



The President

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Dear Mr Tommasini,

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2013 seeking the patronage of the European Parliament for the “Contemporary Resistances Festival 2014” that will be held from 25 April to 1 May 2014 in Bolzano.

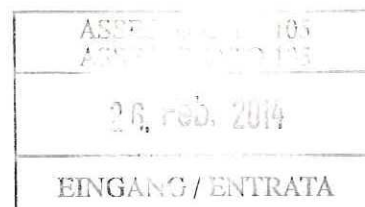
The idea of your initiative, which celebrates the liberation of your country from the Nazi-Fascist regime, honours civil resistance and highlights the importance of respect and acceptance between different cultures, religions and languages, is much appreciated. In this year marked by the European elections<sup>1</sup>, it is very important to raise citizens’ awareness of the common history they share, of the power of dialogue and particularly of the strong meaning of European citizenship.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I grant the European Parliament’s high patronage<sup>2</sup> to your event. As for your kind invitation to attend a public meeting as part of the “Contemporary Resistances Festival”, unfortunately I will be unable to do so owing to a prior engagement.

Please accept my best wishes of success for the festival.

Yours sincerely,

**Martin Schulz**



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