



Message of the Honorary President

Paris, 18 February 2025

Dear Pan-European friends!

On Friday 14 February 2025, the General Assembly of the International Pan-European Union voted unanimously for Pavo Barišić to succeed me as President of the Union.

I wish him every success in his mission.

Following in the footsteps of Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi and Otto von Habsburg, for twenty years I have endeavored to continue along the Pan-European path they set out.

At a time when negotiations are opening between the Americans and the Russians on the war that Putin has launched in Europe against Ukraine, I would like to remind you of the warning of the founder of our movement.

In 1923, in the preface to Paneurope, he wrote:

“Europe, which has almost lost its self-confidence, is waiting for outside help: some from Russia, others from America.

These two hopes place Europe in mortal danger. Neither the West nor the East wants to save Europe: Russia wants to conquer it; America wants to buy it.”

He also introduced his book with this appeal:

“The only force that can bring about Pan-Europe is the will of the Europeans; but the only force that can stop it is also the will of the Europeans.

Thus, a part of the world is in the hands of every European.”

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