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Vote on Fundamental Rights in Hungary: - extracts from the vote - statement by Rui TAVARES (Greens/EFA, PT), rapporteur EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs EPRef93958 // European Parliament , Brussels, room JAN 2Q2 - 10.30-13.00

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MEPs from the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs voted on a report assessing if constitutional and legislative changes in Hungary - concerning for example media pluralism and the independence of the judiciary - have been in line with EU legislation and European values. The report assessed among others Hungary's media legislation, the independence of the judiciary and the restriction of powers of the constitutional court. Rapporteur Rui (Greens/EFA, PT) warned that unless corrected, the constitutional and legislative changes in Hungary risk seriously breaching European values such as democracy and the rule of law. The report will be debated and voted on during the July plenary

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior view of the European Parliament, Brussels	00:00:05
00:00:10	Libe Committee Chair, Juan Fernando LOPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, SP)calls for the vote on Fundamental Rights in Hungary	00:00:11
00:00:21	Members voting on amendments (3 shots)	00:00:21
00:00:42	Cutaway on EP rapporteur , Rui TAVARES (Greens/EFA, PT) voting	00:00:08
00:00:50	Call for the final vote	00:00:04
00:00:54	FInal vote starts (4 shots)	00:00:09
00:01:03	Results of the vote on screen, 58 voting, 31 in favor, 19 against, 8 abstentions	00:00:07
00:01:10	Cutaway on EP Rapporteur, Rui TAVARES (Greens/EFA, PT)	00:00:09

00:01:19	SOUNDBITE (English) Rui TAVARES (Greens/EFA, PT), rapporteur "What this means is that the European Union not only has some nice values on paper but that also this Civil Liberties Committee of the European Parliament is ready to make good on that promises. In article 2 of the Treaties, it's is the first substantive commitment that the Union makes to its citizens, it says that the Union is founded on the values of democracy , the rule of law , liberty , equality and respect for human rights, including rights of persons belonging to minorities. Some people were saying that this would only be valuable for Union matters, not inside Member states. What we are saying here today, is that it is exactly the opposite , it goes for the Union , it goes for the Member states, it goes for the citizens and when there is a member state , as it is the case in Hungary, that made some substantial systemic changes to its Constitutional and legal and institutional framework , making hundred of decisions in laws in changing and amending the Constitution, 12 times in a new constitution, then already 4 amendment to the Constitution, a fifth one is coming, in all these choices deciding to concentrate powers upon the majority and upon the government and then departing from the values in article 2 , what we say is that the European Institutions have got a particular responsibility to answer to this."	00:01:24
00:02:43	END	00:00:00

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