



The Appeal “Another Road for Europe”
invites civil society organisations, social movements, networks, Trade Unions and political forces
to a one-day discussion at the European Parliament in Brussels
on the ways out of the European crisis.

Forum
Another Road for Europe
June 28, 2012, h.9.00 -18.30, European Parliament, Brussels
Place de Luxembourg,
Building Altiero Spinelli, 3rd floor, section G, room n.3 (ASP 3G3).

Participant organisations

Active Citizenship Network, Altramente, Arci, Attac France, Attac Germany, Attac Finland, Corporate Europe Observatory, Economistes Atterrés, Euromemorandum, European Alternatives, European Anti-Poverty Network, European Federalist Movement, Fiom-Cgil, Green European Foundation, il Manifesto, Joint Social Conference, New Economics Foundation, OpenDemocracy.net, Red Pepper, Rete@sinistra, Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung, Sbilanciamoci!, Social Watch Italian coalition, Soundings, Transform! Europe, Transnational Institute

Presentation of the event

Many appeals, texts, proposals are being launched about the future of Europe and about the way out of the crisis. The aim of this event is to contribute to open up a debate at the European level between activists, experts, political forces and policy makers on the viable actions that European and national institutions, political forces and social organisations can take to move beyond neoliberal policies, and towards a sustainable and democratic Europe, free from discriminations and inequalities. This initiative is part of a range of activities that are being organised at the European level on alternatives to the crisis. We propose to organise the meeting around three issues (Macroeconomic policies and finance, Green New Deal and employment, Democracy) and to have a first, informal exchange of views on the most relevant policy proposals, in order to be able to understand which are those around which we could build a common approach and, if possible, future common or coordinated actions. Each session will be introduced by speakers from civil society organisations and experts’ networks who will summarise the proposals that have emerged on each topic, opening up a discussion with activists, representatives of different political forces and Members of the European Parliament. The aim is to contribute to the emergence of shared proposals for alternative policies at the European and national levels. Participants will include a wide range of civil society organisations, networks, Trade Unions, experts and intellectuals, as well as the progressive political forces in the European Parliament.

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Room ASP 3G3

*Languages of the Forum: English, French, Italian with simultaneous translation;
German will be translated in the three other languages.*

Programme

9.00 Opening: Isabelle Durant, vice-president of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA);
Rossana Rossanda (il Manifesto)

9.15-11.45

1. Taming finance

The euro, financial markets, debt and fiscal policies

Chair: Mario Pianta (Sbilanciamoci!)

Opening and review of alternative proposals (10 min)

Introductory Remarks: Trevor Evans (Euromemorandum) (10 min)

Proposals from activists and experts (7 min. each):

Dany Lang (Economistes atterrés), Ronald Janssen (ETUC), Andrea Della Vecchia (Joint Social Conference), Steffen Stierle (Attac Germany), Antonio Tricarico (Re:Common), Corporate Europe Observatory, Andrew Simms (New Economics Foundation), Andrea Baranes (Fondazione Responsabilità Etica), Klaus Sühl (Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung).

Members of the European Parliament and political forces (7 min. each):

Leonardo Dominici (Socialists and Democrats), Liem Hoang Ngoc (Socialists and Democrats, France), Jürgen Klute (European United Left, Germany), Philippe Lamberts (Greens/EFA, Belgium), Patrick Le Hyaric (European United Left, France), Gianni Pittella, vice-president of the European Parliament (Socialists and Democrats)

Discussion

11.45-13.00

2. Avoiding a great depression

A green new deal, employment, ecological conversion and common goods

Chair: Dany Lang (Economistes atterrés)

Opening and review of alternative proposals (10 min)

Introductory Remarks: Pascal Petit (Université Paris 13) (10 min)

Proposals from activists and experts (7 min. each):

Sarah King (ETUC), Maurizio Landini (Fiom-Cgil), Etienne Lebeau (Joint Social Conference), Giulio Marcon (Sbilanciamoci!), Thomas Coutrot (Attac France), Pierre Jonckheer (Green

European Foundation), Sian Jones (European Anti-Poverty Network), Mariya Ivancheva (European Alternatives Bulgaria), Tommaso Fattori (Water campaign), Jason Nardi (Social Watch Italian coalition)

Members of the European Parliament and political forces (7 min. each):
Nikolas Chountis (European United Left, Greece), Stefano Fassina (Partito Democratico, Italy),
Sven Gieglod (Greens/EFA, Germany), Marisa Matias (European United Left, Portugal), Nichi Vendola (Sinistra Ecologia Libertà, Italy).

Discussion

lunch break and press conference

15.00-17.30

3. A democratic Europe

Participation and decision making at European level

Chair: Monica Frassoni (European Green Party)
Opening and review of alternative proposals (10 min)

Introductory Remarks: Rossana Rossanda (Il Manifesto),
Susan George (Attac France and Transnational Institute) (10 min each)

Proposals from activists and experts (7 min. each):
Rosemary Bechler (Open Democracy), Pier Virgilio Dastoli (European Movement-Permanent Forum of Civil Society), Philippe Pochet (ETUI), Hilary Wainwright (Red Pepper, UK), Fabienne Orsi (Economistes Atterrés), Franco Carminati (Joint Social Conference), Massimo Torelli (Rete@sinistra), Daniel Seco/Sergi Diaz (15M movement, Barcelona), Lorenzo Marsili (European Alternatives), Tamsin Murray-Leach/Sean Deel (London School of Economics), Raffaella Bolini (Arci), Roberto Musacchio (former MEP), Walter Baier (Transform! Europe).

Members of the European Parliament (7 min. each):
Isabelle Durant (Greens/EFA), Paul Murphy (European United Left Ireland),
Rui Tavares (Greens/EFA), Gabi Zimmer (President, European United Left, Germany)

Discussion

17.30-18.30

Conclusions and proposals for action

with summaries of proposals from the Chairs
and discussion on the ways ahead and on future European initiatives

Important: registration and access

Participants and speakers have to register in order to have access to the European Parliament.

All participants MUST REGISTER by the 23rd of June 2012

by sending an e-mail to

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with the following information:

- 1) Name and surname, 2) Date of birth, 3) Country of residence and address,
- 4) Number of a valid document (passport, national ID, etc.).