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From strategies to actions for another Europe

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The European Social Forum (ESF) is by far the largest European space for organisations, movements, networks and individuals engaged in building a more sustainable, democratic and equitable society. Tens of thousands of activists and a broad range of organisations come together to share experiences, debate ideas - and not the least to formulate proposals and to build new alliances for mobilisation and effective action. ESF is about changing Europe - not merely to contemplate the situation of today. Among the participants are trade unions, migration networks, environmental organisations, feminist organisations, the global justice movement, peace networks, human rights organisations, academics, youth organisations - and many more.

ESF is the regional counterpart of World Social Forum. It was first held in Florence 2002, lastly in Athens 2006. Together the forums have been attended by over 150 000 participants and joined thousands of organizations and networks determined to make another Europe possible.

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> European Social Forum in Malmö, 17-21 September 2008**

The Nordic organising committee welcomes you to Malmö, southern Sweden. Scandinavia, with its tradition of peoples' movements, relative gender justice and a strong welfare state - all under fire from neoliberalism and corporate driven globalisation - will clearly be a new inspiring environment for the ESF.

During four days there will be workshops, seminars, debates, manifestations, films, music, art - and a lot of room for strategic thinking and alliance building. Minimum 20.000 people are expected. Reversing growing inequalities in and between European countries, seriously combating climate change, decent labour laws, public services for all, real migrants rights, real European democracy, gender justice, changing Europe's global agenda. The list can be made much longer - and the tasks are urgent.

But the opportunity is also there. We know that strong alliances of European movements and organisations can and will change the path of Europe.

Six years after the first ESF Malmö will provide for a new energy kick for the forum. Take the chance to be part of the process, forming the strategies and actions for another Europe!

## **How?**

The forum is by large constructed both for and by its participants.

- As group or organisation: Be part and shape the forum! Propose workshops, experience sharing or network meetings for the forum. Take part and make contacts. Mobilise locally, in your organisation and country.

- As individual: Welcome! Participate at the forum, join workshops, seminars, strategic building of alliances and actions, or work as a volunteer during the forum.

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