

MP Orla Hav, Speech at IPU 139 - the General debate

Thank you. Dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen

A good connection between science and politics is a precondition for a better, more peaceful and fair world.

Politics without science doesn't work.

Science without politics doesn't work either.

Unfortunately, the world has witnessed many examples of in-human politics based on certain scientific methods and sources favoring specific political viewpoints.

At the same time, we have seen examples of scientific developments without any consideration to ethical norms, environmental perspectives or political viewpoints.

Science, facts and political viewpoints must supplement each other. Together science and politics creates the basic conditions for future generations.

The world is facing a global climate crisis. To save the earth for future generations it is very important to use scientific based facts to deal with the greatest challenge ever for mankind.

As political decision-makers we must choose sustainable solutions to the benefit of a good balance between the environment and different ways of living.

We already know that big central solutions is not necessary. It is possible to create decentralized decisions close to the populations in small societies.

Parts of the world are rich on lots of sunshine. That should be used to create energy to prices ordinary households can afford.

Other parts of the world are rich of a lot of wind power there can be used to create energy to affordable prices. Today windmills are available in many sizes. It is possible to choose the right ones to cities of different sizes without increased urbanization or centralization.

These two examples serve to illustrate how we should choose the right technological solutions so it contributes to a sustainable world.

Economic science is also an important tool we can benefit from. International trade agreements must take seriously the interests of the weak part. If not, there is a serious risk that the living conditions for large parts of the world population would be undermined and we will face large, unpredictable waves of migration.

The way we produce food has also to be taken into consideration. Food production situated close to the consumers can reduce expenses as well as the negative impact on the environment.

Let me conclude by making it clear that there is no alternative to choose the right, sustainable solutions. Plan B doesn't exist. We have just one world and we have to take good care of it.