



Social Democratic Party of Lithuania

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Dear Olaf,

allow me to congratulate you and the entire SPD on your electoral victory. What an incredible campaign you managed to bring to life! After 16 years of conservative chancellorship the time has finally come for a Social Democrat at the helm of the country and I am sure that you and your team will do an incredible job in keeping Germany economically, politically and socially strong, where people, not corporations, get the most of occurring growth.

We were watching the election campaign with great interest and could only agree with the public on who performed the best in the televised debates. Surely this victory will silence the critics and all those who were saying that the time of Social Democratic politics is long gone, that we are irrelevant in the modern world. No, quite the opposite, especially with the climate change, rising inequality worldwide, digitalization, Covid-19 and other challenges.

Some are saying that the golden age of Germany is now behind her. I do not support this view. Everyone in our ranks is sure that your country will continue to improve at the same time setting a good example for the entire European Union and countries beyond. There simply is no other way especially when you have such a strong family at your side in the PES.

I am looking forward to working very closely with you and your colleagues both on bilateral and European levels. We have a historic opportunity to enact change all over Europe. Let's not waste this chance, seize it and show to everyone, that Social Democrats are responsible, able and better than anyone understand the challenges so many people face today. Let's show that we know how to deal with these tasks and preserve our planet for future generations.

Best of luck in forming the ruling coalition.

In solidarity,

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