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Europe: one, indivisible, undefeated.

— PREAMBLE

Preamble

Europe is dying, and its leaders have made their peace with it.

Bureaucracy strangles our businesses, and whole regions are run by people too distant to notice they have been written off. War is at our doorstep in Ukraine. Fewer children every year, industry slipping, growth that has all but stopped. The cultures that made us are wearing thin, and Europe is more divided than it has ever been. A continent in that state is easy to pull apart, piece by piece. You do not need to belong to a party to see any of it.

They persist for a plain reason. Our institutions are weak, our leaders timid, and our political class has grown comfortable managing the decline instead of fighting it. Spineless, incompetent men and women, in politics, in industry, in what passes for civil society, presided over this, and there is little reason to think they will be the ones to undo it. So we intend to take the reins ourselves. We will meet these problems with urgency, and with a seriousness Europe has not seen from those who govern it in a long time. Pragmatism, not slogans.

We, the members of Ave Europa, commit ourselves to a Europe that is strong, united, prosperous, sovereign, and true to its roots.

We mean to honour it, and to build on it a freer, fairer, and safer future.

Mindful of their responsibility towards creation,

Conscious of their common heritage and of the diversity of their histories, cultures and languages,

Conscious of their common achievements and their responsibility towards future generations,

Resolved to renew their alliance so as to strengthen liberty, democracy, independence and peace in a spirit of solidarity amongst equals,

Determined to live together with mutual consideration and respect for their diversity, affirming that lasting order arises from justice, cooperation, and respect for the law,

And in the knowledge that only those who can use their freedom remain free, and that the strength of a people is measured by the well-being of its weakest members,

— THE DIAGNOSIS

The European Situation

Long gone are the days of European empires, when the continent shaped world events. Over the last century we gave that up, not all at once and not always by choice. Three major tragic events broke Europe: 1918, then 1945, and the humiliation of Suez in 1956, when London and Paris learned they could no longer act without Washington's approval. What followed suited everyone. America supplied defence, the nuclear umbrella and the guarantee; Europe turned inward and built its welfare state and its common market underneath it, bringing it decades of stability. These conditions also made Europe forget that a continent which cannot defend itself does not, in the end, govern itself.

The Union that was built was an economic one: a rules-based order of fair competition, environmental standards, social protection and the rule of law. There is nothing to apologise for any of it. But the rest of the world never agreed to Europe's rules, and show no intention of adopting them now. Power, growth and raw national interests: that is the global currency, and when European values are heard, if heard at all, they are heard as the talk of people that has forgotten how to enforce them. Europe will have to learn to defend its values with more than just soft power, but with the strength to back them, lest they be received without the seriousness they demand.

And we should be honest about who we have been leaning on. The United States is not a European partner in any sense; it is a great power pursuing its own interests, and those interests no longer include Europe. Pretending otherwise has been one of the more expensive habits of European politics. Ukraine has proved that Europe can ultimately rely only on itself. . A war of such scale within the European continent, renders the idea that defence should not be another power's responsibility.

But the deeper crisis is not the one at Europe's borders, but the one within its borders. There are identifiable patterns on how civilisations decline, and they are no mystery; they are written plainly in the history of every empire that existed before us. A people grows prosperous, then comfortable, then ashamed of itself. It sees the very things that built its civilisation, its institutions, its faith, its schools, its inheritance, as something to apologise for. The fruits of the work that sustains civilisation is handed to others in an act of repentance, and open borders are demanded in the name of a "labour shortage". Guilt sets in for wealth being enjoyed, monuments are brought down, achievements are recast as sins in need of repentance and civilisation begins to attack itself like antibodies turning against the body's own healthy tissue. Finally, on schedule, the wolves arrive. None of this is metaphor. It is the working script of the modern West, and Europe is reenacting it line by line. The only question that still matters is whether we will be the first civilisation in history to recognise the pattern before we finish it.

Our political class will not help us here, because naming the problem is the one discipline it has organised itself never to practise. The managerial centre, fluent in tone and hollow in conviction, has perfected the art of dressing decline up as stewardship, mistaking the absence of risk for seriousness and the absence of belief for moderation. The current European Leadership are not traitors. They are something harder to forgive: men and women who sense their moment has passed and cling to it regardless, hampering real reform while insisting that they are its last responsible guardians.

As a result, Europeans are withdrawing. Across the continent, a quarter to two-fifths of voters now back parties built to oppose Europe outright. That is not a protest; it is people that feel like walking out of a house that no longer shelters them. Russia, China, and the United States understood the opening before our own governments did. They do not bankroll Europe's anti-European movements out of any belief in them; they bankroll them because a Europe whose discontented have nowhere constructive to go is a Europe that cannot act against outside pressure. To exploit that, they need invent nothing, only shine a light on the failures the mainstream refuses to name. Every year Brussels answers public concern with procedure instead of policy is another year of free oxygen for movements that will describe the disease at full volume and never once attempt the cure. And those movements offer a poisoned bargain: that to take Europe's decline seriously, to want secure borders, a real defence, a future for one's children, you must also turn against Europe itself, against the Union, against unity, and soon enough toward Moscow. We reject that bargain completely. One need not break Europe to save it. For a civilisation of our size, in a world of hostile superpowers, union is not the enemy of sovereignty; it is the only sovereignty still on offer.

The clock is ticking. By any honest reckoning Europe has perhaps 15 years before the trends now in motion harden into something ordinary politics can no longer reverse. One feels the clock ticking when looking at the price of groceries. One sees it in towns people grew up in and now walk through with a dissonance that cannot be quite named, and that no institution will confirm. Such feeling was not manufactured by bad actors. It is the honest identification of changes that are real, are being rushed, and are being misdescribed at every step by the people who were supposed to be managing them.

Ave Europa exists because of all this, and because offered solutions are not good enough. We refuse to stand and watch. We will not let Europe rot from within through cultural and moral decline, and we will not hand it to those who would tear down its institutions, neither the reactionaries who dream of despotism nor the idealists who would burn the foundations and call it renewal. We are pragmatists before we are anything else: we will reform Europe's democratic institutions rather than smash them, defend the rights of Europeans,

and build the unity, the independence, and the hard defensive strength the continent has done without for far too long.

The road to a united Europe will be long, and at times treacherous. We take it anyway, and without apology, because at its end lies a new chapter in the history of our civilisation.

— IDENTITY

Who We Are

Ave Europa is a centre-right to right-wing pro-European movement, not as a contradiction to the existing political order, but as an alternative to it. We reject the assumption that European unity is inherently a centrist or left-wing project. It is not. We exist because the problems are real and no one is treating them that way. The sterile centre says it loves Europe but does nothing but destabilise it, managing every hard question quietly instead of answering it. The Eurosceptics will name the hard questions but want to break Europe apart politically to do it, mistaking mere populism for a programme and, often enough, taking their cues from hostile foreign powers, such as Russia. We propose a new, different path: people who love Europe see that our problems require visionary solutions - European identity and civilisational continuity are dear to us. There are many real concerns about Europe's future, and we take them up because they matter and because they have gone unanswered for too long.

Europe's peoples have a right to endure, culturally and demographically, and we will work and fight for it. Whether in 30 years, in 50, or in 100, Europe should still be recognisably Europe. That is not an extreme thing to want; it is the most ordinary thing in the world, and it was abandoned by an establishment that found it embarrassing, left lying in the road for people who picked it up for uglier reasons. We are picking it up for the right ones. And none of it requires being against the Union, against unity, or against the modern world. You do not have to burn Europe down to keep it European.

Here, we draw a hard line; the current times have blurred. Our concern with cultural and demographic continuity has nothing to do with the imported American culture war, with its world of genders and patriarchies and endless ledgers of oppressor and victim. That war was built to set people against one another, and a movement whose whole purpose is to bring Europeans together will not pick up its weapons. We are not anti-feminist. We are not against "social issues." We are simply not interested in playing a game designed to divide us, and the lobbies for those causes are large and well-funded enough without our help.

We are pragmatists. We will not trade in the empty positions that pass for conviction, like “we oppose climate change,” as if anyone were for it. When we take a stand, it will be one that actually sets us apart, and one we can defend with evidence and reason rather than impulsive reactions. We would rather be right and unfashionable than fashionable and useless.

WHAT WE WILL NOT COMPROMISE

- ◆ European unity as the instrument that protects our civilisation and our nations, never a superstate built to dissolve them.
- ◆ A pluralist democracy resting on open debate and on freedom of conscience, speech, and belief.
- ◆ Leadership that is transparent, earned on merit, and held to ethical account, with zero tolerance for the corruption and capture that rot institutions from within.
- ◆ The dignity and rights of every European are defended as an inheritance in their own right.
- ◆ Honour, responsibility to those who come after us, and devotion to the common good are the temper of our public life.

This is who we are before we propose a single policy. What follows is how it becomes politics.

THE PROGRAMME

Our Six Pillars

The policies through which this charter becomes real

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1

Unification

A continent our size has one path to sovereignty, and it runs through union.

We do not seek unity because a larger Europe is a grander thing. We seek it because it is the only instrument equal to the problems we face, none of which, from defence to industry to migration, any nation on this continent can now solve alone. The answer is not to dissolve our nations into a superstate, but to build above them a union strong enough to act, and disciplined enough to leave to each people what belongs to it. Today's EU was built for mediation and compromise; we mean to turn it into something that can decide.

WE WILL

- ◆ Transform the Union from an intergovernmental forum into a federation with real decision-making power, while protecting national competence over culture, education, and identity through binding subsidiarity.
- ◆ Make Europe's institutions directly accountable: give the European Parliament the right to initiate legislation, and move to the direct election of an executive, first a Commission President, ultimately a President of the European Union.
- ◆ End the veto paralysis in the areas that decide Europe's fate (foreign and security policy, defence, taxation, migration) and replace unanimity with the capacity to govern.
- ◆ Anchor it all in a written European Constitution: the primacy of European law, real checks and balances, a defined role for national parliaments, and a stable foundation built for the citizen rather than the bureaucracy.
- ◆ Open the institutions to the people directly, through a public platform on which citizen-initiated proposals that clear a threshold must be taken up by the Parliament.

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2

Reindustrialisation

A Europe that cannot build, power, and bank for itself is a Europe that takes orders.

We let our industrial base thin out and called it progress. We offshored what we should have kept and regulated what we should have grown, and now we depend on others for the energy, the chips, and the capital that decide whether a continent is free or merely comfortable. Prosperity is not the goal in itself. It is the floor a serious civilisation stands on, and we mean to rebuild it: an economy that makes things, that powers itself, and that answers to Europeans rather than to whoever holds the supply chain.

WE WILL

- ◆ Reshore what security depends on, from energy and defence to manufacturing and critical technology, and invest directly through public capital where private markets will not move.
- ◆ Finish the single market that was never finished. Complete the banking and capital-markets union, and create a legal framework to allow EU-wide companies to follow only one rulebook instead of 27 different ones. A business should be able to incorporate, raise capital, and trade across the continent without re-learning the rules at every border.
- ◆ Power Europe without apology or dependence. Nuclear forms the backbone, with hydro, solar, and wind, where they make sense, because abundant, sovereign energy is the precondition for everything else.
- ◆ Win technological sovereignty in the domains that now define power: AI, cloud and data infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, and space. We mean to own these capabilities, not rent them from foreign monopolies.
- ◆ Cut the bureaucracy that strangles enterprise, lighten the burden on the small and medium firms that carry our social fabric, and tear down the internal barriers that still fracture trade between European nations.
- ◆ Stop the waste of public money. Europe's states have grown bloated, spending what they take through archaic and duplicated machinery. We will digitalise and automate administration at every level, cut what delivers no public benefit, and lower the tax burden without lowering the quality of what citizens actually receive. Every euro the state takes is a euro it must account for.

- ◆ Bend the whole of it toward the citizen, so that the gains of a continental economy, beginning with the Euro's path toward a genuine global reserve currency, are reaped collectively and not captured at the top.

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3

Remilitarisation — One Defence

A continent that will not defend itself has already decided to be ruled.

For 80 years, Europe outsourced its survival and called it peace. That arrangement is over, and Ukraine is where it ended. A serious continent does not rent its security from a power whose interests no longer match its own, and it does not wait for permission to defend its own soil. We will build the hard capability Europe gave up: not 27 armies that cannot fight together, but one defence that can.

WE WILL

- ◆ Build toward a single European defence: a Joint European Army, Air Force, and Navy under unified command, with merged intelligence, one military budget, and a sovereign nuclear deterrent that answers to Europe alone. We pursue this within NATO, where it serves us, and through a European Defence Community of our own, where it does not.
- ◆ Procure as one. End the waste of 27 incompatible systems and 27 separate contracts, source from European industry, and build the continental arms base that real independence requires. Money spent on defence should build European capability, not foreign dependence.
- ◆ Stand with the European nations under threat, Ukraine above all, and with Armenia, Georgia, Cyprus, and Moldova, because their front line is ours and their fall would be our exposure.
- ◆ Create a European External Security Service to act beyond our borders against the networks that target us: human smuggling, trafficking, organised crime, and the cyber and hybrid attacks aimed at our societies. Authorised to use force abroad, with one task, to keep Europe safe from outside threats.
- ◆ Refuse dependence on any power that does not have Europe's interests at heart: Russia and China as adversaries, and the United States as a partner we can no longer assume. Sovereignty means owing our defence to no one.

- ◆ Treat technology as a front line in its own right: secure data and communications, AI fused with defence, and protection against the foreign monopolies that could switch us off in a crisis.

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4

Repatriation and Borders

A continent that cannot decide who enters it does not control its own future.

Europe lost control of its borders and its demography. The people who set the policy rarely live with its results: their experience of a changing continent is the thin, comfortable layer of any newcomer population that already resembles them, not the reality of the districts they never visit. We will end the dishonesty and take back the decision that every functioning society reserves for itself: who joins it, who is allowed to stay and on what terms.

WE WILL/SAY

- ◆ Secure the external European border once and for all, with a real European Border and Coast Guard built as the successor to Frontex, holding combatant status and integrable into European defence in a crisis. The internal freedom of Europe depends on a hard outer edge.
- ◆ Manage migration upstream, offshore and at the source, to break the smuggling routes and relieve the pressure before it reaches our internal borders. Mass irregular inflows must be stopped and reversed, not processed.
- ◆ Run a serious repatriation programme for those who entered illegally, who committed crimes, or who have no justification to be here.
- ◆ Immigration that serves Europe, both in the short and long term, means only carefully selected people who come to work, contribute, and assimilate where Europe actually needs them, and who meet a European standard so that they are a net benefit to the society they join, while focusing far more on Europe's own internal labour market first.
- ◆ Mass immigration, whether legal or illegal, is unacceptable.
- ◆ Reform our relationship with the ECHR. We will work to clarify how the Convention applies to asylum claims and removals, so that refugee protection cannot be turned into a blanket right to enter and stay. If that cannot be settled within the existing framework,

we will enter a formal reservation on the interpretation of the Convention on questions of illegal entry, asylum, and border control: narrowing our obligations precisely where the system is abused, while keeping in full the freedoms it secures for every European.

We say plainly what the establishment abandoned and the dissident right corrupted: whether in 30 years, in 50, or in 100, Europe should still be recognisably Europe. Such a stance is the most ordinary wish a people can have, and we hold it without apology and without hatred.

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5

Civilisation and Continuity

Europe is not an economic zone. It is a civilisation, and a civilisation only lasts as long as someone is willing to carry it forward.

Europeans are not an administrative category. We are people bound by deep ancestral, historical and cultural ties, shaped over millennia by the classical world, by Christianity, and by the Enlightenment that grew out of all of it. That identity is layered: a person is of their region, of their nation, and of Europe, and none of these erases the others. This inheritance is worth preserving, and we will work to preserve it. The reason is plain. A society can only ask newcomers to assimilate if there is a coherent culture and people to integrate into. Hollow out that core, and the demand becomes absurd, a request to join nothing in particular. Preserving Europe's continuity is the precondition for everything we ask of those who come to live among us. Continuity is not the enemy of unity. Unity is built on top of it, or it is built on sand.

WE WILL

- ◆ Defend the right of every European people to its own culture, and never allow the Union to become an instrument for forcing cultural conformity on its members. Diversity among Europe's nations is a strength to be protected, not a problem to be managed away.
- ◆ Establish a European Heritage Policy that protects what makes the continent itself: its languages, its monuments and architecture, its regional and national histories, every old ruin and every living tradition worth keeping.

- ◆ Treat education as formation, not moulding. Its purpose is to build character, competence, and civic responsibility, not to engineer opinion. We will support the arts, literature, humanist learning, and scientific inquiry, and we will fight the educational poverty and functional illiteracy that leave people defenceless against demagoguery.
- ◆ Support the natural renewal of Europe's peoples by making it possible to start and raise a family again, through the conditions families actually need, never through coercion. A continent that wants a future has to be willing to have one.
- ◆ Face our history like adults: with honesty about the past, without the permanent guilt that has become its own industry, and with the long view that lets a continent feel pride and responsibility at once.

A European legacy worth advancing, and worth defending.

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6

Environmental Realism

Everyone is against poisoning the air and wrecking the planet. The real question is what you do about it, and who pays the bill.

The natural world is the foundation every civilisation stands on, and after Europe itself, it is the highest good we hold. Climate change has to be tackled, not wished away.

On that question, Europe has been governed by slogans for 20 years. We treat the fight against climate change as a serious priority, and we are convinced it will be won the way Europe has always won: through engineering and innovation, not through poverty, guilt, or the managed shrinking of how Europeans live. We draw a hard line between green energy, too often an ideological label, and clean energy, a factual one. Our commitment is to the latter, to any technology that delivers low-carbon power reliably and affordably. We reject the denial that pretends there is no problem and the catastrophism that would deindustrialise the continent to feel virtuous. Both have failed. Realism has not been tried.

WE WILL

- ◆ Lead a European nuclear renaissance. Nuclear is the only proven, scalable, low-carbon source that runs 24 hours a day, and we mean to restore Europe's nuclear industry to first place in the world, developing our own reactors and small modular designs so the patents, the jobs, and the expertise stay here. Clean power, made in Europe.

- ◆ Take the honest “baseload first” view of renewables: pro-renewable where it makes sense, solar in Spain rather than Finland, but clear that a heavy industrial economy cannot run only when the wind blows. We build a stable mix, not a gamble on the weather.
- ◆ Refuse to swap one dependence for another. We will not trade Russian gas for Russian uranium; fuel and critical materials will be secured through stable, friendly partners and through European production wherever it can be built.
- ◆ Reject the politics of industrial exit. A factory closed in Europe and reopened where there are no standards at all has made the world dirtier and Europe poorer. Exporting our emissions is not climate policy; it is surrender dressed as virtue.
- ◆ Protect what is actually in front of us: Europe's land, rivers, seas, forests, and soil, as part of the continent's inheritance, no less than its cathedrals.
- ◆ Measure every environmental policy by results and by honesty about its trade-offs, never by how righteous it lets our leaders feel. If a measure costs more than it delivers, we will say so and change it.

Clean and strong, not poor and pure. We mean to hand the next generation a Europe that is both, and we refuse the lie that they must choose.

— THE FIREWALL

Red Lines and Commitments

Some commitments are not open to negotiation, and some lines we will not cross, whatever the pressure.

We are committed without reservation to democracy, human dignity, and the rule of law. We reject every form of extremism, political violence, hatred, and discrimination, whether it comes from the right, the left, or religious fanaticism. Our ends can be reached only by democratic, peaceful, and lawful means, and we hold to that even when it costs us. Every individual has an inviolable dignity and inviolable rights, and that includes the people our own policies touch most directly: all migration and repatriation will follow national and international law, rest on individual assessment, and respect human rights. We reject collective expulsion and every unlawful measure. A movement that broke the law to defend Europe would no longer be defending anything worth having.

BEYOND THAT ANCHOR, WE HOLD THESE LINES

- ◆ We oppose oligarchic capture of the state, autocracy, religious extremism, and ideological dogmatism of every kind, and we answer them with a politics of our own: a European synthesis that refuses both the managerial centre and the resentful fringes.
- ◆ We reject Eurasianism and American-led Atlanticism alike, and every other posture that asks Europe to subordinate its sovereignty, its identity, or its unity to an outside power. Independence means independence from all of them.
- ◆ We have no place for the utopian or the archaic: absolute monarchy, communism, theocracy, neo-feudalism, fascism, anarcho-primitivism, and the rest of the fantastical visions that have only ever cost Europe blood. We are a modern, civic movement, and we mean to stay one.
- ◆ We reject petty nationalism, ethnic and cultural chauvinism among Europeans, and every form of intra-European irredentism. Old grievances between our nations are exactly the wounds our enemies reach for. Cultural diversity, regional and national pride, the richness of our languages: these are assets within a common project, never weapons to turn against one another.
- ◆ We guarantee equality before the law and the civil liberties that are themselves a European inheritance: freedom of thought, conscience, religion, and information; freedom of expression, assembly, and association. Every European is equal in dignity and rights, whatever their sex, their belief, or whom they love, and conduct that attacks people on those grounds finds no shelter with us. We do not import other people's culture wars to settle the question.

— IN CLOSING

Final Words

Ave Europa is dedicated to a confident, united Europe built on realism, liberty, responsibility, and shared culture. We pledge ourselves to it, knowing that what we do now will shape European civilisation for generations.

We mean a Europe that protects its civilisation and reclaims its sovereignty; that builds democratic institutions worthy of a federation; that projects power outward and guards its own interests; that leads again in science, research, and industry; that secures dignity, safety, and opportunity for its citizens; that renews itself and carries its culture forward; and that honours what makes each nation distinct while binding them into one.

Across the centuries, our histories have brought us here. What we do with this moment is ours to decide: not merely to survive the century, but to rise through it, to take back our destiny, and to make Europe the leading continent once more.

Fellow Europeans, join us.

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