

## Exclusion of the DPS Party from the Renew Europe Group

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The Presidency of the Renew Europe group in the European Parliament has unanimously decided to recommend the termination of membership of the Movement for Rights and Freedoms (DPS) party due to the actions of its President, Delyan Peevski, who is sanctioned under the Magnitsky Act. These actions, both within the party and beyond, have prompted this decision.

The Renew Europe Presidency's decision follows efforts by political parties in Bulgaria to establish a "cordon sanitaire" around the oligarch Delyan Peevski and his political faction. This situation is compounded by numerous allegations of corrupt acts involving Peevski and his network. In this context, our group is deeply worried by the targeted attacks against Renew Europe's partner party, We Continue the Change, and its representatives, including co-chairman Kiril Petkov.

Renew Europe also deeply regrets the ongoing distortion of the DPS party's original mission and the internal political purge currently underway. The party, which was once dedicated to safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Bulgaria's minorities,

standing for unity and togetherness, no longer reflects the aspirations of those seeking liberal progress.

The Renew Europe Bureau will meet tomorrow, Monday, 23 December, at 18:00, to further discuss the decision. As stipulated in our internal rules, the group will hold a vote on Tuesday, 14 January, to finalise the termination of membership of the Group of the DPS party.

**Valérie Hayer, President of Renew Europe**, stated:

**“Rule of law is in the DNA of our group. The values of the DPS-Peevski faction are fundamentally incompatible with those of Renew Europe. Therefore, I will recommend the immediate exclusion of the DPS-Peevski party from our group.”**

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