



Brussels, 31 March 2026

To the attention of:

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

António Costa, President of the European Council

Dear President von der Leyen,
Dear President Costa,

We write as Members of the European Parliament out of deep concern over the socioeconomic shock now threatening people across the European Union.

In 2020, the EU responded to the pandemic with an unprecedented social and economic shield. Through NextGenerationEU and SURE, Europe proved that in times of systemic crisis it can act together, mobilise common resources, and protect jobs, incomes and social stability.

Today, Europe faces another emergency. The consequences of the US and Israeli aggression against Iran are already being felt through rising energy prices, market volatility, and the risk of a new inflationary shock that could hit households across the continent.

The European Council itself has now acknowledged this risk. In light of the European Commission's announcement of a Citizens' Energy Package on 10 March, and the European Council conclusions of 19 and 20 March 2026—which invited the Commission to report on the impact of recent developments on energy security and prices, supply chains and migration, and to propose measures as appropriate—there is a clear institutional recognition that the threat is real and requires a broader, coordinated European response.

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, therefore, urge the European Commission, together with the European Council, to advance a European Social Shield: a coordinated EU-wide package to protect people from evictions, housing insecurity, energy poverty, and the loss of jobs and income.

Europe must act now. As in 2020, our duty is clear: shield our citizens from the social consequences of geopolitical crisis.

Sincerely,

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