
One Hour for Europe Manifesto



We Europeans of One Hour for Europe have our vision of the European Union. This vision developed because of the wave of the recent pandemic, the constant danger of climate catastrophe and the consciousness that we are moving towards a highly technological future. These aspects lead us to step back from daily life and think which role the EU should have in the world.

First of all, our actions shall not be individualistic anymore. We want to act as a body and not as a single organ. Adopting this view life on the planet can be sustained. We claim that the EU has to be the first example in the world of an advanced digital and modern economy in harmony with nature.

We are on the edge of a European geo-political awakening. The result of this process should pursue the peace-building and the stabilization of multilateral relationships. The new ways of conducting warfare should be prevented and condemned.

In the century of manipulation¹ and post-truth², society needs to have well-informed citizens. This means, to be aware of what are the causes and nexus of the events without distortion or misrepresentation. The awareness³ of the people is the very true engine to develop in wealth, take personal responsibilities and not to be indifferent in front of injustices.

It is not a progress to behave according to the old schemes of non-stop consuming: it is walking backwards. We need to study in a multi-disciplinary way to frame all the aspects of the current situation and decide what to do. We need to recover the biological and ecological knowledge to match it with the incoming technologies and the educational programs. We need to read and self-educate. We need creativity and daring.

¹ Controlling someone or something to your own advantage, often unfairly or dishonestly.

² Relating to a situation in which people are more likely to accept an argument based on their emotions and beliefs, rather than one based on facts.

³ Knowledge that something exists, or understanding of a situation or subject at the present time based on information or experience.

These statements will find a sense only if the institutions will be willing to open themselves to the people, to the youth, as the house of everyone. The walls built between the decision-makers and the electorate need to fall down. We need to start an on-going dialogue right now to have a closer Union.

We affirm that the ecological revolution⁴, the active citizenship⁵ and the use of our collective intelligence⁶ are the key elements to have a better future.

This is what we want for the European Union.

Signatures:

⁴ The ongoing process of switching from pollution-causing and climate-changing technology, economy and law to efficient and clean technology, economy and law.

⁵ Someone who cares about their community enough to change it.

⁶ Group that shares information and collectively solves problems, giving them a greater chance to find answers than they would have on their own.