



H.E. Donald Tusk
President of EPP

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Vilnius

Dear President, Dear Donald,

it is fair to say that we are in a different European political context than that of a few months ago, before the start of the coronavirus crisis.

The current development on the continent seem to indicate that the response to the crisis on the European Union level is not what we would have hoped. This raises the questions of European integration and cooperation, geopolitical issues we face and that even might challenge the European idea itself.

Current Commission declared that it will be a “geopolitical commission”, meaning it will reach global goals and global importance. It is said that the crisis breeds leaders. In many years, there has never been a bigger need of European leadership. And the window is closing. On the other hand where European leadership is waning, others are stepping in. With less worries about European values.

Let alone geopolitics, without proper coordination in solving the crisis, countries in European Union can start drifting apart, reaching a point from which the return back to what once was normal would be difficult or even impossible.

I strongly believe that in these challenging times we need solidarity network not only in finding more coordinated effective solutions in coping with coronavirus crisis, but also in the areas of democracy, rule of law, and human rights, because these areas might fall victims to the crisis as well.

I am convinced that we need an extraordinary EPP Summit on finding more coordinated solutions that deal not only with our effort to fight the pandemic, but also our defence of the European values. I look forward to discussing this with you and colleagues further in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Gabrielius Landsbergis
Chairman of Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrats