



## **Associazione degli Italiani di Romania – RO.AS.IT.**

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### **Resignation Letter**

18<sup>th</sup> of January 2022

**Mr. François BAYROU,  
President,  
European Democratic Party**

**Dear Mr. President,**

When in 10 December 2014 at the EDP Council Meeting in Brussels, the Association of Italians of Romania - RO.AS.IT became an associate member, we were living in different times when we, as an ethnic organization, the official representatives of the Italian ethnic community in Romania, decided to join a like-minded European Party based on the democratic values and the respect of difference of opinions.

Since joining in 2014 the European Democratic Party (EDP), we have always appreciated its transparency and predictability as well as its aim to assure a close and lasting collaboration between its members with the intention of meeting their objectives.

We are also aware of the challenges that the COVID-19 Pandemic brought upon the normal activities of the EDP, as well as its immense stress that affected all the members and put our resilience to the strongest test so far.

Yet in the last couple of years a series of actions have made us doubt the initial spirit of the EDP and we want to address here the perceived communication deficit behind various decisions that have hindered the harmony of the EDP.

First of all there is the question of the EDP Council Meeting of 5 May 2021 when an additional Deputy Secretary General has been appointed disregarding the abstention vote of the RO.AS.IT. delegate and the fact that this position has been ignored.

Secondly there is the impending question of the discussion on the support for a motion initiated on the topic of security. It is our opinion that the question of this important phenomenon is of utmost importance and the security related aspects can no longer be ignored.



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This is not a partisan topic but rather a transversal one and EDP as a centrist party should adhere to it and support also the security perspective for the benefit of all the peoples without distinction of race, language, nationality or the color of the skin. At the time being our proposed Motion has yet found a clear resolution and time frame for debate.

Last but not least is the question of the unreceived response to the letter concerning the 2021 annual fee to be paid by the Association of Italians of Romania - RO.AS.IT. We have addressed the question of the membership fee that was doubled in report with 2020.

While we acknowledge that in accordance with the *Statutes of the PDE* Article 10 Membership fee *Members are asked to pay a membership fee, the amount of which is set by the Presidency.*

Having all these in view, **we decided to resign from the status of the associate member** of the European Democratic Party with immediate effect.

***PRESIDENT***

*of the Association of Italians of Romania - RO.AS.IT.*

Ioana Grosaru

