



To: City Council of Bruges

Brussels, 14 April 2023

Honourable Mayor,
Members of the city council,

In the European Capital of Culture selection process, the Commission will appoint a jury and the European Parliament assumes an advisory role. Key goals are the mobilization and the involvement of broad sections of the population in the project and highlighting the common European cultural currents that have influenced the foundation and prosperity of the participating city.

On March 31st the city of Bruges announced the appointment of Dalilla Hermans, a notorious woke activist, to the position of course counsellor in preparing Bruges for the European capital of culture.

In the past, Hermans has denied historical facts and clearly shown she is an activist promoting the destruction of Western society. In addition, she has made remarks which are outright racist. One of her exact quotes reads:

“Throughout history, whites were always on the wrong side. In nearly every story whites brought death, ruin and misery.”

Dalilla Hermans is clearly unfit to lead this project, in one of Flanders most significant heritage cities of worldwide renown, one of the crown jewels of Western civilization! How can she represent a city of which she despises its fabulous heritage?

We call on the city of Bruges to revoke the appointment of Dalilla Hermans.

This appointment has already done enough reputational damage to the open and tolerant city of Bruges. Swift measures need to be taken to restore the values that make Bruges beautiful.

Sincerely,

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