



DEBATE ON TUESDAY, 7 JUNE

**The rule of law and the potential approval of the Polish national Recovery Plan (RRF)***Iratxe García Pérez - President of the S&D Group*

Poles deserve EU money for the economic recovery from the pandemic like any other EU citizens. But they also deserve a free and independent judiciary system - again just like any other EU citizens. Any disbursement of the post-Covid recovery money for Poland must not happen until all conditions set by the European Court of Justice are met. Poles can and should benefit from the EU money from the Recovery and Resilience Facility, but not at the expense of the rule of law.

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**Fit for 55 package***Mohammed Chahim - S&D vice-president for the Green New Deal*

With the climate law, the European Union committed to take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030. Next week the European Parliament is called on to make this commitment a reality by adopting concrete measures as part of the FitFor55 package. The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is one of the pillars of this package. It doesn't matter where you produce carbon, the polluters must pay. This is the simple but powerful principle that has inspired the hard work on the CBAM. The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism is one of the few mechanisms the EU can rely on to incentivise our trading partners to decarbonise their manufacturing industry globally. This will also prevent distortive unfair competition between EU and non-EU industries. Let's go for it!

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DEBATE AND VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION ON THURSDAY, 9 JUNE

**A new trade instrument to ban products made by forced labour***Bernd Lange, S&D MEP and chair of the international trade committee and Raphaël Glucksmann, S&D MEP and negotiator for a new instrument to ban products made with forced labour*

25 million people and 1 in 10 children worldwide are victims of forced labour. We want to ban these products made with blood and tears from our markets. In addition to new robust European laws that will force companies to perform strict due diligence checks throughout their supply chains, we call on the EU Commission to propose a new instrument for banning any product made with forced labour. In September last year, European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen yielded to our demands and promised to make it a reality. As Socialists and Democrats, we will hold her to her words and question the Commission next week, on how they propose to design this new instrument to ensure there are no legal or technical loopholes through which companies can slip. People must come before profits.

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DEBATE ON MONDAY, 6 JUNE, VOTE ON TUESDAY, 7 JUNE

### 2021 Report on Turkey

**Nacho Sánchez Amor - S&D MEP and the European Parliament rapporteur on Turkey**

When we started drafting this year's report, we were still hoping for a constructive and positive momentum in EU-Turkey relations. However, despite a relative improvement in our contacts, in the form of different high-level dialogues, the harsh reality is that the current government of Turkey has no political will to stop the continuous backsliding in fundamental freedoms and rule of law. With the recent decision on the case of Osman Kavala, the current government of Turkey has demolished any perspective of putting the EU accession process back on track. Turkey has an important role to play as a NATO ally in the current challenging situation in Europe, but its so-called balanced approach is starting to become too accommodating to Russia and, in any case, this will not affect our criticism on the critical domestic situation of democracy and human rights.

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DEBATE ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE, VOTE ON THURSDAY, 9 JUNE

### Parliament's right of initiative

**Brando Benifei - S&D MEP and negotiator on the right of initiative report**

The European Parliament is the only EU institution that is directly elected by the people. We represent citizens and so we should have the right to propose legislation. In 2019, Commission President von der Leyen supported that right. In 2022, with citizens at the heart of the process, the Conference on the Future of Europe gave a clear recommendation that Parliament should have the right of initiative. In next week's vote, this we will send a strong message to the other institutions that it is time to redress the current imbalance. It's time to strengthen the EU's democratic foundations, to reinforce its legitimacy and accountability, and to change the treaties to turn citizens' requests into a reality. A stronger Parliament makes for a stronger democracy.

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### Global threats to abortion rights: the possible overturn of abortion rights in the US by the Supreme Court

**Fred Matic - S&D MEP and the European Parliament's negotiator on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**

We strongly condemn the possible overturning of the historical Roe v Wade decision in the US. In recent years, the S&D Group in the Parliament has led a political movement that made a clear commitment to ensuring full access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, and we were shocked by the leaked draft of the Supreme Court decision in which already established women's rights and health are being threatened. There is a danger of a spill-over effect in restrictive abortion laws which might happen as a consequence of this change. We want to make it very clear: we will fight against that with all available means, because sexual and reproductive health and rights are and must remain fundamental rights!

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**S&D Group press conference**  
**Iratxe García Pérez, S&D president**  
**Tuesday 7 June, 10.00 - 10.20**  
**Daphne Caruana Galizia room - Strasbourg**  
**Weiss N-1/201**  
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