

TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE EUROPE



**“O povo
é quem mais
ordena”**

*“Only the people rule”,
Grandola vila morena,
song from the Carnation
Revolution in Portugal)
European elections from
the 19th to the 25th of
May: have your say!*

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Europe can no longer carry on as it is!

Anger is running high amongst the peoples of Europe and legitimately so. The European treaties; founded on the principles of competitiveness, competition, deregulations and liberalisations, and the role played by the European central bank and the Euro, that are the exclusive service of the financial markets, impede social progress in Europe. The financial crisis has been used as a pretext so as to impose barbaric austerity plans, reduce our salaries and pensions, as well as to destroy public services and privatise everything. The result of this has been, soaring unemployment and precariousness, and life becoming ever harder.

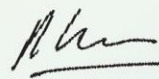
**Coming out of austerity and re-founding Europe:
yes, it is possible!**

Allowing Europe to plunge ever deeper into the pit of austerity would be criminal. However, allowing a break up of Europe to thereby find ourselves back in a war of Nations and peoples, and in the grasp of a nationalist and xenophobic resurgence, is not the answer either. We propose another path: that of the re-establishment of Europe based on a new ambition of cooperation and solidarity so as to place social and ecological development at the centre of European politics, to take back power over finance, build democracy and increase our collective rights, those of every single man and woman.

**Make the European Left the pleasant surprise to come out
of the elections!**

Parties who enforce austerity make out that they oppose each other, however, they are already sharing out responsibilities amongst themselves so as to implement the same politics. By voting for the candidates of the European Left in our own countries and with Alexis Tsipras's candidacy to the Presidency of the European commission, you can say no to austerity and yes to a project of solidarity for Europe. Together, we can be the pleasant surprise to come out of the European elections and empower the struggles of citizens, workers, trade unionists, social movements, young people, women, and human rights activists within the European Parliament.




Pierre Laurent

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EUROPEAN ELECTIONS
From 19 to 25 May:
EXPRESS YOURSELF!

PUT A STOP TO AUSTERITY; invest in employment and public services

Austerity policies destroy public services and jobs, increase public debt and place the flags of our economies at half mast. For people - particularly young people and women - the future holds nothing but unemployment, precariousness and difficulty trying to make it to the end of each month. We have to put a stop to this disaster .

We propose the following:

- ✗ A European Convention that seeks the writing off of part of the public debt.
- ✗ A European investment plan for public services and industry in order to recreate jobs and initiate a transition towards sustainable modes of production.
- ✗ In order to support this plan, the creation of a European solidarity development fund financed by the European central bank, tax on financial transactions and a portion of EU budget.
- ✗ We want an upward harmonisation in order to achieve decent minimum wages.

8 million young people are unemployed en Europe! That's enough! They found 1000 billion Euros to save the banks; the same amount needs to be put into employment and public services!



In Europe, 585 000 people are ill as a result of carbon emissions and air pollution (WHO). Across the world, numbers of climate refugees could reach 150 million by 2050. Let us breathe!

Fight for the ecosystem, FIGHT FOR OUR LIVES!

There is only one ecosystem European Union's environmental policy cannot be one that gives people the right to pollute, on the contrary, we need to make ecological transition a priority that is inseparable from that of addressing social needs.

We propose the following:

- ✗ The redirection and relocation of industrial production to

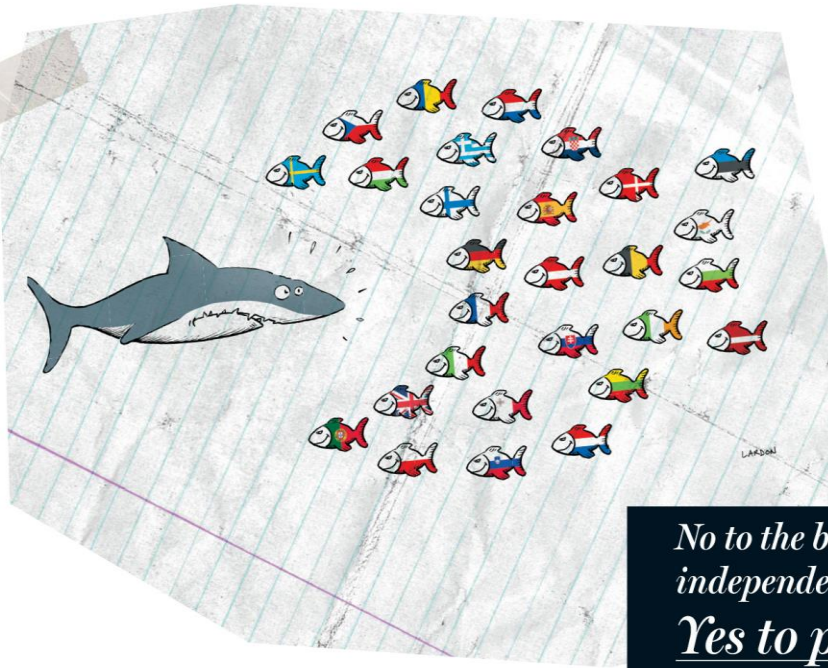
Europe and the development of short circuits.

- ✗ To fight against climate change by developing truly renewable energies and energy savings and through the development of public transport.
- ✗ That the Paris 2015 climate summit has to come up with clear goals and mandatory measures

- ✗ To guarantee food sovereignty and develop environmentally and economically sustainable agriculture.

- ✗ To reject privatisation of natural resources and make resources, energy production and distribution, public. We support the European citizens' Rights 2 Water initiative.

Power to the people, NOT TO THE MARKETS



We want a democratic Europe where the peoples are consulted about the major issues that affect them.

✗ Power should return to the hands of elected assemblies and citizens through the development of methods of direct intervention.

✗ At the economic level, decisions should not be dictated by finance that is why we reject European Commission supervision of national budgets and the independence of the European Central Bank.

No to the budgetary treaty, the troika and EBC independence No to market dictatorship!

Yes to popular sovereignty and democracy!

FOR A EUROPE **of freedom and rights**

Our aim is to guarantee the fundamental human rights of all European men and women, particularly the most vulnerable, to health, housing, a pension, education and culture, free from gender or religious discrimination. This can only be brought about through public services and social security systems that are run publicly and/or in cooperation with non-profit associations.



We give birth, we decide!

The right to abortion is under threat in Spain and banned in other countries. The Party of the European Left is launching a large scale campaign for the right to legal and free abortion throughout Europe.

For fair trade WITH THE
REST OF THE WORLD

Free-trade gives all power to transnational companies and to so called «economic partnership» agreements thereby destroying national economies. A policy of solidarity and cooperation should be set up with Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. New relationships should be conducted with all parties on an equal footing and outside the context of free trade agreements. We are in favour of the development of a short-circuit of development, production and consumption and fair trade.

Destabilisation of our industries, cultures and agriculture with the arrival into Europe of products that do not comply with our social or environmental standards, private arbitration tribunals.

No to the Large transatlantic market!



There is no reason to allow those who enforce austerity to monopolise European debate. The Party of the European Left puts forward Alexis Tsipras as its candidate for the Presidency of the European Commission in order to come together against austerity and promote a re-founding of Europe based on the principle of solidarity.

For a Europe of PEACE

The European Union can be a very strong tool for cooperation amongst the peoples of the world. That calls for a break with Atlanticist policies, the exit of NATO and vis-à-vis the USA. European foreign policy should be based on international law so as to contribute to the resolution of conflicts through multilateralism and the search for political solutions. We want a Europe that ensures respect for the rights of migrants, the right to asylum, the right to schooling and the right to work.

500 deaths in Lampedusa, inhumane treatment in Farmakonisi, 20 000 deaths in the Mediterranean since 1993! Abolition of Frontex in favor of migrants' rights!



Here: City Spanish enclave of Melilla

*Europe should
not be a fortress!*

13 proposals:

A MANDATE FOR HOPE AND CHANGE

- 1.** The democratic reorganisation of Europe.
- 2.** Put an end to austerity.
- 3.** Implement an environmental transformation of methods of production.
- 4.** Reform the European framework for immigration.
- 5.** A « New Deal » for Europe.
- 6.** Increase credit for small and medium sized enterprises.
- 7.** To win the battle against unemployment.
- 8.** Suspend the new European tax framework.
- 9.** A genuine Central Bank for Europe.
- 10.** A macro-economic re-adjustment.
- 11.** A « Glasse-Steagall Act » for Europe.
- 12.** An effective European legislation to tax offshore economic and entrepreneurial activities, in tax havens.
- 13.** A European conference on debt.

Full details of the proposals at
<http://www.alexistsipras.eu/>

