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The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), and the European Parliament hosted the webinar: **European solidarity in action: the future of the European Union on Tuesday 21 December 2021, 13:30-15:00 CET.**

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the European Union, its member states and neighbouring countries is the latest stress test on Europe's solidarity. After initial failures to respond to the COVID-19, the EU bounced back and is currently playing a key role in the management of, and the recovery from, the pandemic. Its future is shaped by actions the member states are willing to take individually and collectively in the months and years to come. What are the key political trends shaping the debate on EU solidarity and the future of Europe, across Europe? How is EU solidarity perceived in Italy, Finland, and Brussels? These questions were discussed by a number of leading European researchers and practitioners. The event was attended by 69 participants.

Opening words: **Michael Kaeding**, Jean Monnet Professor, University of Duisburg-Essen, and former TEPSA Chairman

Speakers:

- **Katarina Barley**, Vice-President, European Parliament
- **Henna Virkkunen**, Member of European Parliament
- **Eleonora Poli**, Associate Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali
- **Juha Jokela**, Programme Director, FIIA, and member of the board of TEPSA

Moderator: **Jarmo Oikarinen**, Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Finland

This event took place in the framework of the upcoming publication of TEPSA's new book: "Solidarity in Action and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals", which will focus on solidarity in action and is edited by Michael Kaeding, Johannes Pollak, and Paul Schmidt. Coming soon via [Springer](#).