



European Parliament

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Dear President Tajani,

We learned that on Wednesday 21st of February, an event organised by MEP Mario Borghezio within the European Parliament in room PHS1C050 is hosting Gian Marco Concas, a spokesperson of the European anti-migrant network “Generazione identitaria”, a white supremacist group of extreme right, born in France and active in Europe and the USA. He is also the “[technical director](#)” of the naval operation #DefendEurope, conducted against migrants and refugees trying to reach the EU countries.

His network had operated last summer the “C-Star” ship under the project “[Defend Europe](#)”. The ship patrolled the search and rescue area near the Libyan waters with the aim of disrupting the search and rescue interventions of NGOs and bringing people rescued back to Libya. These two aims were breaching international maritime law and the obligation to render assistance to anyone in distress at sea as well as breaching the principle of *non refoulement*. Gian Marco Concas was on board of this boat.

We remind furthermore that Concas’ name is listed in the private security agency “IMI Security Service” official [online facebook group](#). According to [Famiglia Cristiana](#), that same agency informed the Italian military intelligence agency AISE (and later the Italian police in Trapani) about the “suspicious” movements of the German NGO ship “Juventa”, which was later sequestered (the 2nd of August 2017) by the authorities in Trapani. As part of its actions to disrupt humanitarian assistance at sea, the C-star twitter account has also been reporting wrong geolocalisation of the NGO boat “Golfo Azzurro” of Proactiva Open Arms, following an unknown hacking confirmed by engineers. In addition to these actions, the C-star ship prevented on 13 May 2017 the boat “Aquarius” of SOS-Méditerranée and MSF from leaving the harbour of Catania, [which led to an intervention by the Italian coast guards](#). It also [tried to disrupt a SAR operation on 14 August 2017](#) of the boat “Golfo Azzurro” of Open Arms.

Finally, according to an article by [The Guardian](#), the captain and crew of the ship have reportedly been expelled from Cyprus for alleged people-smuggling after 21 south Asians were found onboard: the crew of the C-Star, alongside the ship’s Swiss owner, were accused of fabricating and circulating false documents, but were later released for lack of evidence.

We do not think the European Parliament should allow within its premises the invitation of an individual whose actions aim at openly breaching European and international law and who belongs to an overtly supremacist international grouping of the extreme right. We therefore demand the immediate withdrawal of the authorization to allow any EP room to host such event.

Looking forward to your kind answer,

Yours sincerely,

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