

For a better tomorrow- Let us make the difference



On the initiative of the Senioren-Union of CDU Baden-Württemberg a draft resolution was submitted to the ESU Congress in Leuven (8-10 April 2024), calling for a broad societal engagement against extremism and hate and highlighting the values European unification was built on.

The ESU underlined in its Congress and in the final adopted resolution the importance of inter-generational solidarity as a cornerstone of the 'the European social model' and the common hope for a better future for all generations.

Standing together for peace and security in Europe.

As many men and women of our generation were part of a shameful epoch in the history of their country and experienced in their own life history the consequences of a totalitarian, criminal regime with war, genocide, expulsion, and flight, we want to send a strong signal against right- and left-wing extremist slogans and ideologies.

The growing together of the European states into a democratic community of peace, security, human dignity, and prosperity is one of the most valuable and important developments in post-war history. That is why we are deeply concerned that these great achievements of the 20th and 21st centuries could be jeopardized by some relapses into extreme nation-state thinking.

The great idea of a Europe of common values and ideas, a Europe without internal borders, must be re-anchored in the hearts of the people and in the minds of the responsible leaders.

Under the impression of war in Europe, in the face of a blatant military threat and in a time of important political decisions, we as the European Seniors' Union, an umbrella association of seniors' associations from all over Europe, share the call of the Senioren-Union of the CDU of Germany and together with the European People's Party (EPP) highlight:

Europe's chance for security and peace in freedom lies in the commonality of action

Holding Generations together

The upcoming European elections on 9 June 2024 offer all democratically minded citizens a great opportunity to revive and express the ideas for a human centred Europe.

We encourage the younger generation particularly, the generation from the age of 16, to raise their voices and call out to them: It is your future!

Consider the impact of your voice. Go to the polls and vote for the democratic candidates and parties that you are convinced best represent your values and vision. Together in the EPP, we developed a common European vision in the [EPP 2024 Manifesto](#)¹

Together – old and young – we can build a European community based on human rights, democracy, freedom, peace, respect and solidarity.

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EUROPA - eine Agenda der Zuversicht



¹ https://www.epp.eu/files/uploads/2024/03/Manifesto_2024.pdf