

Motions

Motion number	24
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Title (of the Motion)	European Policies for All

Text of the motion: Around 50 million national minorities and linguistic groups live in the EU. They are affected by the economic and social policies of the EU and pay taxes for the European Union. However, all these people who are not minorities at all and their problems are not allowed to be heard and represented in European Parliament. They are not allowed to shape European policies that affect them. Like us, many young Europeans are concerned about their future. Because we, our problems and our freedoms are ignored first by member states and then by the EU. This is why European policies, which do not involve all Europeans, young people, human rights and are conducted by a club of state elites, fail.

Since stable and functioning policies, institutions cannot be achieved without including all people who are subject of these policies and institutions.

Greece denies the ethnic Turkish identity of the minority living in Western Thrace. It has not implemented the relevant decisions of ECtHR for 17 years for this reason. Greece discriminates the Turkish minority in the field of education. Interventions that reduce the quality of minority education and the condemnation of hundreds middle and high school students of the Minority Middle and High School of Xanthi to receive education in an old tobacco warehouse are not acceptable within the framework of 21st century human rights and in the EU, which is a project for people to live freely in better conditions.

In this respect, it is striking that the EU funds reach the citizens of the European Union, the Turks of Western Thrace, in a very limited way.

The political situation in Greece is centred on suppressing the voices demanding better living conditions, rights-based and more progressive egalitarian Europe. In 2025, in a European democracy, the closure lawsuit against the DEB Partisi, which received the votes of the overwhelming majority of the Turkish minority and other minority groups in Greece in the last Euro-elections, is unacceptable. The constant demonisation and targeting of the leadership, candidates and members of the DEB Partisi and the Turkish minority in the Greek press does not make us feel safe in the EU.

We presume that these problems are also suffered by many European minorities.

If the EU is genuinely concerned about the rise of the far right and extremism in Europe today, the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Council



must stand on the side of European values, fundamental rights and freedoms and youth.

Therefore, we believe that the EU cannot remain indifferent to;

The denial of the identity of minorities, the violation of their rights to education and language, the violation of their freedom of association, assembly and expression, their inability to benefit from EU funds, the restriction of their political representation and their targeting as taxpaying citizens who are the subject of EU policies.

The Minority Safepack should be recognised as a binding legal regulation of the EU for a more stable, sustainable, free and equal European Union for all.

The European Commission must take a position on the problems of national minorities and monitor and control the minority policies of the Member States.

A Minorities-Nationalities Commissioner must be set up in this direction.

The European Union can overcome this difficult process in a strong and successful way only by positioning itself together with all Europeans and at the same distance from all Europeans.

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