



Die SPD-Abgeordneten – Fraktion der  
Sozialdemokraten im Europäischen Parlament

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To his Excellency  
The President of Romania  
Klaus Iohannis  
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President Iohannis,

The German SPD Delegation in the European Parliament expresses through this letter serious concerns regarding the respect of the results of the elections in Romania and the procedure used to nominate the next Romanian Prime Minister and form the upcoming Government.

Our analysis of the preliminary OSCE report on the legislative elections raises important doubts regarding the fairness of the electoral process and the methods used in the campaign. The controversial and abusive systematic attacks against our fellow sister party from Romania do not fit the European democratic values for which we stand for. It is not acceptable to refer to social democrats in Romania as being a “red plague”. In the same time, it is against the rule of law to systematically attack the Constitutional Court and get involved actively in the campaign without respecting the provisions of the Constitution.

The German SPD Delegation in the European Parliament was always swift in condemning any attitude that went against the European values. We did so even when our sister party made mistakes. Therefore, it is even more important today to make sure Romania fully respects the outcome of the elections.

Recognizing the fact that PSD Romania won the elections, making them the first party in the Romanian Parliament, with around 34% of the seats, automatically implies the need to allow them to nominate a Prime Minister and try to form a majority. These are the political, democratic and legal practices across Europe. Allowing parties to negotiate freely and respect the provisions of the Constitution obliging the President to remain impartial, both are key elements of a stable democratic state. Any actions against European democratic values and practices risk to damage the reputation of Romania, leading it closer to the attitude of the Hungarian and Polish conservative governments.

The German SPD Delegation in the European Parliament hopes that you will not push the country in that respective direction, knowing that for the first time, after many years, Romania has in the Parliament a far-right populist party.

We also hope that you will send a clear message that democratic pro-European parties in Romania should not ally with those promoting hate and an anti-European rhetoric. We know that the PSD President, Marcel Ciolacu, already explicitly refused any negotiations with that respective party, while we hear some of your PNL colleagues are ready to do so.

We believe that it is time for Romania to have a stable government with a strong majority in the Parliament capable of leading the country during this difficult pandemic and build the future of the country in the European Union. The German SPD Delegation in the European Parliament has always been and will continuously be a close friend of Romania and an active promoter of the European path that brought us together in the EU.

In this regard, we trust that you will go beyond short-sight political interests and take leadership in respecting the results of the elections and projecting a safe future for Romanian citizens in the European Union.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jens Geier', written in a cursive style.

Jens Geier MEP  
Head of the German SPD Delegation