



# Lions Deutschland

LIONS in EUROPA

Grundsatzerklärung Lions für Europa

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# Beitrag III: Institutionelles Europa

## Declaration of Thessaloniki: Unser Bemühen, die deutsche Grundsatzerklärung für Europa in Europa zum Konsens zu führen

### Vorgehen

1. *2018/2019: Verabschiedung der deutschen Europaerklärung.*
2. *2019 EF in Tallinn: Eingbracht und vertagt, formale Gründe*
3. *2019/2020: Überarbeitet für Bremen im Konsens mit den KEU*
4. *Jetzt: finale Fassung in D und E liegt vor*
5. *To Do: Bei der MDV als EF-2021-Antrag verabschieden*
6. *To Do: Unterstützung für das EF 2021 in Thessaloniki einwerben*

#### Europa Forum 2020 Thessaloniki

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## Erläuterung:

Im Lions-Jahr 2018/2019 haben die deutschen Lions ihr Engagement für die Einheit Europas in Freundschaft in der Grundsatzerklärung „Lions für Europa“ zum Ausdruck gebracht. Seit 2020 wird diese Erklärung nach den Zielen und Ethischen Grundsätzen im Mitgliederverzeichnis und auf der Website veröffentlicht.

2019 wurde diese deutsche Initiative auf dem Europa Forum in Tallinn in einem Workshop vorgestellt und im Kabinettsbeauftragten Workshop für ein Europa der europäischen Lions angepasst. Jetzt liegt eine ausgewogene und im MD 111 abgestimmte Fassung vor, die auf dem nächsten Lions Europa Forum in Thessaloniki im Herbst 2021 zur Abstimmung im Europäischen Rat der Lions vorgelegt werden soll als Appell für den Zusammenhalt Europas.

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# Weiterentwicklung: von deutscher zu europäischer Sicht

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### Inhaltliche Weiterentwicklung

1. *2018/2019: Verabschiedung der deutschen Europaerklärung. Diese ist und bleibt gültig – siehe graue Seiten im MVZ*
2. *Bekanntnis des deutschen Bürgertums zu Europa. Bezugnahme auf Weimer, das 20. Jahrhundert und die EU.*
3. *Neu ist die Bezugnahme auf den Europarat (Council of Europe), Zusammenhalt statt Einheit für ein Europa der Lions-CA 4.*
4. *Neu ist Englisch als führende Sprache mit (informellen) Übersetzungen.*
5. *Geliebt: Freundschaft unter den Völkern als große Lions-Tugend.*

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# Jetzt gilt es: Für Unterstützung in LIONS-Europa werben.

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Bitte helft mit.

- *Unterstützung bei der MDV: Voranschreiten und Initiative zeigen statt zaudern und auf andere hoffen.*
- *In Club- und Distrikt-Jumelagen für unseren Antrag werben.*
- *Bei internationalen Einladungen für unseren Antrag werben.*
- *In persönlichen Kontakten den Antrag bekannt machen.*
- *Kopien und Übersetzungen in der Geschäftsstelle anfordern*
- *Demnächst mehr auf der neuen Website*

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