



We, the leaders of socialist, social-democratic, labour and democratic progressive parties of Europe strongly condemn the recent terrorist attacks in Paris and Copenhagen against the freedom of expression and the Jewish Community. We express our full solidarity and heartfelt sorrow to the families of the victims.

We are outraged by these human tragedies. We are determined to prevent such attacks, which hit democracy at its core and try to undermine the cohesion and plurality of our societies.

We deeply deplore any attempt to justify terrorist attacks, or their use to stigmatize any community. These attacks have only strengthened our resolve to stand up for inclusive and free societies and the respect of freedom of expression. The terrorists are fighting our most fundamental values and democracy itself.

We firmly reject any form of anti-Semitism, racial hatred, xenophobia, Islamophobia and all forms of intolerance, also expressed by hate speech, which constitute incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence inflicted upon communities. We must tackle hatred speech and direct incitement to criminal violence and terror inflicted upon persons allegedly belonging to categories subject to stigmatization. Also, we deeply deplore the vile reaction of far-right parties that have tried to benefit from the attacks by responding with their own campaign of hatred.

Our main answer to terrorists and extremists is unity. All European countries are facing the threat of terrorism. Therefore, Europe has a common responsibility and must respond united to this threat. Our response has a European dimension, expressed by a stronger cooperation and stronger actions involving all the EU tools and institutions that are necessary in the fight against terrorism.

We strongly believe that there cannot be any security without the respect for democratic principles and the rule of law. Fanaticism will not get to dictate how we use our freedom of expression, or push us to create more closed or intolerant society. We want to ensure

internal security and protection of all Europeans while fostering a sense of belonging based on a confident inclusion of all and not the fearful exclusion of some. We believe that the fight against radicalization and extremism must be taken through preventive measures on both local, regional and at the international level. We believe that our elected representatives at the local and regional level hold a special responsibility to strengthen measures of inclusion and to enable an **inclusive community** that stimulates everyone's participation and capabilities.

Europe has a common responsibility and must respond united to this threat, stand foremost in the fight against contemporary totalitarian ideologies, against extremism and violence, fight for the democracy, freedom and the idea of human equality. As democrats we must be able to convey what democracy is about, especially to the young generation. We must support our ability to live with different religions and faiths, and not least strengthen the ability of critical thinking.

A stronger European cooperation on security, judicial and police cooperation and on fighting the financing of terrorism is needed. Also, we must enforce our Common Defense and Security Policy and fight terrorism in countries where it is deeply rooted and where the Rule of Law is in dissolution. Armed conflicts enable arms and terrorists to circulate, and weaken states to the verge of creating failed states. The risk of spill over is at its utmost. Europe must contribute to countries at risk to fight terrorism and re-establish the Rule of Law, but also address the causes of terrorist threats in its own soil.

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TO THIS END, WE, PES LEADERS, AGREE TO:

- Foster an intensified dialogue and promote a Europe where everyone has their place irrespective of race, religion, origin, gender and sexual orientation.
- Strengthen our cooperation at all levels to boost our progressive response
- Work together to promote education, discuss integration, and inclusive policies, and include civil society organizations in this process.
- Enforce a common approach towards fighting against terrorism at its ideological roots and a position on how to suppress any financial support.
- Have a consistent evaluation of existing measures in the field of internal and common security
- Improve in the coordination of European agencies such as Europol, Eurojust, and Frontex.
- Work together to tackle the phenomenon of foreign-fighters and fight against their cyber- enrolment
- Strengthen European foreign policy and enforce our Common Defense and Security Policy.