

## **B1 Salvini is a Coward**

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Agenda item: B Motions

### **Synopsis**

In the period 1993-2019 at least 36,570 refugee deaths can be attributed to the Fatal Policies of Fortress Europe. People are making the perilous crossing of the mediterranean to escape conflict and to seek a better life.

Far-right politicians across Europe are dividing communities based on race, based on religion, based on birthplace, this is cowardice. In a speech to European Parliament Magid Magid MEP best articulates the sentiment of such cowardice: 'what kind of grown man watches a child drowning, gasping for breath, and turns his back?'. The far-right hide behind lies to mask their racially motivated intent.

But all hope is not lost. Brave humanitarian Europeans are carrying out rescue operations to save refugees, asylum seekers and migrants from peril by carrying out their seafaring duty under international maritime law to save those in distress in the ocean. They are being criminalised for their action by far right governments to suit the intent of their propaganda. Salvini is seeking to prosecute Carole Rackete for doing her duty by saving lives.

- 1 The Young Greens of England & Wales believe that nobody is illegal.
- 2 The Young Greens resolve that far-right politicians peddling hatred of immigrants  
3 for power, like Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, Matteo Salvini, Victor  
4 Orbán, and Marine Le Pen, and their policies are cowards.
- 5 The Young Greens support those who rescue refugees, asylum seekers and migrants  
6 from the mediterranean. Captains like Carola Rackete are heroes and  
7 humanitarians bringing hope out of fear. They are not criminals. We believe  
8 Helping asylum seekers should never be criminalised.