

Press release – EU Presidents lay out priorities for future of Europe



President Sassoli, in his replies to journalists after the statement, said: “Ask yourselves this: why does everyone want to divide us today? Because when there are common rules, we live better and defend those who are weaker. Where there are no rules, only the strongest prevail. Perhaps those who want to divide us are afraid of a world with rules. At this moment, I believe that the EU’s importance lies in the answer that we are able to give to this question. Not only for us, but for a global world that has to live by rules. Without rules, the strongest will prevail and the weakest will be excluded. And the EU does not want that”.

Following yesterday’s meeting in France at the House of Jean Monnet to reflect on the future challenges facing the European Union, Presidents Sassoli, Michel and Von der Leyen made statements today at the Parliamentarium visitors’ centre in Brussels.

[Future of Europe: statement by David SASSOLI, European Parliament President](#)

[Future of Europe: statement by Charles MICHEL, European Council President](#)

[Future of Europe: statement by Ursula VON DER LEYEN, European Commission](#)

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The departure of the United Kingdom marks a new chapter in the history of the European Union. Today's statements aim to look ahead at the specific internal and external challenges that need to be addressed in the years ahead and how to involve citizens, civil society and national parliaments more in the discussions and decision-making that will shape Europe's future.