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Frans TIMMERMANS, Candidate for the presidency of the European Commission

Manfred WEBER, Candidate for the presidency of the European Commission

Violeta TOMIČ and **Nico CUÉ**, Candidates for the presidency of the European Commission

Margrethe VESTAGER and **Guy VERHOFSTADT**, Candidates for the presidency of the European Commission

Jan ZHRADIL, Candidate for the presidency of the European Commission

Yanis VAROUFAKIS, Candidate for the presidency of the European Commission

Ska KELLER and **Bas EICKHOUT**, Candidate for the presidency of the European Commission

Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the European Commission

Donald TUSK, President of the European Council

Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament

George CIAMBA, Romanian Minister-Delegate for European Affairs, representative for the Romanian presidency of the EU Council

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Dear Minister, Dear Presidents, Dear Candidates,

In a few weeks' time, European citizens will go to the polls to elect their representatives in the European Parliament. In view of the European Elections 2019, the European Civic Forum (ECF) has launched the Europe-wide campaign [Make Europe Great for All](#). The National Network for Civil Society (Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement – BBE) has joined this campaign as national partner in Germany.

After numerous events and debates across Europe reaching out directly or indirectly to more than 10 000 civil society organisations and more than 2 million people, on 21 and 22 March 2019, the #MEGA campaign stopped in Berlin for the European conference "[Not without Us! - Civil Society Conference on the Future of Europe](#)".

Two months before the European elections, this conference has been a crucial convergence point with over thirty campaigns and initiatives that mobilise to rebuild trust in the European future. And while we all share this concern among "insiders" – pro-European progressive organisations and movements – the big question out there is to reach out to the "outsiders" which silently say their vote is not their voice, or contribute to raise the audience of regressive forces standing more and more vocally for nationalist and identitarian closures...

For us, Making Europe Great for All implies that we, progressive pro-European civil society and political forces are able to integrate their grievances into our demands and proposals for a more democratic and socially-just Europe.

Europeans expect a Europe that protects them. But protection of economic rules and external borders needs to be backed by social protection of the weakest and equal distribution of wealth and power between countries and inside countries.

The European elections are a moment when we should listen to clear and convincing proposals. We should turn our back to politics of division propelled by self-defined exclusive identities.

In this spirit we would like to share with you our campaign [Manifesto](#) capturing our vision for the Future of Europe, as well as the concrete proposals stemming from the Berlin conference and gathered into the Berlin Agenda, a living document with proposals that European civil society will advocate for in the next period before and after the European elections.

We hope these will find an echo in your future proposals and Spitzenkandidaten debates and remain at your disposal for any further information.

Sincerely yours.

Jean-Marc ROIRANT



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Frank HEUBERGER



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