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More than 120,000 rally for freedom, love, equal rights - Greens/EFA stands united with historic protest

Budapest Pride

Today (Saturday, 28 June), more than 120,000 took the streets of Budapest, estimates going up to 300,000. The Greens/EFA joined today´s protests of around 70 Members of the European Parliament.

Terry Reintke, Co-President of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament, comments:

“This day is a great success for freedom and love in Europe. This day is a disaster for Viktor Orbán. The citizens of the free city of Budapest showed Viktor Orbán what they think of his Pride ban. It remains true: not the Pride is illegal, the ban is. We Greens/EFA will push for an infringement against the Pride-ban-law. The Commission also has to legally act to show that Hungarians have the same fundamental rights as all other EU citizens.
Gergely Karácsony is a hero. The fearlessness of Budapest's mayor is a role model for all who are fighting for freedom, love and equal rights.”

Nicolae Ştefănuță, Vice-President of the European Parliament, comments:

“This is not just about Budapest. This is about all of us, about what kind of Europe we choose to build and protect. Because when your peaceful expression is punished, when diversity is treated and looked upon as a danger we all lose something. That is why the European Parliament stands with Budapest. Because our Union is built on freedom, dignity and equal rights for everyone - no matter who you are or whom you love. You have the right to show up. You have the right to speak out. You have the right to live openly and proudly without fear.”

Green/EFA members present at today´s Budapest Pride:
Terry Reintke, Nicolae Ştefănuță, Alexandra Geese, Alice Bah Kuhnke, Anna Strolenberg (Volt), Benedetta Scuderi, Daniel Freund, Gordan Bosanac, Jaume Llodra Asens, Kai Tegethoff (Volt), Kim van Sparrentak, Lena Schilling, Markéta Gregorová (Pirate Party), Mélissa Camara, Rasmus Andresen, Rasmus Nordqvist, Thomas Waitz, Tineke Strik, Tilly Metz

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