

# Joint Statement: Democracy under attack

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**Fourteen civil society organisations -including ILGA-Europe- have written to the European Union and European governments to respond to the threat to our democracies in Europe.**

“Our democracies are under attack. The rise of hate, divisive, and socially and environmentally destructive political forces– including in many EU countries – are putting our democracies at risk. They are undermining democratic institutions and the rule of law by fomenting inequality and discrimination and by seeking to muzzle independent media, non-governmental organisations, trade unions, the judiciary, women, and marginalised groups, including ethnic and religious minorities, LGBTI people and people with disabilities. Democracy should mean working in the best interests of all, and not of some at the expense of others with less power.”

“EU action is overdue. We the undersigned call on the European Union and European governments to respond to this threat and to:

1. **Uphold the rule of law.**
2. **Apply zero tolerance for hate speech and cyber-violence.**
3. **Defend the right for people to campaign for the public interest.”**

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## Signatories:

- CONCORD Europe (with the special support of IPPF EN)
- European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)
- European Disability Forum (EDF)
- European Movement International
- European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- European Women’s Lobby
- European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
- Fern
- Friends of the Earth Europe
- Greenpeace
- ILGA-Europe
- International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
- Social Platform
- WWF

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?Democracies are under attack, and EU action is overdue?

? This is the message delivered by CSOs and trade unions today to First Vice-President [@TimmermansEU](#), in this joint statement presented during the [#EU4Democracy](#). Read more: <https://t.co/xjxabYDj8b> [#EuropeWeWant pic.twitter.com/uWfdoW6fry](https://pic.twitter.com/uWfdoW6fry)



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