



Today, our thoughts are with the esteemed courageous Hungarian fellow judges, who stand up for independent and impartial justice in their country.

They speak out. And we support them. Independent courts matter. Judicial independence is a bedrock of European civilization.

Attempts to further undermine judicial independence in Hungary should be addressed. When the Rule of Law is under pressure, judges have a duty to speak out. They enjoy freedom of expression and this should be respected by all the powers of a state.

The judges in Hungary need a proper salary, judicial legislation that respects and guarantees the independence of the judiciary at all times.

Judges for Judges fully supports the efforts and challenges of the judges who are demonstrating on the streets of Budapest on 22 February 2025: We stand behind you!

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