The EU as a driving force
for a strong and effective Europe

Open Letter from

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Dear [Title and Name],

Europe stands at a decisive turning point.

The challenges of our time are immense: geopolitical tensions, economic competition, the climate crisis, technological transformation, and not least the growing pressure on democratic structures — both within and beyond the European Union.

Many citizens feel that:

> Europe must act — decisively, united, and effectively.
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> Yet this is precisely where doubts are growing.

Too often, necessary decisions take too long, are blocked, or are subordinated to national interests. This weakens not only the European Union's ability to act, but also citizens' trust in Europe's capacity to shape the future.

As Pulse of Europe, we have long advocated for a democratic, sovereign, and capable Europe. From this perspective, we see three key areas that require urgent action:

1. Creating Strategic Clarity

Europe needs a common political direction.
Competitiveness, climate protection, energy security, technological sovereignty, and security policy must not be treated separately — they must be approached together and politically prioritized.

2. Strengthening Europe's Capacity to Act

In key policy areas — particularly foreign policy, security, industrial policy, and technology — the European Union must be able to act more swiftly and decisively.
Global challenges leave no room for prolonged deadlock.

3. Reforming Decision-Making Structures

The principle of unanimity often prevents necessary progress in crucial areas.
A gradual transition toward qualified majority voting — especially in foreign policy, security policy, and taxation — is, in our view, an essential step toward making the EU fit for the future.

This demand is shared by many citizens across Europe, including within the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe. In our own project, #Bestof49, the principle of #NoVeto is also a central concern.

The announced convening of a European Convention offers an important opportunity to further develop the EU's institutional foundations and strengthen its democratically legitimized capacity to act.

The European Parliament, the European Council, the Council of the European Union, and the European Commission bear primary responsibility — as representatives of Europe's citizens — for the Union's strategic development. In this way, the Member States of the European Union can effectively fulfill their responsibility toward Europe, establish the EU as a shaping force in the world, and realize their shared vision.

Dear [Title and Name],

Europe now needs the courage to make decisions.
We would greatly appreciate learning your views on these issues and engaging in a constructive exchange with you.

Yours sincerely,

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