

At the First ESF

Call of the European Social Movement and Agenda of campaigns

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Here are the Call of the european social movements and the agenda which was decided upon in the Assembly of the 10th of November 2002 in Florence.

Call of the European Social Movements

We have come together from the social and citizens movements from all the regions of Europe, East and West, North and South. We have come together through a long process: the demonstrations of Amsterdam, Seattle, Prague, Nice, Gothenburg, Genoa, Brussels, Barcelona, the big mobilisations against neoliberalism as well as the general strikes for the defence of social rights and all the mobilisations against war, show the will to build an other Europe. At the global level we recognise the Charter of Principles of the WSF and the call of the social movements of Porto Alegre.

We have gathered in Florence to express our opposition to a European order based on corporate power and neoliberalism. This market model leads to constant attacks on the conditions and rights of workers, social inequalities, and oppression of ethnic minorities, and social exclusion of the unemployed and migrants. It leads to environmental degradation, privatisation and job insecurity. It drives powerful countries to try and dominate the economies of weaker countries, often to deny them real self determination. Once more it is leading to war.

We have come together to strengthen and enlarge our alliances because the construction of another Europe and another world is now urgent. We seek to create a world of equality, social rights and respect for diversity, a world in which education, fair jobs, healthcare and housing are rights for all, with the right to consume safe food products produced by farmers and peasants, a world without poverty, without sexism and oppression of women, without racism, and without homophobia. A world that puts people before profits. A world without war.

We have come together to discuss alternatives but we must continue to enlarge our networks and to plan the campaigns and struggles that together can make this different future possible. Great movements and struggles have begun across Europe: the European social movements are representing a new and concrete possibility to build up another Europe for another world. We commit ourselves to enlarge our networks for the next year in the following mobilisations and campaigns:

Against neoliberalism

- the campaign for the abolition of the third world debt. For the full abolition of the exterior public debt of the third world, against the policies of 'structural adjustment' and the conditions imposed by the World bank and the IMF. With the people from the south we ask: 'Who owes what to whom?' We claim reparations for the pillage of the third world. Deadlines: WB and IMF-meetings in April 2003 in Washington; the G8 in Evian in June 2003 (CADTM-international, RCADE, Jubilee South, Friends of the Earth, CNCD);
- the international mobilisation against the World Economic Forum in Davos: demonstration in Davos on 25/1/2003; conference « Public eye on Davos » (23-27/1/2003); conference « Autre Davos » à Zurich (23.1.2003) (La coalition d'Olten)
- a campaign against the Olympic games in Athens 2004 (network of the social rights, campaign against 2004). Anti2004 yahoogroups.com
hlios central.ntua.gr
- to support the mobilisation of the « International Coalition for just and effective drug policies » at the UN 16-17 April Vienna meeting on drugs.
www.fuoriluogo.it
- for the political and practical promotion of the international eco-language of Esperanto, more particularly by using it in the internet and in publications, as a means of building a European and worldwide citizenship. Write to Lapo.Orlandi linguainternazionale.it

Against the war

- the call on the movements and citizens of Europe to:
- organising massive opposition to an attack on Iraq starting now;
- if war starts to protest and organise actions immediately and call for national demonstrations the next saturday;
- to start organising enourmous anti war demonstrations in every capitals on February 15th
- to build a European network to coordinate anti war campaigns to meet in Copenhagen on Dec 15: (European Social Movements)
- the campaign, in the perspective of the disarmament of Europe, against the military basis in Europe and against military expenses, to invest in social needs (Bastaguerra, Italia) ;
- the campaign for the full recognition of the right to conscientious objection to military service, and the release of all imprisoned conscientious objectors in the Balkans (Initiative for the Greek Social Forum, Initiative for economic democracy - Yugoslavia);
- the campaign against militarism and NATO, against its enlargement and

reinforcement in the name of « combating terrorism », and for its dissolution. Nato out of Balkan. European days of action during NATO-summits: 20/11/2002 (Prague), 6-7/2/2003 (Munich) (Balkan Anti-NATO center, Anti War Coalition - Germany, Pacifists of Sibiv, Youth Action for Peace, Greek Peace Movement, .);

- Process for a European-Palestinian-Israeli network « Stop the occupation - Two peoples two states - Actions for Peace », civil missions for population's protection, against international rights' violation, participation in the Social Forum in Palestine (december 2002). (Action for Peace and many other European networks involved in the civil mission in Palestine)
- to organise a European network in solidarity with the Palestinian people. Support to the Intifada, to stop Israelian occupation, for a just peace, the return of the refugees, the dismantling of all colonies, the creation of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as capital. To send international delegations, to boycott Iraelian products and for braking up economic and trade relations between the UE and Israel, to support progressive and secular Palestinian forces, freedom for prisoners like Marwan Barghouti and Ahmed Saadat (organisations participating in the seminar Palestine at the FSE)
- V Assembly of the United Nations of People, 6/12 of October 2003 (Tavola della Pace)
- March Perugia-Assisi for peace, 12th of October 2003 (Tavola della Pace)
- the campaign in solidarity with the Kurdish people. For a right to asylum and to a secure return for Kurdish refugees (campaign Malli Gulù). No Turkish membership of the EU without a general amnesty, the end of the state of emergency and the emergence of real pluralism, the ending of the project of building dams on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the free return of all refugees and the rebuilding of the thousands of devastated villages. Support to the European-Mediterranean encounter in Dyarbakir on Newroz 21.3.2003, and to the candidature of Dyarbakir for hosting the FSE (ICS, Azad, Uiki, Attac CT, Ciss-Cepir PA, CISCASE, Comitati Kurdistan di Firenze, Alessandria e Sardegna, Assopace, Naga Mi, Rete No Global Napoli, Dip. To Immigrazione PRC, Giuristi Democratici, S.in.Cobas).
- Massive delegation to Diyarbakir on 21th of March, Newroz, and euromediterranean meeting for peace at Diyarbakir on September 2003 (Azad, ICS, Assopace and others);
- the campaign to support the social movements in Colombia against the systematic violations of human rights by the State and the multinational corporations : International tribunal of opinion « Sur de Bolivar » (march 2003); international boycott of Coca-Cola (starting on 22 July 2003);

Against racism

- the common campaigns we discussed at the final common meeting on racism at the FSE:
- for the right to migrate and for the free circulation of people;
- for the permanent regularisation of migrants who are established on a stable basis in Europe;
- full guaranty of the right to asylum and harmonisation of the European policies to the most favourable existing level;
- European citizenship of residence, not linked to nationality, with voting

rights in local and European elections;
A European meeting will be organised to go on with the coordination in February 2003.

(Present at the meeting: Tavolo Migranti du Forum Social Italien; Globalise resistance (GB); Collectif de Saint Denis (F); Droits Devants (F); No Border (G); Attac (G); ENAR; Comitato Immigranti (I); SOS Racisme Portugal; Com. To Defend Asylum seekers (GB); Fasti (F); Gisti (F); The Voice; Sans Papiers (F); and many, many others).

- The campaigns of the French social movements, discussed in a specific seminar at the ESF:
 - for the regularisation of all undocumented people in Europe ;
 - for a European citizenship of residence ;
 - against the actual draft of the project of a European regulation on family regroupment;
 - to suppress visa for a short stay ;
- (Ligue des droits de l'homme, Fidh-Ae, Espace Marx, Forum Social de Marseille)

Against sexism and homophobia

- Organisation of the first Women Social Forum, as a day of debate and struggle, the weekend before the secondo ESF (World March of Women)
- gender/feminist international conference: focus on women and globalisation. 18-21 settembre 2003 in Austria (Feminist-Attac Austria in cooperation with others Attac);
- Campaign against traffic of women and slavery of women by organised crime (World March of Women);

For rights and for another Europe

Social and citizenship rights

- the initiative for a European network of precarious workers and an european day of action against job insecurity (ATTAC Italy, Ac, Collettivi Stud., S.in.Cobas, Giovani Comunisti, Euromarches and others);
- The campaign, during the constitutional process of the European Union, to fight for our social rights:
- to claim that the constitutional texts the European Union is preparing to adopt at the European Summits of Thessalonica (June 2003) and Rome (December 2003), guaranty our social rights, lacking in the European Charter of fundamental rights adopted at the Nice-EU-summit;
- to claim that inside the European Union, one of the richest parts of the world, every man and women should have a living income, according to the wealth of the country, equal to at least 50% of the national product per inhabitant;
- to engage in a broad discussion to define a common Charter of social rights and citizenship;

The main initiatives:

- March 2003, Brussels : first European assembly for a European Charter of social rights and citizenship : define the principles of the Charter, define the process of further elaboration, popularise it and to mobilise to realise

it;

- March - December 2003: a campaign of « books of demands », between march 2003, end of the European Convention, and December 2003, the IGC in Rome, to give those from below the possibility to express their suffering, their aspirations and their claims;

- 2003: a European day of action, against unemployment, insecure labour and exclusion;

- • 2003 - 2004 towards the European elections: a European march of the have-nots (unemployed, undocumented people, homeless people, migrants, poor, people without land.).

(Euromarches, Carta Catalan, AC, Apeis, MNCP, Altri, Habitat, Collettivi Sud, S.in.Cobas, GC, CCDF and many others)

- the initiative for a trans-European network of homeless and migrants (habitat);

- the campaign against sweatshops. World day of mobilisation on the 8th of march (international women's day);

Public services, common goods

- the building of a European network to exchange experiences and analyses, to discuss alternatives, and to prepare important mobilisations, in function of the negotiations inside the WTO or when the European Commission will publish in spring its Green book on public services (Attac Italia, Attac France, Attac Suisse, Attac Austria, Espace Marx, Collectif Services Publics France, World Development Movement, Globalise Resistance, Funzione Pubblica/CGIL, CUB);

- the GATS-campaign: a campaign to stop the liberalisation of services, with a next deadline in march 2003, when the European Commission will make public its proposals for the GATS-talks. Mobilisations in all countries on 13.3.2002, mobilisation in front of the 'committee 133' in Brussels.

Discussion on bigger demonstration still going on ('From Seattle to Brussels', and other networks);

- Resistance to privatisations: Rights in Movement network of local groups (ATTAC Italy and others);

- the building of a European network for another health, not alone to resist but to reinforce the struggle of the health workers and of the social movements who are active on this issue. Meeting in Paris on 15.2.2003 (Ass. Italiana Esposti Amianto, Attac Germany, Attac Italy, Cobas Sanita Italie, Collectif Travail Santé Mondialisation Genève, Coordination Santé Grèce, CUB/RdB Italy, FADSP Spain, Forum per la difesa della salute Lombardia, IAC Catalunya, Medicina Democratica - Movimento di lotta per la salute, Lica Cedius);

- campaign to defend a free, open and secular education, financed by the state. Education has a fundamental role of fostering social change: against the neoliberal attacks, privatisation and commodification. Education for all, democratisation of the education system, and no education in GATS (the different seminars on education at the SFE);

- day of action around the 13th of march 2003 against the commodification of education and for the rights of students. Join us! (seminary at the ESF of students)

Agriculture

- the campaigns for:
- reaffirming food sovereignty: the right to decide what to produce and what to eat. For another European agricultural policy, in the interests of society, keeping the rural world alive, with many farmers;
- genetically manipulated organisms (GMO): for a moratorium on cultures; zero tolerance for the contamination of seeds; no GMO's in food; no patents on living creatures;
- no repression, freedom of union organisation; no jailing of José Bové;
(Coordination Paysanne Européenne (CPE) / Via Campesina - Food sovereignty: a future world without hunger)

Ecology

- for the building of a European network with the goal of « zero waste ». For an annual European day of action for clean production, for the prolongation of the life cycle of products, and against the solution of burning waste. For a permanent network to debate and to intervene on the theme of the territory, as a point of convergence of different problematics : transport, harmful productive cycles, waste, the cycle of water. For the full text, write to faber.b@libero.it

Democracy

- the European Social Consulta (ESC): a process of direct democracy, under construction. To connect day to day-issues with global struggles. Local debates and mass based participation will allow people to make proposals about which Europe we want (www.consultaeuropea.org).
- campaign for another Europe : to organise a real public citizen debate, to create a participatory constitutional process. The results will be transmitted to the Parliament 2004, that has to elaborate a European constitution: coordination of initiatives, process of debates around proposals, common centre of resources (alleanza per un mondo responsabile, plurale e solidale, FPH). manola@fph.fr
- a campaign to affirm the universal rights for all (women, man, migrants,...); to delegitimise the European Convention the governments control the decision making about the Constitution; for a democratic constitutional body; to reaffirm the neutrality of the State in matters of religion (Giuristi democratici, CRED);

28-29-30/11/2003, Barcelona: Social Forum of the Mediterranean: to promote the building of bridges of dialogue between the peoples and the cultures living in this region, to favour a debate on alternatives for the specific problems that concern the citizenship at both sides of the Mediterranean (more than 80 organisations from the Spanish state, Foros of Basilicata, Palermo, Ambientalista de Italia, organisations from North Africa).

All together we will support the mobilisations against the G8 in Evian (June 2003), against the commodification of the world during the WTO-summit in Cancun, and for another Europe during the European Summits in Copenhagen (December 2002), Thessalonica (June 2003) and Rome (December 2003).