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Brussels, June 5 (RHC)-- A leading figure in Alternative for Germany, tipped for victory in a German election this week, Gunnar Beck is attacking the EU's "deeply dangerous" migration pact before it's enacted under cover of a feelgood summer.

As Germany's 'super election year' focuses on the state of Saxony-Anhalt this Sunday, the disruptors in the nation's biggest opposition party, Alternative für Deutschland (AfD), are poised for a shock win as its anti-immigration message resonates in the heartlands of former East Germany.

Sitting top of the most recent INSA opinion poll with 26% and having just announced its two lead candidates for September's federal elections – both supporters of a hard line on immigration – AfD is not about to soften its message.

Senior AfD figure and Euro MP Gunnar Beck said a strong election result would prove a useful weapon in his party's battle against the European Union's controversial proposed Pact on Migration and Asylum that looks to enlist its members in a centrally-run redistribution of asylum seekers across the bloc.

"I have myself been working on the EU migration pact for some time and for me the enactment of such a pact would be disastrous," Beck told RT.com. "Because the EU not too long ago was talking about importing up to 70 million Africans into Europe by 2035. In my humble opinion this is not what we need to modernise our economy.

"And while the figure seems high, when the members of our migration pact campaign - including delegates from Denmark, Estonia, France and Belgium – met with the Commission just last year, that migration figure was brought up but no one at the Commission chose to deny it. "

That suggestion of actively encouraging inward migration to the EU has been floating around Brussels for a while, as governments across the bloc look at ways to address the phenomenon known as the 'greying of Europe' where ageing populations aged 65 or older and low birthrates pose 'considerable social, economic and political challenges in countries such as Germany and Italy' according to the Pew Research Center, a Washington-based think tank.

Some politicians, such as former European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker believe an influx of younger workers from Africa is the solution. Meanwhile, the migration pact currently appears stuck in parliamentary committees, the received wisdom is that it's being deliberately stalled until the outcome of the German federal elections is known in September.

Beck suggests an alternative reason for the unusual delay. "It's not gone through all the committees in the European Parliament and the negotiations of the Council [of Europe] haven't started but I think the EU would like to push the legislation through from July onwards," he said.

"Now that all the countries are phasing out the lockdown and people are generally feeling better about themselves and able to leave their homes again. So the possibility is that they'll try to use the general feelgood atmosphere – summer combined with corona relaxations – to push ahead with this deeply dangerous legislative package," Beck said.

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