



12th March, 2014 EP candidates meet students on Campus. Meeting scheduled at 12pm and starts at 12:30pm

The Outcome



Cyrus Engerer (LP)

States that transgender operations should be offered Free of charge throughout Europe.

He supports burden sharing for asylum seekers and encourages European countries to engage in co-operation talks. Would only promote repatriation of those not granted refugee status.

Solution: burden sharing



Arnold Cassola (AD)

Claims that the EU shall make sure that Human Rights in Libya are respected and that the Dublin convention has to be changed in order to allow migrants to go to mainland Europe. He complained that the S&D and the EPP are against this move since they want to safeguard their own interests. He mentioned Shultz and pointed out to the fact that although he agrees with the Greens about Dublin convention change, he doesn't take a stand for he is part of Merkel's group that opposes such a move.

He wants to see a European army instead of 26 armies. This will lower the costs involved and allow us more budget for aid to third world countries. He condemns the recent surge of racist and xenophobic comments on facebook and complained that Gozo is losing opportunities since it has no optical fibre connection for fast internet yet. He claimed that this would discourage i-gaming companies from investing in Gozo and that he wants to bridge the two islands.

Solution: burden sharing



Miriam Dalli (LP)

She believes that the European Union should be more understanding of Malta's problem. Miriam claims that extremist groups of the Left are able to unite at least whereas extremist groups of the Right are constantly in disagreement and hence cannot work together on an International level.

Solution: burden sharing



Kevin Plumpton (PN)

Kevin complained that the EU fails to understand the nature of the problem. He insists that the EU has to lend us support by being more compassionate and that EUROSUR cannot provide the necessary solutions. In his opinion, Europe has an obligation to ensure that immigrants are not at risk during their voyage.

He supports sanctions against Ukraine.



Stefano Mallia (PN)

Lacking concentration and being the only one to stand up twice in order to be seen, Stefano wants to see an equilibrium that saves lives at seas while at the same time safeguarding the interest of the countries involved. He boasted about his humanitarian mission in Greece in which he spent a few hours on sea during a Frontex mission.

Solution: burden sharing



Imperium Europa

Uninvited by GUG.

GUG President Ryan Mercieca apologised with Imperium Europa and claimed that the students were not inviting Cassola (AD) at first but major parties (PN and LP) only. He promised to keep Imperium Europa in mind for a next event, even though they are not planning another one.

Solution: pushback and repatriation policies

A ridiculous question by one of the students (in Maltese): *Kif se jiġi eliminat l-ewro-xettiċiżmu u n-Nazzjonaliżmu estrem?*

None of the candidates on the panel defended the freedom of thought of those who think differently. The below statistic confirms that this student asked the wrong question at the wrong time; hence when the majority of Europeans are not interested in the EU with many countries having a turnout of less than 50%. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Parliament_election, 2009