



COLLABORATIVE ACTION PLAN

**ENGAGING EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT CANDIDATES ON
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1. Introduction to Solidarity with OTHERS:

Solidarity with OTHERS: Defending Human Rights, Democracy, and Addressing Migration Issues

Mission: Solidarity with OTHERS, based in Brussels, is committed to defending human rights, promoting democracy, and addressing migration issues in Europe. Our mission is rooted in the belief that advocating for the rights of others is fundamental to our shared humanity.

Goals: We aim to prevent unnoticed rights violations, inform public opinion through reports and events, and engage with European institutions for policy change.

- Areas of Focus:

1. Human Rights Advocacy: Releasing reports and participating in events to highlight human rights issues in Europe
2. Awareness-Raising Initiatives: Organizing events to bring attention to human rights violations, urging authorities to take action
3. Engagement with European Institutions: Working with the European Parliament and Commission to emphasize the importance of human rights in EU-Turkey relations

Team Composition: Our team includes refugees and European citizens, reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and collaborative efforts.

"Solidarity with OTHERS" signifies our unwavering commitment to acting in solidarity with those facing injustice. We believe in making a meaningful impact on human rights, democracy, and migration challenges in Europe.

2. Human Rights Challenges:

- Discrimination and Equality: Observing persistent challenges related to discrimination, xenophobia, and inequalities within various European countries, particularly affecting marginalized communities
- Freedom of Expression: Addressing concerns about restrictions on freedom of expression and press freedom in some European nations, impacting the vibrant exchange of ideas crucial for a healthy democracy
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Monitoring the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees across Europe, advocating for adequate support and protection
- Hate Speech, Discrimination, and Equality: Addressing persistent challenges related to hate speech, discrimination, xenophobia, and inequalities, particularly affecting marginalized communities

3. Democracy and Fundamental Freedoms:

- Our Commitment to Upholding Democracy: Advocating for the protection of fundamental freedoms and the rule of law, fostering an inclusive and transparent democratic environment
- Candidate's Views on Strengthening Democratic Principles within the European Parliament: Seeking the candidate's views on promoting transparency, inclusivity, and the rule of law in the decision-making processes of the Parliament

4. Migration Issues:

- Our Work Related to Migration: Actively engaging in migration-related issues, focusing on integration of refugees and addressing concerns about pushback policies
- Candidate's Stance on Refugee Integration and Pushback Policies: Exploring the candidate's stance on refugee integration and proposed measures to address pushback issues within the European Parliament

5. Women's Rights:

- Our Organization's Dedication to Advancing Women's Rights: Prioritizing gender equality, working towards creating a society where all individuals have equal opportunities and rights.
- Candidate's Perspectives on Advancing Women's Rights within the European Parliament: Discussing the candidate's views on legislative measures to promote gender equality, safeguard reproductive rights, and address issues related to violence against women.

6. Environmental Concerns:

- Our Organization's Efforts in Addressing Environmental Issues: Be involved in collaborating with various stakeholders to create impactful solutions addressing environmental challenges
- Candidate's Stance on Environmental Policies and Vision for Promoting Sustainability within the European Parliament: Seeking the candidate's views on legislation related to climate change mitigation and the transition to a more sustainable and green economy

7. European Parliament's Role:

- Perceived Role of the European Parliament: Emphasizing the pivotal role of the European Parliament in addressing human rights, democracy, and migration within the European Union
- Candidate's Vision for Their Role: Understanding the candidate's vision for their role, particularly in contributing to the promotion of human rights, the strengthening of democratic institutions, and the development of policies addressing migration challenges

8. Collaboration with Civil Society:

- Importance of Collaboration: Highlighting the paramount importance of collaboration between elected representatives and civil society organizations
- Avenues for Cooperation: Discussing potential avenues for collaboration, exploring how the candidate envisions working with NGOs and civil society in the policymaking process

9. Accountability and Transparency:

- Candidate's Commitment to Accountability and Transparency: Inquiring about the candidate's commitment to accountability and transparency in their work within the European Parliament
- Mechanisms for Keeping Constituents and Organizations Informed: Discussing mechanisms for keeping constituents and organizations informed, ensuring regular updates and engagement through various channels

10. Next Steps and Follow-up:

- Explore Possibilities for Continued Dialogue: Expressing eagerness to explore possibilities for continued dialogue, including follow-up meetings, periodic briefings, or correspondence
- Discuss Scheduling a Meeting at a Convenient Time: Proposing discussing a meeting at a time convenient for the candidate, whether in-person or virtually, to ensure a conducive environment for open dialogue

Tech Industry Accountability and Innovative Legislative Proposals:

- Collaborate with tech companies to ensure responsible use of technology. Encourage transparency reports on content moderation policies, privacy protection, and measures to combat online hate speech and harassment.
- Propose the creation of virtual reality (VR) experiences that simulate human rights challenges. This immersive approach can help policymakers better understand the impact of their decisions on individuals and communities.
- Advocate for increased funding and accessibility to legal aid services for individuals who may face human rights violations. Ensure that all citizens have access to legal representation, especially those from marginalized communities.
- Work towards increased transparency in policing practices. This includes advocating for independent oversight mechanisms, body cameras for law enforcement officers, and comprehensive training on human rights for police forces.

- Advocate for increased support and funding for civil society organizations working on human rights issues. These organizations play a crucial role in monitoring, reporting, and advocating for human rights, especially in regions with limited resources.
- Promote the development and implementation of comprehensive national human rights action plans. These plans can serve as roadmaps for addressing human rights issues, setting specific goals, and measuring progress over time.
- Advocate for the integration of regular human rights impact assessments in the legislative process. This systematic approach ensures that lawmakers consider the potential impact of policies on human rights before they are implemented.
- Introduce design thinking sessions for policy creation. This user-centric approach involves empathizing with those affected by policies, defining the problem, ideating solutions, prototyping, and testing. Applying this methodology to human rights legislation can lead to more effective and inclusive policies.
- Support community-led initiatives that empower marginalized groups. Provide funding and resources to grassroots organizations working on the ground to address specific human rights challenges within their communities.
- Establish Youth Advisory Councils specifically focused on human rights. Engaging young people in policymaking ensures fresh perspectives and empowers the next generation to actively contribute to shaping human rights policies.
- Organize legislative hackathons where lawmakers, technologists, and human rights advocates collaborate to devise innovative legislative solutions. This approach can harness diverse perspectives and expertise to draft effective and forward-thinking human rights

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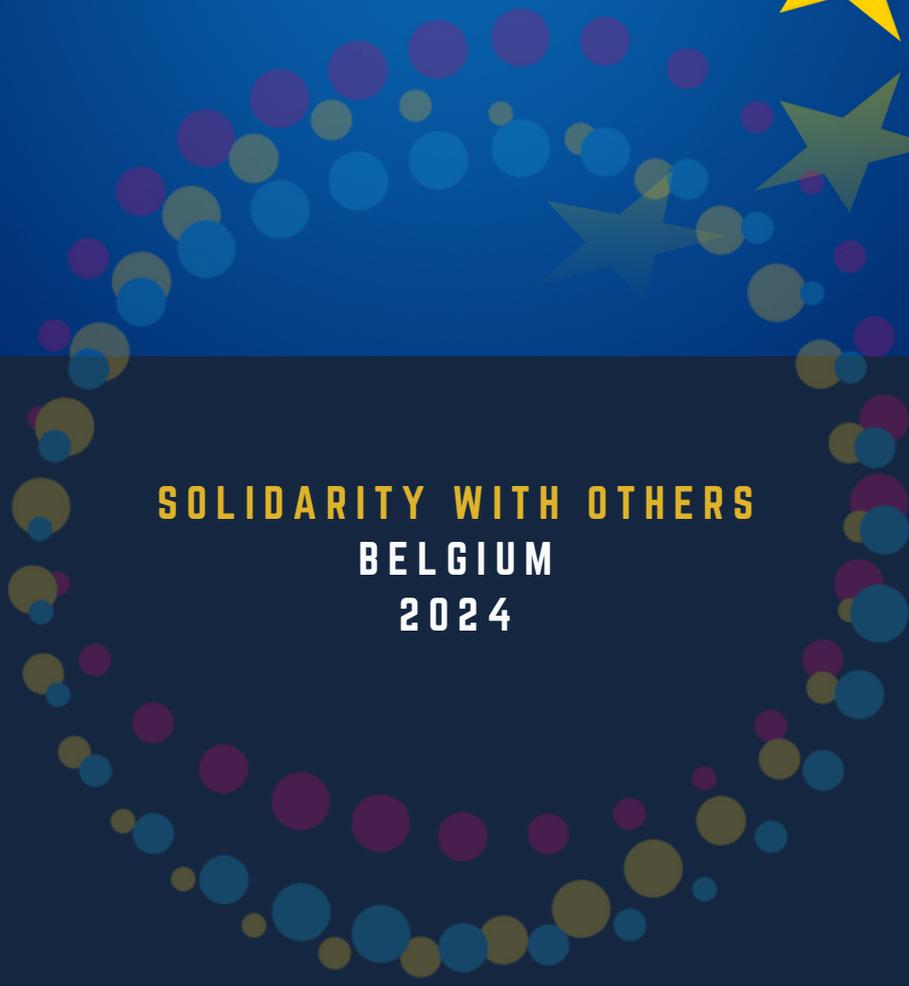
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