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Win for Hungarian opposition huge moment for Europe & democracy

Hungary

Today, on the Hungarian election results, which show a huge turnout in favour of the opposition Tisza party, the Greens/EFA Group welcomes this opportunity for the Hungarian people to rebuild their democracy and reset the rule of law in Europe. The Greens/EFA Group have long fought for the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights in Hungary and call on the European Commission and Council to support the new government in restoring democratic standards the country.

Terry Reintke MEP, Greens/EFA President, comments:

"Hungary is back. Today is a great day for democracy and the elections are a major victory for the people of Hungary and for the rule of law. We congratulate Tisza and Orbán's challenger Péter Magyar on their election victory. After sixteen long years, the Hungarian people have chosen democracy and Europe over autocracy and Russia.

"This vote was a clear 'yes' to freedom and democracy and an electoral victory for all those who have fought tirelessly against the corrupt Orbán regime. They all deserve our utmost respect. The election result is a clear defeat for Viktor Orbán, for his corrupt and kleptocratic system, and for the entire far-right movement from Moscow to Mar-a-Lago. It shows: Democrats win when they stand together."

Bas Eickhout MEP, Greens/EFA President, comments:

"This result is a resounding victory and a long-overdue liberation for democracy and the Hungarian people. Congratulations to all the Hungarians who have waited a long time for this day.

"After sixteen years of Viktor Orbán and Fidesz tearing down democratic institutions and hollowing out the state, Hungarians have said: enough. For too long, Hungarians have had their rights and their futures trampled on by the Orbán government.

"This is the beginning of the end of Orbán's corrupt power machine. Now the real work begins: Rebuilding democracy, restoring the rule of law, staying vigilant and making sure this never happens again, not in Hungary, not anywhere in Europe."

More:

On **Tuesday at 09:30am,** Greens/EFA MEP and European Parliament Rapporteur for the situation in Hungary, **Tineke Strik** will hold a **press conference** on Hungary in the European Parliament press room. Journalists can follow in the room or online via Interactio here.

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