

**Appeal to the
European
Parliament**



**For peace.
For human rights.
For Europe.**

*“The Union’s aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples.”
(Art. 3, Treaty of Lisbon)*

Save the European peace project!

For peace. For human rights. For Europe.

The European integration reconciled enemies after the Second World War, making the European Union a model peace project the world over.

Now more than ever, we need a European Union that advocates peace and human rights – at home and beyond its borders.

However, beginning in 2021, the EU plans to invest billions of euros in the European arms industry, joint military operations and even more border security. Peacebuilding and human rights could fall victim to the defence against migration and flight.

We firmly believe that the European Union will only win the hearts of its citizens as a peace project, not as a military power.

Therefore, we call on the delegates of the European Parliament to:

Stand up for a European Union that advocates peace and human rights unconditionally.

- Campaign for a European Union that adheres to the European peace project instead of becoming a military power.

We urge the European Union to build on its strengths as a mediator in conflicts and as an alliance for peace through cooperation and collaboration. We oppose the European defence fund to finance the development of armament projects. The Treaty of Lisbon prohibits the financing of armament projects and military operations through the Community budget of the European Union. Delegates of the European Parliament should defend and strengthen these principles.

- Do not let the European Union provide arms to states that wage war or violate human rights to ward off refugees and migration.

We call on the European Union and its Member States not to use funds for the armament of armies and militias of non-member countries. The European Parliament must ensure the strict adherence to and further tightening of the European criteria for arms exports vis-à-vis the governments of the European Union Member States.

- Increase the funds of the European Union for the promotion of non-violent conflict transformation and human rights.

We request €7 bn. for non-violent conflict transformation and peacebuilding and €3 bn. for the promotion of human rights and democracy in the next EU financial framework (2021-2027).

Signatories:

