

Accelerating energy transition – reducing our dependence on fossil fuels – ensuring our energy supply

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Dublin, Ireland, on 2-4 June 2022:

Notes that:

- the ongoing war in Ukraine is a horrific reminder that peace and progress cannot be taken for granted. The dependency and resulting threat of disruption on energy, fertiliser and food supply showcases the need for a drastic overhaul of our approach towards energy supply and security.
- this European Union's dependency on Russian energy finances the ongoing war, since the onset by more than hundreds of billions of euros.
- there is a need to shift to a climate neutral Union and therefore many measures and transitions will be necessary, already in the short term.

Believes that:

- as liberals we are the political beholders of progress, innovation, creativity and change for the better, certainly so in a timeframe which urges to take on the opportunity for drastic change. Creative, market economy based and technologically-neutral solutions are key to helping tackle climate change. It's about innovation, entrepreneurship, and determination.

Calls on ALDE and all member parties:

- to actively implement liberal climate policy based on a paradigm shift embracing a clean, safe, healthy and sustainable environment as a basic human right, this is a part of sustainable development as a whole, socially economically and ecologically;
- to pursue far reaching transformative economic, social and environmental policies, firmly bound to the principals of market economy and technological neutrality, in order to protect people and nature by forging independence from fossil fuels while drastically reducing CO2 emissions in order to mitigate climate change;
- and the EU to assist the countries who carry the heaviest economic burden due to the sharp spike in energy and raw material costs;
- to implement a clear path to funding this transformation by shifting public means and incentives towards investments and further research and development on all forms of carbon neutral energy, and by having public authorities lead by example.

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