

[en](#) | [fr](#) | [de](#)

[Press release](#) | 24.03.2017

## The European Union must evolve

### 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome

The celebrations of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Rome began on Friday 24 March in Rome. Commenting on the importance of the anniversary, Greens/EFA co-president **Ska Keller** said:

*"This is not the best moment to be celebrating the European Union. With crisis following crisis, and Brexit approaching, the Union faces major challenges. However, the idea of European cross-border cooperation is still the best one that we have for securing a better future. If the EU is to survive, and the people of Europe to regain their enthusiasm for it, it must evolve."*

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

*"The European Union must not serve only the few. We want a social European Union in which prosperity is shared by all. We want a fair European Union with equal rights for all; an open, democratic and free society, with a humane refugee and migration policy. We need now to remember the shared values that have helped secure peace on this continent over the past decades. We cannot afford a relapse into the nationalism that we have seen in some member states."*

### Recommended

Press release

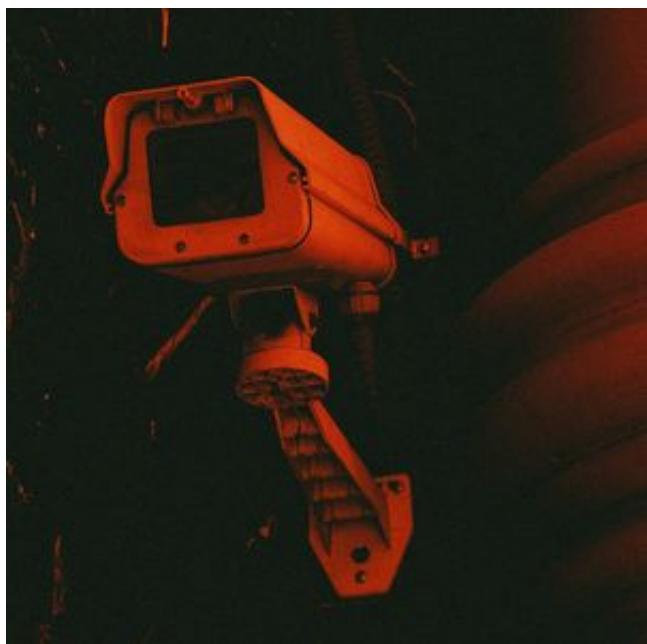


## [Frozen Russian funds essential to support Ukraine](#)

18.12.2025

Press release

Photo by Parker Coffman on Unsplash



[Greens/EFA Group call for inquiry committee into alleg...](#)

17.10.2025

Press release

Why wait ? climate emergency



[Merz and Macron jeopardise EU credibility ahead of int...](#)

23.09.2025

News



## Debriefing of the September Plenary Session

12.09.2025

**Responsible MEPs**



Ska Keller

Member



Philippe Lamberts

Member

**Contact person**



David Weir

Press & Media Advisor EN (English language press)

**Please share**

• [E-Mail](#)