# 1 Year Ampel Coalition

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## European policy review on the basis of EM Germany's Priorities

### **European Movement** Germany

#### Rule of law and fundamental rights

- Commitment to the Council of Europe. incl. budget increase and forced exclusion of Russia
- No signs for tougher, consistent line in the application of EU rule of law instruments

#### **EU enlargement and Schengen**

- Commitment to more speed in the accession talks with the Western Balkan states and a fruitful Berlin process
- German government followed EM Germany's position from March on granting candidate status to Ukraine
- No halt to the erosion of Schengen and in particular the extension of border controls with Austria



#### Parliamentarism and the future of the EU

- Lowering the voting age for European elections to 16 in Germany
- No full commitment to follow up on the CoFoE and the initiation of a European Convention
- More creativity and commitment to extending majority voting in the Council of the EU

#### **EU budget and reform** of the fiscal governance

- Early initial positioning on the reform of the Stability and Growth Pact
- Strengthening democratic forces in the EU budget by introducing a democracy bonus





#### **Transparency in the Council**

- So far no implementation of the coalition's promise to discuss Commission proposals within a given deadline in the Council
- Little strategic direction to strengthen transparency in the Council



#### Migration and asylum policy

- Fast, unbureaucratic support for refugees from Ukraine
- ♠ Agreement in an alliance of 21 European states willing to take in refugees; however, the solidarity mechanism is limited in time
  - Little progress on the reform of the Common European Asylum System, in particular on the replacement of the Dublin III Regulation



#### **EU Policy Coordination** of the German Government

- ♠ Efforts to improve EU policy coordination (also through regular coordination meetings at State Secretaries' level).
- Yet: Germany frequently takes a late position on core dossiers in the Council
- Likewise little coordination with EU partner states, especially on its fiscal policy to curb the energy crisis

#### Important to EM Germany

- Spearhead the accession of the Western Balkan states, Ukraine and Moldova to the EU, especially by strengthening financial support for democratically-organised social forces in these countries
- Increase the effort to the rule of law in Europe, especially with regard to the application of the rule of law conditionality against Hungary
- More committed follow-up to the 49 proposals of the Conference on the Future of Europe, incl. on the reform of a coherent EU electoral law and the initiation of a **European Convention**
- Implement the coalition's promise of more stringent European coordination and introduce a European policy coalition committee as well as a central coordination unit in the Chancellery
- Push forward the reform of the Common European Asylum System and complete it by the European elections in 2024









