

Common position of judges and prosecutors' associations on support Poland's further membership in the European Union

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In the interests of the existence and future of our homeland, in the courtrooms of Polish courts and European tribunals, during demonstrations, during educational meetings with citizens and every day in social media, we stand up for universal values, rights and civil liberties guaranteed to Poles in the Polish Constitution and acts international law.

For several years now, we have been warning that the violation of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland and European law by the legislative and executive authorities may lead to Poland being removed from the family of European Union countries that share common democratic values.

Thanks to the actions we have taken, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights have confirmed that our concerns were and still are justified. A number of decisions by the politicized organs of our state left no doubt that the common good of Poles is not a priority for them. Over 80% of Poles want Poland to continue to be a full member of the European Union. This may become impossible if the state authorities do not respect the decisions of the highest judicial organs of the European Union. As a result of actions such as the judgment of the Constitutional Tribunal of Julia Przyłębska of October 7, 2021, we may lose not only the legal security of citizens and multi-billion EU funds, but also our sovereignty. We remember the queues and customs controls on our western border, the inability to study or work abroad. We cannot forget about the commitment of our ancestors in the fight to restore civil rights. Thanks to Poland's accession to the European Union, we gained much more than we could have imagined before.

We remember even better the support of Poles who, together with judges from all European Union countries, participated in a very important event - the Thousand Robes March.

As Turkish judge Murat Aslan, who is imprisoned for several years, said, urging lawyers to participate in the Thousand Robes March: "There may be times when we do not have enough strength to prevent irregularities. However, there must never be a time when we stop protesting. "Murat warned that "neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim, silence encourages the persecutor, never the persecuted."

Consequently, responding to the appeal of our imprisoned colleague, guided by the aforementioned values, patriotism, solidarity and a sense of community, as citizens, lawyers, judges and prosecutors, we encourage all judges and prosecutors to actively participate in all initiatives, including demonstrations aimed at further membership of our homeland in the European Union.

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