



Dear citizens,

the present events in Catalunya directly concern us, the Catalans, and should concern you also. Our democracy is at serious risk and therefore it is at risk all over Europe and in any society based on democratic principles.

You have surely seen and heard images and comments about the Catalan will to decide its own future. You are probably also aware of the recent events taking place on the streets of Catalunya with the Spanish security forces and police acting to silence our peaceful claims for freedom and for the right to decide on our future.

In these uncertain times, we ask you not to remain passive. Our future is in your hands: we ask you to act in order to avoid even graver violations of our human rights.

Today it is the right of freedom of speech and our democracy that are under attack by the Spanish State. We face direct repression by the combined use of security forces, judicial actions, direct economic intervention, and suspension of the Catalan jurisdiction, as it is the case of the Catalan police.

Today Catalunya needs Europe. We ask Europe to act in coherence with the values it claims, in order to prevent the anti-democratic and authoritarian actions of the Spanish state. The memory of our shared European history requires an immediate, strong and clear reaction on behalf of all citizens.

Catalans, Spaniards, Europeans.... We are all called to express our rejection of injustice, to act in protection of threatened people and rights. We therefore ask you to demand the adoption of appropriate measures at all levels from your parliaments and governments, especially on behalf of the European Institutions, in order to halt the unacceptable abuse of power coming from Spain; and to protect our rights acknowledging that they are also your rights.

Without a clear statement from Europe, Spain will continue its useless and painful strategy, trying to transform a political conflict into a public order issue that nobody knows how it could end.

We need you, Europe; we need the support from all Europeans.

Please, sign in here for your personal support: <https://goo.gl/forms/gzK3tgYziSoHQ9t13>