



## European Council meetings and European security

Debate on: Tuesday, 11 March

The security threat we face should be fully be addressed covering three factors: defence, support to Ukraine and financing. We welcome the ReArm Europe proposal, but this should be the first step of many others to follow. The support to Ukraine is part of our security and defence strategy. It's urgent to strengthen the European defence policy and we must do so with courage, determination and unity. New financing instruments and increased investments are needed in order to reduce our dependency and advance in our strategic autonomy whilst preserving our social model



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## Action plan for the automotive industry

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Next week, we are discussing the future of the EU car industry. A lot is at stake – preservation of jobs and the creation of new ones, more zero-emission vehicles on our streets and our competitiveness on world car markets. We will call for clarity and a regulatory stability. In this sense, maintaining the 2035 zero-emission target for cars, as well as the intermediary targets, will allow for investment certainty and help keep the EU automotive sector at the forefront of technological innovation.



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## Social and employment aspects of restructuring: the need to protect jobs and workers' rights

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The restructuring resolution initiated by the S&Ds, set to be voted on in Strasbourg, must become the European Parliament's ambitious position on protecting workers when restructuring is unavoidable. This includes ensuring access to information, training, and a decent income. Additionally, it requires investment in innovation and future-oriented sectors to secure Europe's strategic autonomy and create quality jobs, with strengthened social rights, ensuring a just transition.



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## European semester for economic policy coordination

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Next week, the European Parliament will adopt its annual reports on the European semester, the EU's cycle of economic and social policy coordination. For the S&Ds, it remains essential that social justice holds the same value and weight as economic, defence and environmental priorities in this process. The path to competitiveness can only be built on social progress and shared prosperity, supported by a strong and permanent EU investment instrument. Ultimately, the goal is to improve people's well-being.



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## European security architecture, unwavering support for Ukraine, frozen Russian assets, and the phase-out of Russian gas and other Russian energy commodities in the EU

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Europe must be able to defend itself, which requires a strong European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB) and common tools. It must also increase and accelerate support for Ukraine. A just and lasting peace for Ukraine and Europe can only be achieved from a position of strength, making solid security guarantees essential. At the same time, the aggressor, Russia, must be held accountable for its war crimes. This means member states should tighten sanctions and seize frozen Russian state assets to support Ukraine.



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## International Women's Day and the Roadmap for women's rights

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We welcome this Roadmap by the Commission, which includes most of the S&D's priorities, as a guide for the coming decades to safeguard rights and promote true gender equality. Now we expect the Commission to present concrete commitments in the post-2025 Gender Equality Strategy, with tangible legislative and non-legislative measures. The EU must reaffirm its commitment to women's and girls' rights as core values, presenting bold political guidelines that ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health, and work towards eliminating gender-based violence, both online and offline, for a safer, fairer future for all.



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## New common approach on returns

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Returns policy is part of a functioning migration system and we believe more EU-level cooperation can improve it, working alongside the implementation of the new Pact. However, we reiterate that highly controversial return hubs cannot be part of the approach. The Commission must carefully consider the message it sends. In an unstable world, we must show that we stand by our fundamental values and on the side of international law, including the right to asylum and the principle of non-refoulement.



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