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Macron's actions must match his rhetoric

President Macron/Future of Europe

Greens/EFA co-president Philippe Lamberts will speak for the group in today's debate on the Future of Europe with French President Emmanuel Macron.

You can find the full text of his speech here (in English, the speech will be delivered in French): http://extranet.greens-efa-service.eu/public/media/file/1/5552

Greens/EFA co-president **Philippe Lamberts** comments:

"Like many others, we are pleased to see a French President who is ready to show leadership on Europe. Europeans must work together to take on this century's challenges. The tasks confronting us are too big to be faced alone.

"But while President Macron has talked a good game, his actions have often told a different story. He has stripped his own citizens of fundamental rights and failed to protect those desperately seeking sanctuary in his country. The President's tax giveaways may have found him favour with the rich, but he has not shown the same concern for those struggling to get by.

"Where President Macron strives to build a more just, sustainable and democratic EU, we will be on his side. But whenever he fails to do so, we shall stand resolutely in his way."

Watch the debate live: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/de/home.html

The French text of the speech is also available here: http://extranet.greens-efa-service.eu/public/media/file/1/5551

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