

Motions

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Title (of the Motion)	Joint planning for common challenges in times of crisis

Text of the motion: (In English; Maximum 600 words)

Our goal is to promote the important voice of EFA for the right of self-determination and independence of regions. EFA was founded during the Cold War and now it looks like the time of the superpowers has returned. The importance of a Nordic context is now in the international spotlight.

The geopolitical shift of the U.S. government has turned into an increased interest in the Nordic region especially in the self-governing Nordic country Greenland. US has had an interest in Greenland for decades for its strategic position as a part of the Nato alliance, but now the interest is to acquire the country as a whole. Thus, we need to strengthen the role of EFA by ensuring the democratic principle that a voice is a voice irrespective of size.

In an uncertain world we need to be prepared to unexpected challenges in Europe. We have witnessed the consequences of the corona pandemic lockdown, extreme weather affecting our regions and the devastating floods of Valencia. Furthermore, we have the Russian war against Ukraine which has impacted countless lives and resulted in an urgent need to help refugees. A quick help was of utmost importance and many regions rose to the challenge in truly inspiring ways.

The world is changing faster every day and we must be ready to face the challenges affecting our societies and economies. It is often the poorest and the most vulnerable ones who suffer the most during crises.

EFA is a good example of how we can collaborate. Now we need to strengthen our joint efforts on shared concerns to support each other in times of crisis.

Initiatives such as the Island Forum working jointly on shared challenges would be the way forward. Practical steps like “Build a Kit, Know Your Neighbours, and Stay Informed” might be helpful to adopt known models such as forecasting, taking precautionary measures, response, and recovery.

- How do we make a plan for cooperation so that our societies and economics can be prepared?

- Now it is time, let us start joint planning to meet common challenges in order to stabilize Europe and build a better future.

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