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The question of the rise of nationalism and how to secure future involvement of member states in the EU

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Opening Remarks

Dear Delegates of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO),

We are extremely excited to welcome you to this rewarding journey of continuous research and discovery, as well as collective solution construction. The question at hand is on the rise of nationalism, and how to secure future involvement of member states in the European Union.

Below, we have provided useful links and sources, enabling you to prepare for a prosperous and fruitful debate. The Fact Sheet provided to you, in combination with the links provided in this Prep Module should give you a good starting point, but we strongly encourage you to explore the topic in your ways in the most depth possible, in order to develop a more well-rounded understanding of our very interesting, yet extraordinarily difficult topic.

Throughout the BSR MEP session in Copenhagen, you will be constructing a resolution directed to the European Parliament, hence thorough preparation is a significant criterion for success and cooperation.

We encourage you to read and think about problems and solutions within this topic, and please contact either committee presidents if you have any questions about the wonderful session ahead. **Committee Presidents of the AFCO committee,**

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Research papers and studies:

Research report on identifying future challenges at the horizon in 2025,

<https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Documents/Our-work/challenges-horizon-2025.pdf>

Research on Civic and Ethnic Nationalism in European Union Identity Creation,

<https://www.sv.uio.no/arena/english/research/publications/arena-reports/2020/report-20-bjornbekk.pdf>

Research paper on The Resurgence of Nationalism in the European Union,

<https://www.econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/198153/1/ceswp-v04-i1-p024-034.pdf>

Articles:

German AfD wants to dismantle EU, turn into confederation of nations,

- <https://www.euractiv.com/section/elections/news/german-afd-wants-to-dismantle-eu-turn-into-confederation-of-nations/>

Catalonia's bid for independence from Spain explained,

- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29478415>

Migration and migration politics in Austria,

- <https://www.bpb.de/themen/migration-integration/laenderprofile/english-version-country-profiles/542639/migration-and-migration-politics-in-austria/#node-content-title-3>

France's Le Pen unveils new far-right European Parliament group,

- <https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKCN1TE1H8/>

Le Pen launches European election campaign with swipe at “authoritarian” EU

- <https://www.ft.com/content/7ec08fa7-f308-4334-9fba-7fd56d568081>

Sverigedemokraterna,

- <https://sd.se/english/>

Hungary passes anti-immigrant “Stop Soros” laws

- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/20/hungary-passes-anti-immigrant-stop-soros-laws>



Slovenia election: Anti-immigrant SDS is largest party,

- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-44349007>

Europe and right-wing nationalism: A country-by-country guide,

- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36130006>

In Europe, nationalism rising,

- <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2017/02/in-europe-nationalisms-rising/>

EU Enlargement Strategy

- https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/eu-enlargement_en



Preparing questions:

To prepare you for the upcoming session, and making it easier for you to understand our topic at hand, we have prepared a few questions for you to look into:

1. What are the main factors driving the rise of nationalism in different member states of the EU?
2. How has the rise of nationalism impacted the cohesion and functioning of the EU thus far?
3. What are some potential consequences of increased nationalist sentiment for the future of European integration?
4. What strategies can be employed to promote greater solidarity and cooperation among member states in the face of rising nationalism?
5. What measures can be taken to strengthen democratic governance and accountability within the EU to address concerns about a perceived democratic deficit?
6. How can the EU better communicate its values and benefits to citizens to counteract nationalist narratives and promote a sense of European identity?



Position papers (POV)

As committee presidents, it is essential for us to ensure that our discussions and deliberations are inclusive, comprehensive, and representative of the diverse perspectives within our committees. Each one of you brings unique insights, experiences, and expertise to the table, and your viewpoints on the topic under consideration are invaluable in shaping our collective understanding and approach to addressing the issues at hand.

Therefore, we have divided the topic into four subtopics for this session. This is also the case for the fact sheet. The subtopics are;

- 1. The rise of nationalism in Europe**
- 2. How nationalism affects international cooperation.**
- 3. Depleting involvement of member states in the EU.**
- 4. Navigating nationalism, and fostering cohesion in the EU.**

As your committee presidents, we would kindly ask you to deliver us engaging position papers where you discuss your positions on the subtopics. The position paper must not exceed a page but try to give us the most insight as possible.



Closing Remarks:

As your Committee Presidents, we look forward to creating a fruitful resolution in the AFCO Committee. Our job is to guide you through the debate and committee work within the Model European Parliament, as well as preparing you with both factual and formal capabilities. It is important that you do your preparation work to the best of your abilities, as MEP sessions can be stressful but at the same time so rewarding if you are well prepared. We are very excited to work with you all, and we hope that you will all contribute to the committee sessions in an effective and open-minded way, with the goal of creating an inspiring resolution as well as strong relations to your co-delegates.

Best Regards,

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