



Statement by CNUE President Giampaolo Marcoz on the death of David Sassoli

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"It is with deep emotion that we learned of the death, on Tuesday 11 January, of the President of the European Parliament, David Sassoli. We would like to pay tribute to the memory of a man who was a sincere and passionate European and send our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

David Sassoli's commitment to a more united, more social and more citizen-friendly Europe was remarkable. He carried out his duties in the spirit of the universal values of the European Union, always in a spirit of openness and dialogue. The proof is in the testimonials and expressions of affection from his colleagues of all political opinion and from all European countries. He was a man of professionalism and unconditional dedication to his ideals, and that is how we must remember him.

In particular, we will remember how, at the height of the Covid-19 crisis, David Sassoli kept European democracy alive within his institution. Thanks to his decisive action, he forced the European Parliament to reinvent itself in order to be able to debate and vote on laws from a distance, arousing the interest of many parliaments around the world. With the bulk purchase of Covid-19 vaccines and the deployment of the European Recovery Plan, Europe has demonstrated its added value for all European peoples.

Finally, as an undeniable proof of its great humanity, how can we not remember that, at his initiative in the spring of 2020, the European Parliament opened its premises in Strasbourg, Brussels and Luxembourg and made its services available to welcome and provide daily meals to people in precarious situations. David Sassoli had this to say: "With Covid-19, all citizens have understood that we cannot act alone. When we realise that there is a need for solidarity, for cooperation, nationalism is defeated.

President Sassoli always showed particular sensitivity to the themes of the Notariat, such as the preservation and implementation of the Rule of Law, an essential and founding value of our society from a legal, political and social point of view.

David Sassoli was a great European".

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