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Dear friends,

All those who, like me, are proud citizens of the European Union considered the results of the Italian elections bad news for the future of the European project. The victory of populism and nationalism is the realization that for many citizens, confidence in the European project has vanished.

But the European Union is not just a chimera, or an entity to blame when things go wrong. The European Union means democracy, individual freedoms, the rule of law and the welfare state. It means working together for a brighter future in a complex and globalized world. To that end, we need more than ever a strong and committed Italy to fight back against these movements, which jeopardize the future of our common project.

We must restore hope to our citizens. Is it us who have to lead the criticism towards the aspects of the European Institutions that do not function as they should; but from a constructive perspective, not from anger or a desire to erase everything that has been achieved so far. It is us who have to use this political and social crisis as the catalyst to re-launch the European Project.

We have to say loud and clear that we are pro-Europeans and we strongly believe that Europeans are better together. We have to fight back.

France has already proven that change can come from transversal political forces, not from the traditional left, the traditional right or old authoritarian trends. Let's take advantage of this situation, and work together towards a common goal.

Best regards,



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