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### AHEAD OF 29-30 JUNE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

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"It has been a year since our last edition of the Renew Europe Leaders' Summit. The Russian War of Aggression against Ukraine continues, while rising inflation affects our everyday lives. Similarly, the challenges of climate change have not disappeared and we continue to witness the growing influence of illiberal governments not only across the EU, but also globally. With less than one year before the citizens go to the polls to cast their votes in the European Elections, they need us to deliver on our promises." Declared Stephane Sejourne, President of Renew Europe Group

Stephane Sejourne, emphasises « Renew Europe is strong with key Members of the European Council, instrumental European Commissioners, participation in several governments across the EU and a decisive political group in the European Parliament." Stephen Sejourne continues "With this in mind, our Leaders' Summit will set the scene for defining our collective response to current and future challenges in Europe, taking pride in our successes to date." Stated Stephane Sejourne, President of the Renew Europe Group in the European Parliament.

Among the honorable guests, heads of state and government, President Emmanuel Macron, PM of Netherlands, Mark Rutte, Vice Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, A Europe Fit for the Digital Age, Vera Jourova, Vice-President of the European Commission, Values and Transparency, Thierry Breton, European Commissioner Internal Market, Didier Reynders, European Commissioner Justice, Janez Lenarcic, European Commissioner, Crisis Management, Kadri Simson, European Commissioner Energy.

### LIST OF RENEW EUROPE LEADERS' SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

#### PRESIDENT MACRON & OTHER HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT

- Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic
- Kaja Kallas, Prime Minister of Estonia

- Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg
- Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium
- Nikolai Denkov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria
- Robert Golob, Prime Minister of Slovenia
- Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands

#### EUROPEAN COUNCIL LEADERS

Charles Michel, President of the European Council

#### PRESIDENT OF RENEW EUROPEAN COUNCIL LEADERS

Stephane Sejourne, President of the Renew Europe Group,

#### EUROPEAN PARTY LEADERS

- Francois Bayrou, MoDem France, President of the European Democratic Party and of the MoDem
- Timmy Dooley, Fianna Fail Ireland Senator and co-President of the ALDE party
- Ilhan Kyuchuk, MRF, Bulgaria, MEP and co-President of the ALDE party

#### EUROPEAN PARTY LEADERS

- Beate Meinel-Reisinger, NEOS, Austria Member of the National Council
- Georges-Louis Bouchez, MR, Belgium Senator
- Egbert Lachaert, Open VLD Belgium, Member of the Chamber of Representatives
- Mustafa Karadayi, MRF, Bulgaria, Member of Parliament
- Kyril Petkov, We Continue the Change, Bulgaria, Member of Parliament
- Assen Vassilev, We Continue the Change, Bulgaria
- Martin Lidegaard, Radikale Venstre, Denmark, Member of Parliament
- Lars Løkke, Rasmussen, Moderaterne, Denmark, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Edouard Philippe, Horizons. France. Mayor of Le Havre, Former French PM
- Laurent Hénart, Parti radical, France
- Christian Lindner, FDP, Germany, Minister of Finance
- Ferenc Gelencsér, Momentum, Hungary, Member of Parliament
- Micheál Martin, Fianna Fail, Ireland, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence
- Carlo Calenda, Azione, Italy, Senator
- Matteo Renzi, Italia Viva, Italy, Senator, Former Italian PM
- Ivars Ijabs, Latvijas Attīstībai, Latvia, Member of the European Parliament
- Sigrid Kaag, Democraten 66, Netherlands, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

#### EUROPEAN PARTY LEADERS (2)

Viktorija Čmilytė, Nielsen, Liberal, Lithuania, Speaker of the Seimas

- Szymon Hołownia, Polska 2050, Poland
- Rui Rocha, Iniciativa Liberal, Portugal, Member of the Assembly of the Republic
- Cătălin Drulă, USR, Romania, Member of Parliament
- Ramona Strugariu, REPER, Romania, Member of the European Parliament
- Dragos Pîslaru, REPER, Romania, Member of the European Parliament
- Michal Šimečka, Progresívne Slovensko, Slovakia, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Adrián Vázquez, Lázara, Ciudadanos, Spain, Member of the European Parliament
- Andoni Ortuzar, EAJ-PNV, Spain

#### POLITICAL GROUP PARTY LEADERS

- Gaëtan van Goidsenhoven, President of the MR Group in the Senate, Belgium
- Christian Dürr, Parliamentary Group Leader of the FDP, Germany
- Jouni Ovaska, 1st Vice President of the Centre Party Parliamentary Group Finland

- Lisa Chambers, Senate Leader of Fianna Fáil, Ireland
- Raffaella Paita, Group Leader of Azione- Italia Viva-Renew in the Camera dei deputati Italy
- Rodrigo Saraiva, Parliamentary Group, President of IL, Portugal
- Radu-Mihai Mihail, Group Leader in the Senate of USR Romania
- Liviu-Ionuț Moțeanu, Group Leader in the Chamber of Deputies of USR Romania
- David Arakhamia, Group Leader of the Servant, of the People Political Party, Ukraine
- Aitor Esteban Bravo, Spokesperson of the EAV-PNJ, in the Parliament, Spain
- Tomáš Valášek, National Parliament Member of Progresívne Slovensko, Slovakia
- Antigoni Papadopoulou, Democratic Alignment Cyprus Vice President of the party
- Pieyre-Alexandre Anglade, Renaissance, France President of the EU Affairs committee of the National Assembly
- Vadym Hayalachuk, Servant of the People Political Party Ukraine First Deputy Chairman of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

#### PROGRAM OF THE RENEW EUROPE GROUP LEADERS SUMMIT

The Renew Europe Pre-Summit started at 10: 00, with the arrivals of the participants and the opportunity for a doorstep and photocell session, in front of the Academy Palace building, Brussels. The few Journalists were collecting short talks from the leaders, as they were walking on a Blue carpet, and answering to the press. President Macron, was highly expected, and arrived in the end, warmly welcomed by loyal Stéphane Sejourne, and joined the rest of the other European Leaders, for the Family Photo, taken in the gardens.

10:15 -11:15

The heads of state and of governments had an In-camera meeting, before the Arrivals of Party Leaders and Commissioners, who joined the meeting. A Family photo exclusively for Heads of State or Government, followed by an enlarged Facility photo including the Political Group Leaders and Members of the European Parliament.

11:30-13:30

During 1 and half an hour, the leaders had a political exchange to « Discuss on the future direction for our political family led by Heads of State or Government and Party Leaders of Renew Europe »

After an active lunch break, enabling the European Political leaders to mingle and exchange, two roundtables, took place in the 1st floor, according to the following program, over the hot topics : European Values, Inclusion, positive green energetic transition,

#### ROUNDTABLES -OPEN DIALOGUE WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS (OFF PRESS)

The unique Roundtable, was held in an Open dialogue format involving all the participants.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DEBATE BY PARTY LEADERS OF RENEW EUROPE

- Unlocking the European economy to the benefit of citizens
- A green future for all Europeans: an impactful, inclusive and positive green transition
- Why European values do matter in today's world

5:15-6:00pm

The Summit, closed up in a Networking Cocktail, as the guests were being offered a tote bag, signed by Renew Group.

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