

CAS Amendments to R1: Rule of law is at the core of the European Union – We need to protect it

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1	AM-3-1	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	All over Europe, right-wing parties are attacking the rule of law and minorities. And while they have managed to achieve worrying electoral results in France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been successful in others, like Poland or Hungary.	<p>From line 3 to 6:</p> <p>All over Europe, right-wing parties are attacking the rule of law and minorities. And while they have managed to achieve worrying electoral results in France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been successful in others, like Poland or Hungary.</p> <p><u>In several European countries, the rule of law is under attack. These attacks take different forms (attacking the independence of the judiciary, reducing civil liberties) and end up having severe consequences on citizens, especially women and minorities.</u></p>	<p>CAS agreed to replace the current text:</p> <p>All over Europe, the rule of law and fundamental rights are under attack. In a lot of countries right-wing authoritarian forces have managed to achieve worrying electoral results. In Poland and Hungary they have even managed to get into government. These attacks take different forms (attacking the independence of the judiciary, reducing civil liberties), but very often follow a common pattern. They attack minorities, LGBTI*s and women, under the pretence of protecting family values, stripping away their rights of self-determination and expression.</p>

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2	AM-4-8	Ecolo	All over Europe, right-wing parties are attacking the rule of law and minorities. And while they have managed to achieve worrying electoral results in France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been	<p>Insert from line 3 to 5:</p> <p>All over Europe, right-wing parties are attacking the rule of law and minorities. And while they have managed to achieve worrying electoral results in Belgium. France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been</p>	covered by CAS AM 1
3	AM-5-6	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	And while they have managed to achieve worrying electoral results in France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been successful in others, like Poland or Hungary.	<p>From line 4 to 6:</p> <p>And while they have managed to achieve worrying electoral results in France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been successful gotten into government in others, like Poland or Hungary.</p>	covered by CAS AM 1
4	AM-6-6	Zeleno dvizhenie / Green Movement	France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been successful in others, like Poland or Hungary.	<p>From line 5 to 6:</p> <p>France, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, they have already been successful in others, like Poland or Hungary. or gained opportunistic influence in the Government like in Bulgaria</p>	covered by CAS AM 1
5	AM-7-1	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	These attacks follow a common pattern. They attack minorities, like LGBTI and women, under the pretence of protecting family values, stripping away their	<p>Delete from line 7 to 8:</p> <p>These attacks follow a common pattern. They attack minorities, like LGBTI and women, under the pretence of protecting family values, stripping away their</p>	Accepted

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6	AM-15	Ecolo	the ability of civil societies to control and protest national environmental policies.	<p>Insert from line 14 to 15:</p> <p>the ability of civil societies to control and protest national environmental policies.</p> <p>In addition, the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic has engendered additional - and in some cases unnecessary - restrictions to fundamental rights and the rule of law . In many EU member states, parliaments were deprived of their scrutiny powers, freedom of movement was restricted, data protection safeguards were suspended.</p>	<p>CAS agreed to add :</p> <p>"Even though necessary for the public health, the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic has engendered - and in some countries unnecessary - restrictions to fundamental rights and the rule of law. In some EU countries governments have misused the necessary and difficult fight against the COVID-19 pandemic to implement unnecessary civil liberty restrictions, which are unconnected to the preservation of public health. In many EU member states governmental measures were not adequately and sufficiently discussed in parliament and sometimes not based on or in violation with laws in place."</p>
7	AM-15	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	the ability of civil societies to control and protest national environmental policies.	<p>Insert from line 14 to 15:</p> <p>the ability of civil societies to control and protest national environmental policies.</p> <p>Furthermore, right wing forces are trying to reframe the rule of law in an authoritarian way and try to associate it with the enforcement of executive state power.</p>	Accepted

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8	AM-16	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	The EGP heavily criticises these developments and calls, in particular but not only, the Polish and Hungarian governments to stop their attack on the rule of	Insert from line 16 to 17: The EGP heavily criticises these developments and calls <u>on</u> , in particular but not only, the Polish and Hungarian governments to stop their attack on the rule of	Accepted
9	AM-18	LMP – Magyarorszag Zöld Pártja	only, the Polish and Hungarian governments to stop their attack on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights.	From line 17 to 19: only, the Polish and Hungarian governments to stop their attack on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights, <u>their attempt to cripple local governments and further attempt to misuse public money.</u>	CAS agreed to add text in bold: only, the Polish and Hungarian governments to stop their attack on the rule of law, democracy and, fundamental rights, as well as their attempt to cripple and hamper local governments and further attempts to misuse public money.
10	AM-20	Zeleno dvizhenie / Green Movement	movement that is fighting against these developments and we stand in solidarity with the people of Hungary and Poland.	From line 19 to 20: movement that is fighting against these developments and we stand in solidarity with the people of Hungary <u>.Poland</u> and Poland <u>Bulgaria</u> .	CAS agreed to add: ... movement that is fighting against these developments and we stand in solidarity with all the people resisting and fighting for democracy and fundamental rights, especially in Hungary and Poland.
11	AM-20	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	movement that is fighting against these developments and we stand in solidarity with the people of Hungary and Poland.	From line 19 to 20: movement that is fighting against these developments and we stand in solidarity with <u>all</u> the people of <u>resisting in</u> Hungary and Poland.	covered by CAS AM 10

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12	AM-25	Ecolo	In particular, as the EGP we:	<p>Insert in line 25:</p> <p>In particular, as the EGP we:</p> <p><u>- Call on the Council of the EU to make progress on the Article 7(1) procedure against Hungary and Poland, as this is the most powerful tool currently available at the EU level to sanction member states breaching the EU values enshrined in the Article 2 of the Treaty of the EU.</u></p>	<p>CAS agreed to add : - Call on the Council of the EU to make substantial progress on the Article 7(1) procedure against Hungary and Poland, as this is the most far-reaching tool currently available at the EU level to sanction member states breaching the EU values enshrined in the Article 2 of the Treaty of the EU.</p>

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13	AM-30	Ecolo	<p>- Push for the Multiannual Financial Framework(MFF) to include a strong rule-of-law conditionality, which can actually be triggered, to ensure that EU money is not spent on projects that do not respect the rule of law and fundamental rights while, at the same time, foresees safeguards for final recipients and beneficiaries.</p>	<p>From line 30 to 34:</p> <p>- Push for <u>Calls on the EU member states not to give in to the Hungarian and Polish Governments threat to veto the adoption of the next Multiannual Financial Framework(MFF) to include a Framework (MFF) if the Conditionality Mechanism is adopted. A strong rule-of law conditionality, which can actually be triggered, Conditionality Mechanism is needed to ensure that</u> EU money is not spent on projects that do not respect the rule of law and fundamental rights while, at the same time, foresees safeguards for final recipients and beneficiaries <u>should be foreseen. When adopted, we call on the European Commission to effectively use it.</u></p>	<p>CAS IV AM 13 - 16 agreed to replace with:</p> <p>Insist on the need to adopt a strong rule-of-law conditionality mechanism applying to the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and to NextGenerationEU including, in particular, to the Resilience and Recovery Fund. This is the only way to ensure that EU money is not wrongly spent by those who attack the rule of law and fundamental rights and to protect the rights of final recipients and beneficiaries who are not responsible for the rule of law violations.</p> <p>Demand that Poland and Hungary end their blockade to the agreed package deal with the European Parliament, that includes the rule-of-law conditionality mechanism and remind that this compromise cannot be reopened. Underlines that their blockage prevents millions of citizens, particularly their own citizens, to receive much needed funds in order to ensure the recovery from the current economic crisis.</p> <p>Call on the EU member states not to give in to the Hungarian and Polish Government's vetoes to the adoption of the MFF and the new Recovery Fund. Call on the German presidency to stay firm on the deal that was concluded with the European Parliament and not to cave in to blackmails that would hamper EU values and european solidarity.</p> <p>When the rule of law mechanism will be adopted, call on the European Commission to make full use of it, taking into consideration that the notion of rule of law should also be understood in conjunction with other European values.</p>

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14	AM-30	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	- Push for the Multiannual Financial Framework(MFF) to include a strong rule-of-law conditionality, which can actually be triggered, to ensure that EU money is not spent on projects that do not respect the rule of law and fundamental rights while, at the same time, foresees safeguards for final recipients and beneficiaries.	<p>From line 30 to 34:</p> <p>- Push for the Multiannual Financial Framework(MFF) to include a strong rule-of-law conditionality, <u>applying to the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and the new Recovery Fund</u>, which can actually be triggered, to ensure that EU money is <i>not spent on projects that do not respect by those who attack</i> the rule of law and fundamental rights while, at the same time, foresees safeguards for final recipients and beneficiaries <u>who are not part of the problem</u>.</p>	covered by CAS AM 13
15	AM-31	Esquerra Verda	- Push for the Multiannual Financial Framework(MFF) to include a strong rule-of-law conditionality, which can actually be triggered, to ensure that EU money is not spent on projects that do not respect the rule of law and fundamental rights	<p>Insert from line 30 to 32:</p> <p>- Push for the Multiannual Financial Framework(MFF) to include a strong rule-of-law conditionality, <u>(beyond anti-corruption conditionality)</u> which can actually be triggered, to ensure that EU money is not spent on projects that do not respect the rule of law and fundamental rights</p>	covered by CAS AM 13
16	AM-34	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen		<p>Insert a new bullet point after line 34:</p> <p>- <u>Demand that Poland and Hungary end their blockade of the rule-of-law mechanism.</u></p>	covered by CAS AM 13

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17	AM-38	Esquerra Verda	as following up and starting infringement procedures where Member States fail to implement EU law with regard to the rule of law and fundamental rights.	Insert in line 38: as following up and starting infringement procedures where Member States fail to implement EU law with regard to the rule of law and fundamental rights. Study mechanisms to avoid/cancel reciprocal protection between Visegrad alliance members or other articulated member states groups.	CAS agreed to add: Support institutional reforms to overcome the deadlock created by the unanimity requirements in the Article 7 procedure.
18	AM-38	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen		Insert a new bullet point after line 38: - Encourage national, local and regional authorities to include rule of law and fundamental rights conditionalities into their own cross-border agreements and programs (e.g. on university cooperation or economic development). The protection of those key values is not only the duty of European institutions but of all authorities within the European Union and its member states.	Accepted

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19	AM-42	Federation of Young European Greens	freedom of expression, including media freedom and pluralism, academic freedom, freedom of assembly and freedom of association.	<p>Insert in line 42:</p> <p>freedom of expression, including media freedom and pluralism, academic freedom, freedom of assembly and freedom of association. An EU mechanism on the rule of law must include safeguards for media freedom with country-specific recommendations. EU funding for independent journalism must be made available.</p>	<p>CAS agreed to add: EU funding for independent journalism must be largely increased.</p> <p>CAS agreed to add in line 26: - Demand the establishment of an EU Mechanism on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights. This comprehensive approach is needed to replace the current patchwork of inefficient instruments split across different fields and should include country specific recommendations on democracy, the rules of law and fundamental rights, including media freedom.</p>
20	AM-47	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts		<p>Insert a new bullet point after line 47:</p> <p>- Promote the implementation of robust measures to prevent, detect, and combat corruption across the EU, in line with the recommendations of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) of the Council of Europe and other relevant international bodies, as a way of ensuring that institutions are effective, accountable, and inclusive at all levels."</p>	<p>CAS agreed to add based on AM 20 & 28: -Demand that all missing Member States join the EU prosecutor and that new EU funds are made conditional upon membership in the EU prosecutor, that the EU itself joins the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) of the Council of Europe and fulfils its obligations under UNCAC, that all EU Member States promote and implement the recommendations of GRECO and other relevant international bodies to prevent, detect and fight corruption. Who wants to profit from EU funds must accept EU controls against corruption.</p>

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21	AM-53	Federation of Young European Greens	- Strongly condemn the attack on women's rights, especially the continued attempts to abolish crucial parts of the abortion law in Poland.	<p>Insert in line 53:</p> <p>- Strongly condemn the attack on women's rights, especially the continued attempts to abolish crucial parts of the abortion law in Poland and call on the EU and Council of Europe to recognise abortion and bodily autonomy as a fundamental human right.</p>	<p>Accepted to add:</p> <p>"... and call on the EU and the Council of Europe to recognise the right to access to a safe and legal abortion and bodily autonomy as fundamental human rights."</p>
22	AM-55	Die Grünen	- Recognise the right of NGOs in Poland and Hungary, as well as in other EU countries, to be funded and supported directly by EU institutions and funds. Any attempt by national governments to cut funding opportunities must be prohibited	<p>Insert in line 55:</p> <p>- Recognise the right of NGOs in Poland and Hungary, as well as in other EU countries, to be funded and supported directly by EU institutions and funds. The direct funding of well-governed cities and regions by the EU Commission in countries with illiberal national governments should be considered. Any attempt by national governments to cut funding opportunities must be prohibited</p>	<p>CAS AM accepted to be added after "democracy":</p> <p>"Strongly support the call for direct funding for cities, local authorities and regions by the EU Commission in settings where national governments undermine the rule of law and fundamental rights. This would help prevent governments from breaking with the fundamental values of the EU while allowing the EU to ensure a life of dignity for all across the whole EU."</p>
23	AM-55	Federation of Young European Greens	- Recognise the right of NGOs in Poland and Hungary, as well as in other EU countries, to be funded and supported directly by EU institutions and funds. Any attempt by national governments to cut funding opportunities must be prohibited	<p>Insert in line 55:</p> <p>- Recognise the right of NGOs in Poland and Hungary, as well as in other EU countries, to be funded and supported directly by EU institutions and funds that are also distributed via EU institutions instead of national agencies. Any attempt by national governments to cut funding opportunities must be prohibited</p>	<p>Agreed to add the text in bold:</p> <p>- Recognise the right of NGOs in Poland and Hungary, as well as in other EU countries, to have their projects be selected, funded and supported directly by EU institutions. Any attempt by national governments to cut funding opportunities must be prohibited</p>

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24	AM-56	Federation of Young European Greens	countries, to be funded and supported directly by EU institutions and funds. Any attempt by national governments to cut funding opportunities must be prohibited as this is a way to restrict the development of civil society and democracy.	<p>Insert from line 55 to 57:</p> <p>countries, to be funded and supported directly by EU institutions and funds. Any attempt by national governments to cut funding opportunities or to interfere in any way with the funding applications and project outputs must be prohibited as this is a way to restrict the development of civil society and democracy.</p>	covered by compromise AM 23
25	AM-62	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	affect the environment, as stated in the Aarhus Convention. Especially in the times of climate crisis, the exploitation of nature cannot be treated as a source of income for the EU Member States. The implementation of special acts	<p>From line 61 to 63:</p> <p>affect the environment, as stated in the Aarhus Convention. Especially in the times of climate crisis, the exploitation of nature cannot should not be treated as a source of income for the EU Member States. The implementation of special acts</p>	Accepted
26	AM-65	Groen		<p>Insert a new bullet point after line 65:</p> <p>- we call on the European Commission to further its social agenda and to live up to the promise of true social rights and social protection for European citizens.</p>	<p>CAS agreed to add in line 20:</p> <p>"To build truly strong democratic societies we also need to further the social agenda of the European Union in order to live up to the promise of true social rights and social protection for European citizens."</p>

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27	AM-65	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen		Insert a new bullet point after line 65: <u>- Demand that the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights should apply also to the Member States' actions and citizens should be able to defend them in the European Court of Justice. This will give competences to the EU to act in those areas and to react whenever those rights are violated in the Union.</u>	Accepted
28	AM-65	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen		Insert a new bullet point after line 65: <u>- Demand that all missing Member States join the EU prosecutor and that new EU funds are made conditional upon membership in the EU prosecutor. Who wants to profit from EU funds must accept EU controls against corruption.</u>	covered by CAS AM 20