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## Day of remembrance for Covid-19 victims: closeness of European institutions. Sassoli, “we must remain united in the pandemic”.

The European institutions, too, show their closeness to Italy that is celebrating the national day of remembrance for Covid-19 victims today. “A year ago, the devastating images of Bergamo, a pain impossible to forget”, the President of the European Parliament, David Sassoli, wrote in a tweet. “Today, my heartfelt thoughts go to all the victims of Covid-19, their families and their loved ones. It is for them that we must remain united in the fight against the pandemic”.

Un anno fa le devastanti immagini di Bergamo, un dolore impossibile da dimenticare.

Oggi, il mio commosso pensiero va a tutte le vittime del Covid, alle loro famiglie e ai loro cari. È per loro che dobbiamo restare uniti nella lotta alla pandemia. [#GiornataNazionale #18marzo](#) — David Sassoli (@EP\_President) [March 18, 2021](#)

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen also expressed her closeness on this “day of silence and remembrance”: “Our thoughts go to all those who have left us this year”, the president wrote in Italian. And she added: “The European family stands by Italy: we will overcome this together”.

Oggi è la giornata del silenzio e del ricordo.

Nella [#GiornataNazionale](#) ?? dedicata alle vittime del [#COVID19](#), i nostri pensieri vanno a tutti quelli che ci hanno lasciato in questo anno. La famiglia ?? resta al fianco dell'?? - ne usciremo insieme. [pic.twitter.com/GzPbS0fmYM](https://pic.twitter.com/GzPbS0fmYM) — Ursula von der Leyen (@vonderleyen) [March 18, 2021](#)

Even the President of the European Council, Charles Michel, expressed his closeness “to all Italians” in a tweet. He wrote in Italian: “My heart is in Bergamo, where celebrations are being held today to mark the first National Day in memory of Covid-19 victims”. “Together we will win this long battle”, he encouraged.

Con il cuore a Bergamo ?? dove hanno luogo oggi le celebrazioni per la prima Giornata nazionale in memoria delle vittime del [#COVID19](#)

Vinceremo insieme questa lunga battaglia. My thoughts are with all Italians on National Day of mourning for COVID-19 victims [#StrongerTogether](#) [pic.twitter.com/n2H8GwSJhr](https://pic.twitter.com/n2H8GwSJhr) — Charles Michel (@eucopresident) [March 18, 2021](#)

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