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PRESS BRIEFING

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TUE 26 NOV
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Journalists are welcome to question the Co-presidents of The Left in the European Parliament on issues they are covering. Physical & remote participation possible. See @Left_EU on Twitter for more details.

with **Manon Aubry** (France Insoumise, France) & **Martin Schirdewan**, (Die Linke, Germany)



Commission President-elect of the College of Commissioners and its programme

Debate: Wednesday 27 November **Vote: Wednesday 27 November**

Manon Aubry:

The evaluation of the College of Commissioners has been a sham from start to finish. The European Parliament was unable to properly assess conflicts of interest, and the committee evaluations of the Commissioners' qualifications were pointless since their fate was solely determined by agreements between the major political groups. The organisation was disastrous, with evaluation sessions postponed in violation of the Rules of Procedure, only for MEPs to be notified an hour before their occurrence. As a result, next week will see the appointment of the most right-wing Commission in history, the fruit of shady backroom deals between the major groups in the European Parliament, which have once again set aside their values, trampled on democracy, and further undermined the credibility of the Parliament.



Martin Schirdewan:

Socialists, Liberals, Conservatives, and the Right are striking backroom deals to protect their positions. If the S&D throws its support behind Meloni's confidant and post-fascist Fitto, then they are truly beyond redemption.

Once again, they're abandoning their principles to chase power, instead of standing firm and advocating for honest politics.

This farce is causing serious harm to European democracy!



International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Monday 25 November

Irene Montero:

What is violence against women is that the EU as such, as well as many Member States, don't have a definition on rape based on lack of consent. We need a European Union that really defends our rights, and that says loud and clear that only yes means yes. We want lives free of violence for all women!



Recent legislation targeting LGBTQI persons and the need for protecting the rule of law and a discrimination-free Union

Debate: Wednesday 27 November

Carolina Morace:

From Bulgaria to Hungary and Italy, rainbow families and the LGBTQI community face discrimination under laws that defy European values and treaties. This cannot continue. A stronger response is essential. The EU must protect the equality and freedoms of all its citizens, even if it means invoking Article 7 of the Treaty to suspend the voting rights of member states violating these principles.



International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Lynn Boylan:

International law and human rights must be applied consistently everywhere. The failure of the EU to hold Israel accountable for its genocidal actions in Gaza represents a profound moral failure. The diplomatic cover provided by European leaders must end. No more double standards. Suspend the Association Agreement and sanction Israel now!



GMO objections

Vote: Tuesday 26 November

Anja Hazekamp:

It is unacceptable that the European Commission keeps authorizing the sale of GMO's in Europe. These crops are made to resist and increase herbicide use, which is bad for soil health, water quality, ground biodiversity and human and animal health. Instead of facilitating Monsanto's GMO's and toxic herbicides, the EU should drastically reduce the use of pesticides and stimulate healthy, GMO-free production within planetary boundaries.



Strengthening children's rights in the EU - 35th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Debate: Thursday 27 November

Fernando Barrena:

On the 35th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, we wish to reaffirm our commitment to the comprehensive protection of children, with special remembrance for all the children who have been killed in Palestine and who are victims of a planned genocide.

It is also important to remember that migrant children arriving at the external borders of the EU have the right to be treated by the public administration in accordance with their vulnerable condition; this unfortunately does not happen due to lack of resources and the effect of European migration and asylum policies that victimize them doubly in their condition of migrant and child.