

# STOP THE WAR

## SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE!

The European Union must relaunch and reinforce the original project of peace and common security that was built from the rubble of the two World Wars of the last century. To prevent and avoid new wars, it should be defined by investing in social justice, human rights, international law and support to the United Nations. The response that Europe must give to the Russian aggression in Ukraine cannot be a return to rearmament and nuclear deterrence. This would mean to follow Putin's foolish and conflict seeking path. It risks leading us to a third world war with a certain catastrophe of unknown proportions for the whole of humanity and must be avoided at all costs. Today we must side with the Ukrainian people to rebuild peace, coexistence and security for all, people and nations, including the brave Russian people and organisations who continue to resist. This is the challenge that involves all of us. We must spare no effort in trying to put a stop to this war, to assist refugees, and to support and join forces with all who reject and oppose war. From civil society's side, we must continue to build bridges between people, to open negotiations and dialogue among civil society, trade unions, parliamentarians, and local authorities. We need to show with actions that another path is possible, towards a Europe of peace.

**We therefore call upon the European Commission, the European Council and all member states to:**

*Actively work to bring Ukraine closer to the EU, possibly through granting accession status as part of renewed ambitions to expand the European family also with the countries of the Western Balkan and Eastern Europe that already form part of the process.*

*Continue to show united and coordinated solidarity with all refugees arriving and avail the resources necessary for a dignified reception defined by rights to all refugees.*

*Spare no efforts and remain united to achieve a ceasefire and work to restore peace through peaceful means, also by pushing all relevant international bodies such as the UN, OSCE and the Council of Europe to act.*

*Give priority to social, economic, sustainable investments to reduce inequalities, promote inclusion, and support processes of democratisation and access to fundamental human rights, including ambitious support to the future reconstruction, reconciliation, and rehabilitation efforts in Ukraine and with Russia*