



MEP Maria Carlo Fidanza doesn't like liberals demanding censorship. (Photo by Emanuele Cremaschi/Getty Images)

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Brothers of Italy MEP blasts the European liberal desire to censor Musk and X

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Carlo Fidanza, MEP for the Brothers of Italy Party, has strongly criticised European Union chiefs over their censorship demands regarding X and its owner Elon Musk.

Threats issued by the EU's self-styled "digital enforcer" Thierry Breton did not sit well with Fidanza, who **took to social media** to blast the increasing calls for online censorship originating from EU Liberal politicians.

"A week after EU Commissioner Breton's letter, **disowned** by the European Commission itself, which pre-emptively threatened to shut down X in Europe for 'being guilty' of hosting a dialogue between Elon Musk and Donald Trump, today the so-called 'European liberals' are back on the attack," he wrote.

"Sandro Gozi — former Renzi supporter, now loyal to Macron — ups the ante: 'If Musk doesn't comply with our laws, the EU will shut down X,' he told *La Repubblica*," the MEP continued.

Brussels has denied it had any involvement in a threatening open letter sent by Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton to X-owner Elon Musk. <https://t.co/Z6aFSIPqDc>

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“They are terrified of freedom of expression, allergic to opinions that don’t align with their mainstream, inquisitors of anyone who doesn’t submit to their stifling cloak of conformism. Their false do-goodism now struggles to hide their true nature.”

The Brothers of Italy party, which is part of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) group in the European Parliament, also posted on social media about the issue.

“Freedom of expression is sacred and any attempt to curb it through pressure or threats is an attack on democracy,” the party said.

“The statements of Sandro Gozi, secretary of the European Democratic Party, are simply unacceptable.”

On August 13, European Commissioner Thierry Breton threatened to ban X in Europe if Musk refused to enforce EU-backed censorship rules under the Digital Services Act (DSA) during his then-forthcoming interview with former US president Donald Trump.

On August 19, Sandro Gozi, a senior EU representative for French President Emmanuel Macron’s Ensemble coalition, **backed** the demand from Breton, telling the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* that X “must respect the DSA directive on disinformation and incitement to hatred” or face prohibition.

La libertà di espressione è sacra e ogni tentativo di imbrigliarla attraverso pressioni o minacce è un attacco alla democrazia

Le affermazioni di Sandro Gozi, segretario del Partito Democratico Europeo, sono semplicemente inaccettabili.