its policies and refine its rules.

The European Movement in Italy firmly supports this point of view and wants to act so that many candidates will come to share it during the electoral campaign - even if they belong to different parties and political cultures. An elected majority would then use this point of view within the new legislature to determine the new European Commission.

It will be necessary to quickly adopt decisions that will:

- ensure the democratic government of the monetary, economic, and social policy;
- develop a true common foreign, security and defense policy;
- grant the European Citizens equal rights and opportunities, wealth and security;
- pursue the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, the respect of diversities and inclusion, the reduction of economic, social, age, and local gaps;
- promote structural long-term investments that are socially sustainable, and an industrial strategy aimed to balance, redistribute, and share risks in a common currency area where enterprises tend to gather in more advantageous territories;
- reject the idea of a European fortress and assert an immigration policy - which promotes peace and thus true strength and security - for all of those that were stripped of their human dignity.

The European Movement in Italy believes that, within the European Parliament to be elected next May, the MEPs issuing from the monetary union - following the method used within the Assembly of the first European Legislature, as proposed by Altiero Spinelli and the Crocodile Club - should demand the Eurozone budget to have an autonomous fiscal capacity and should promote a complete and coherent project to reform the European System. We should look back to the ideals of those that, in the darkest hours for democracy, had imagined a valuable alternative to the raging war among Sovereign States; we should aim to complete the European Integration process and enable the EU to become a federal Community.

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