

### Amendments to draft resolution "The EU (and the Europeans) can do more for refugees"

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1	Vihreät - De Gröna	1	replace	THE EU (AND THE EUROPEANS) CAN DO MORE FOR REFUGEES	The EU and the Europeans can do more for refugees	Brackets in the headline are not good style.
2	EELV	4	add	In 2015, the armed conflicts in the Middle-East, in particular in Syria and Iraq, but also Libya and Afghanistan, ...	In 2015, the armed conflicts in the Middle-East, in particular in Syria and Iraq, but also elsewhere <b>as in Somalia, Eritheria</b> , Libya and Afghanistan, ...	Even if the majority of the present refugees are from the Middle East those coming from Africa are not absent
3	Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen	6	replace	... increased <b>influx</b> of refugees ...	... increased <b>numbers</b> of refugees...	framing
4	EELV	9	add	new paragraph	This is all the more unacceptable as the West by starting illegitimate wars created part of the actual problem.	The EU has to face its responsibility and that of its allies.
5	EELV	10-12	replace + editorial	The cohesion and legitimacy of the EU risks to very much deepen the dividing lines in our societies, to breed fear and hostility and create new physical and emotional borders between our countries, reawakening a sentiment of resentment amongst the <b>people of Europe if not dealt with adequately.</b>	<b>If the challenges of the arrival of thousand refugees are not dealt with adequately and soon</b> , the cohesion and legitimacy of the EU risks to very much deepen the dividing lines in our societies, thus breeding fears and hostility and creating new physical and emotional borders between our countries, reawakening a sentiment of resentment amongst the <b>populations of Europe.</b>	The end of the current text does not make much sense as we don't know what should be dealt with adequately

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6	Vihreät - De Gröna	10	replace	<b>The cohesion and legitimacy of the EU risks</b> to very much...	<b>The responses of EU countries risk</b> very much..."	It's not the "cohesion" and "legitimacy" of The EU that would cause division in our societies, but the responses to the refugee crisis.
7	FYEG	10-12	delete	The cohesion and legitimacy of the EU risks to very much deepen the dividing lines in our societies, to breed fear and hostility and create new physical and emotional borders between our countries, reawakening a sentiment of resentment amongst the people of Europe if not dealt with adequately.		Cohesion and legitimacy don't deepen dividing lines.
8	FYEG	17-18	replace	... and is today not only costing the lives of thousands of innocent people, it is also filling the pockets of smugglers and criminal gangs.	... and is today not only filling the pockets of smugglers and criminal gangs, it is also costing the lives of thousands of innocent people.	Matter of priorities.
9	Vihreät - De Gröna	23	replace	And are leading to an indiscriminate closing of <b>legal</b> migration...	And are <b>also</b> leading to an indiscriminate closing of migration and...	The word "legal" makes it sound like the other immigrants are somehow "illegal", and this kind of implication is not desirable.
10	FYEG	23-25	delete	And are leading to an indiscriminate closing of legal migration and residence for third country citizens who do not flee from war or persecution, irrespective of the positive economic and social impact they have in many EU countries.		

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11	Vihreät - De Gröna	32	replace	... the <b>great show of</b> solidarity...	... the <b>overwhelming</b> solidarity ...	Better language and demonstrates the very positive feeling involved in the issue.
12	FYEG	32	replace	<b>By contrast</b> , we are ...	<b>In contrast with the inaction and wrongdoings of governments of Member States</b> , we are ...	
13	Vihreät - De Gröna	34	add	... many German citizens...	... many, <b>e.g.</b> German citizens...	This happens in many other EU countries than Germany as well.
14	EELV	40	replace	To put it into one sentence: we have to combine <b>compassion</b> with concrete actions, knowing full well how great a challenge this is for our societies.	To put it into one sentence: we have to combine <b>solidarity</b> with concrete actions, knowing full well how great a challenge this is for our societies.	Compassion won't do much if it is not concretely transformed into solidarity
15	GGEP	48	replace	... reminds Member States of the <b>broad duty</b> of non-refoulement.	... reminds Member States of the <b>strict obligation to respect the principle</b> of non-refoulement.	
16	Die Grünen	49-54	add	2. Considers that it is possible and necessary to limit continuous suffering and avoid unacceptable loss of lives by swiftly setting-up safe and legal ways of entry for refugees: concrete measures such as the issuing humanitarian visas, suspending carrier sanctions like in Directive 51/2001...	2. Considers that it is possible and necessary to limit continuous suffering and avoid unacceptable loss of lives by swiftly setting-up safe and legal ways of entry for refugees: concrete measures such as the issuing humanitarian visas, <b>issuing of visas on asylum grounds by allowing asylum applications at EU states embassies</b> , suspending carrier sanctions like in Directive 51/2001...	Insert and mention one more way of legal entry: The right to apply for asylum at the embassies of EU member states and obtain a travel visa should a swift first inspection make asylum grounds seem reasonable.
17	FYEG	49	add	2	Calls for immediately ending the militarisation of the European Union's external borders and putting in place efficient search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean. Calls for the abolition of FRONTEX.	New point 2, all subsequent points switch number accordingly.

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18	EELV	52	add	the waiver of visas for Syrians	the waiver of visas for Syrians, <b>Afghans, Ethiopians, Somalians</b> .....	Self explanatory
19	Groen	52	delete	... Directive 51/2001, <b>the implementation of the temporary protection Directive</b> , the waiver of visas ...	.. Directive 51/2001, the waiver of visas ...	We would like to delete TPD for several reasons. First, it can not be qualified as a safe or legal way to Europe while this paragraph is talking about legal ways to Europe. Secundly, TPD has not been in de the debate the lastest months. Groen is not opposed to TPD and is open for discussion. But it has not been aplied yet and we need further exploration and discussion before advocating TPD as a solution for the recent influx of refugees.
20	Vihreät - De Gröna	52-53	add	... the waiver of visas for Syrians and an easier implementation of measures like family reunification and the organisation of a substantial resettlement programme...	... the waiver of visas for Syrians, <b>setting up of humanitarian corridors, better funding and easier implementation of measures like family reunification</b> and the organisation of a substantial resettlement programme...	Humanitarian visas and family reunification are concrete measures accepted in a resolution in our last Council in Zagreb, but are missing from the text.
21	Vihreät - De Gröna	54	add		A humanitarian European search and rescue operation should be immediately established. It, like Mare Nostrum, should also operate in international waters and be equipped with an appropriate budget in order to stop the deaths at sea. Such an operation should also include effective instruments to counter human trafficking.	This is also a measure accepted in a resolution in our last Council in Zagreb, but missing from the text. This would be of great importance in saving lives in the Mediterranean.

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22	Vihreät - De Gröna	54	add		Reject the policy to pursue a military operation under the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) against smugglers in the Mediterranean including in Libyan waters and even on Libyan soil.	This is a measure accepted in a resolution in our last Council in Zagreb.
23	EELV	57	add	... ensuring them the adequate housing ...	... ensuring them the adequate housing <b>and same living conditions as the other European inhabitants...</b>	Logical ! And self explanatory but has to be precised as the extreme right is challenging that
24	FYEG	57	add	... fairly and coherently, ensuring...	... fairly and coherently <b>within the European Union's borders</b> , ensuring ...	
25	GroenLinks	58	replace	... respecting their rights; a common...	... respecting their rights <b>while offering the opportunity to get an education and a job.</b> A common...	Only housing is not enough. The procedures take a very long time and people should be able to participate in society while they wait for a decision.
26	Vihreät - De Gröna	59	add after "states."		Remains critical towards a safe countries list, which is highly problematic from human rights perspective.	The list is important to mention, as it is still under discussion and remains problematic.
27	Die Grünen	64-67	add	4. Demands the establishment of a permanent and binding distribution system at EU level, which takes into proper account the preferences of refugees, notably in terms of language, community and family links, as well as the need to reduce current imbalances..	4. Demands the establishment of a permanent and binding distribution system at EU level, which takes into proper account the preferences of refugees, notably in terms of language, community and family links, <b>as well as the size of member states overall population and wealth (GDP)</b> and the need to reduce current imbalances..	Also mention that the distribution system should take into account the wealth (GDP) of the Member States and the size of population

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28	Vihreät - De Gröna	74	add		For example poor Lebanon has taken more refugees than the whole EU: over 1,8 million refugees from Syria, in addition to the 450 000 Palestine refugees, totalling over 2,25 million refugees. Neighbouring Israel has not even taken back the 50 000 Palestine refugees, that have now had to flee for the second time in their life, now from Syria to Lebanon. The EU has to support Lebanon more, and start acting seriously to let the Palestine refugees finally return to their homes.	There is too much talk about taking care of the refugee problem as close to its roots as possible. At the same time Lebanon and the palestinians have been left under a far too massive burden both concerning the current Iraqi & Syrian crisis as well as the crisis in Palestine, namely accepting the violent acquisition of the Palestinian lands to imported migrants from the Former Soviet Union and other settlers instead of letting the refugees return to cultivate and inhabit their own lands. Also those countries responsible of ruining the former Iraqi state and thus making it a perfect cradle/birthplace and safe heaven for ISIS/ISIL, should take more responsibility of supporting the refugees of Iraq and Iran. It is tragicomical that Germany, who strongly opposed the Iraqi war of Mr Bush and his allies, now carries the heaviest burden of the Middle Eastern refugee crisis.
29	EELV	76	replace	Is convinced that the EU has a particular responsibility in liberating the necessary resources ...	Is convinced that the EU has a particular responsibility in liberating the necessary resources <b>as contributions</b> ...	to make sure the funds are not labelled as loans

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30	EELV	79	add	New bullet point	Women and children are especially vulnerable groups among the refugees, and need special attention. Due to the fact that women might have faced specific situations such as sexual violence while on the way, special programs must be implemented by local and national authorities to ensure there is adequate special child care so that the women, and especially the mothers receive medical assistance and find the necessary time to get juridical help when filing for regularisation.	
31	EELV	80	add	Considers that the establishment in Greece, Hungary and Italy ...	Considers that the establishment in Greece, Hungary , Italy <b>and anywhere else in the EU where and when needed ...</b>	now in Austria, where tomorrow ? France, Spain, UK... Why only at the frontiers? We have to be prepared and foresee what may happen.
32	EELV	80-84	replace	Considers that the establishment in Greece, Hungary and Italy of so-called “hot spots” in the presence of EU experts, Europol, FRONTEX and the European Asylum Support Office, can play a positive role if and only as long as a substantial relocation from these hotspots to EU countries takes place swiftly. Is concerned that those “hotspots” might turn into deportation and detention centres, as openly envisaged by some member states.	Considers that the establishment of so-called «hot spots» in the presence of EU experts, Europol, FRONTEX and the European Asylum Support Office, in Greece, Hungary and Italy, underestimates the fact that these countries are already at the limits of their reception capacities and thus this is not an appropriate response. The refugees must be relocated to other Member States less exposed to arrivals of refugees and migrants. Should these « hot spots » be installed, the EGP is concerned that those “hotspots” might turn into deportation and detention centres, as openly envisaged by some member states.	it is quite naive to think that these hot spots would be temporary.You just have to go to Calais, which in fact was a "hot spot", and realise what these become.This is not the answer !

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33	Vihreät - De Gröna	80	delete	Considers that the establishment in Greece, Hungary and Italy ...	Considers that the establishment in Greece, <b>Hungary</b> and Italy ...	No hotspot in there.
34	GGEP	80	delete	... Hungary...		
35	EELV	85	add	New bullet point	considers that Frontex has not proven to be adequate in the very particular situation the EU is facing, thus decides that Mare Nostrum should be relivened, extended to a european dimension. All the states bordered by the Mediterranean sea must feel concerned and be ready to take an active part in undertaking search ans rescuing people in distress.	Mare Nostrum has proven to be a good answer, except that it is not up to Italy to take all the burden. The Mediterranean sea must not be the burrial place for innocent people, guilty of nothing.
36	Vihreät - De Gröna	87	add	Italy, Greece, Hungary and Bulgaria...	add after Hungary: "Czech Republic, Slovakia."	The conditions of refugees are reported to be appalling in these countries as well.
37	GGEP	86-88	replace	Denounces the often appalling conditions of migrants and refugees consigned to camps in Calais, Italy, Greece, Hungary and Bulgaria, because (among other reasons) of the highly inefficient treatment of asylum applications;	Denounces the often appalling conditions of migrants and refugees consigned to camps <b>amongst others in</b> France, Italy, Greece, Czech republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Bulgaria...	



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38	GGEP	92	add	8bis	– Denounces as well, the rampant populist discourse against the refugees and migrants, and especially its progressive contamination of mainstream political forces; is worried that such climate of stigmatisation leads only to more widespread violence against refugees and migrants on the European territory; calls on all European political actors to take their responsibility and refuse to contribute to such escalation	
39	Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen	94	replace	... <b>large influx</b> of refugees ...	... <b>increased numbers</b> of refugees ...	framing
40	Vihreät - De Gröna	94	replace	(we)	we	The brackets are not necessary.
41	EELV	97	add	the deal with Turkey that offers political support to Erdogan in exchange for stopping refugees	the deal with Turkey that offers political support to Erdogan in exchange for stopping refugees, <b>neither should they condone possible graft and support of lower authorities to the human smuggling passing through their jurisdictions</b>	The countries we're talking off are prone to corruption, and the lower level corruption is the most dangerous..
42	Vihreät - De Gröna	102	replace	... achievements of the EU, the freedom of <b>circulation</b> , and <b>continue</b> wasting human and financial...	... achievements of the EU, the freedom of <b>movement</b> , and <b>continuing</b> wasting human and financial ...	This is what we believe is meant in the text. Especially "freedom of movement" is the normally used idiom.
43	Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen	103	replace	... <b>influx</b> of people escaping from war ...	... <b>increased numbers</b> of people escaping from war...	framing

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44	GGEP	104-105	add	We are convinced that only sustainable solutions to the on-going conflicts, a complete change of direction...	We are convinced that only sustainable solutions to the on-going conflicts <b>with diplomatic efforts involving all parties including the EU and its High-representative Mogherini</b> , a complete change of direction ...	
45	FYEG	104-107	replace	We are convinced that only sustainable solutions to the on-going conflicts, a complete change of direction in the EU agricultural and trade policy, a serious <b>fight</b> against climate change as well as support for mitigation and adaptation would make living conditions more acceptable in countries of the global south.	We are convinced that only sustainable solutions to the on-going conflicts <b>through</b> a complete change of direction in the EU agricultural and trade policies, <b>especially arms trade; a shift and a unification of EU Member States' foreign policies especially in terms of military interventions</b> ; a serious <b>commitment</b> against climate change, <b>including</b> support for mitigation and adaptation; would make living conditions more acceptable in neighboring countries and countries of the global south.	
46	Vihreät - De Gröna	105	add	... a complete change of direction in the EU agricultural and trade policy, a serious fight against climate change...	... a complete change of direction in the EU agricultural and trade policy, <b>a sustainable development policy and a robust commitment to the 0,7 target</b> , a serious fight against climate change...	Development policy, in addition to other policy fields such as agricultural and trade, is imperative in securing sustainable living conditions in countries of origin.

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47	GGEP	107	add		Moreover, we deem necessary an honest assessment of the consequences of past and present military interventions, notably by NATO and some EU Member States, in some conflict zones. We stress that any military intervention must strictly comply with international law. We call for a drastic revision of the European arms export policy..	
48	Die Grünen	107	add	Insert/add one extra paragraph at the end (nr 11)	11. Strongly rejects the intention of misusing funds of foreign aid and humanitarian aid as political leverage against third countries, especially those bordering on the EU, to force them to function as „gatekeeper“ for refugees trying to reach the EU and pressuring them to take back all rejected asylum seekers.	