

EU Election: 25. May 2014

For a Left Alternative in Europe

Throughout Europe we are experiencing massive attacks on democracy and the Welfare State. These attacks are being carried out in the countries of the European Union (EU) with the same justification: in order to balance the budgets, and to cope with debt, basic facilities like education, water and energy are being privatised, social protection of the poor is being destroyed, and wages and pensions are being cut. Instead of taxing the super-rich, whose wealth has multiplied in the last decade, the large majority of the population must pay.

The EU is playing a central role in forcing through this process. With the Lisbon Treaty, the EU has committed itself to the logic of the free market and competition. The single minded focus on the interests of capital and the financial markets has intensified the crisis. The German government under the leadership of Angela Merkel has managed to export Agenda 2010, with its antisocial competition for jobs, pension reform and privatisation.

The strict austerity politics of the Troika (European Commission, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund) and national governments now threaten the livelihood of many people in the European Union. Nearly

27 million Europeans have no paid work. The figures for youth unemployment are particularly dramatic - in Spain and Greece this now lies between 50 and 60 per cent.

In this situation, we need a strong left wing - nationally, in Europe, and world-wide - more than ever! We need a strong left wing which organizes resistance to militarism and capitalism and to the devastating results of the austerity measures. We need this left wing in parliament, but also on the streets, together with social movements.

The European parliament will be elected on 25 May. **We call for a vote for DIE LINKE**, as Europe could be different - social, peaceful, and democratic. The other parties save international banks with billions of Euros from our taxes. DIE LINKE has always voted against rescuing the banks. DIE LINKE doesn't want a Europe of the banks and multinationals, but a citizens Europe.

It is time to revise the Neoliberal, militaristic and undemocratic regulations of the European treaties. As part of the European Left Party, we stand for internationalism and solidarity, not local nationalism.

AG Europeans in Berlin

This leaflet was produced by non-Germans who live in Berlin. We believe that the whole of Europe needs an electoral success by die LINKE and want to make our contribution to such a success. We are also active in social movements. We invite all Europeans living in Berlin to join us. The "Europeans in Berlin" group is part of DIE LINKE (German Left Party) and meets every month. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Next Meetings: 5. May and 9. June 7pm, Karl-Liebknecht Haus, Kleine Alexanderstr. 28, Room 110 (U2 Rosa Luxemburg Platz)

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DIE LINKE.

Why vote for **DIE LINKE**. ?

The Euro Crisis is their crisis: Tax the rich!

According to a survey from Oxfam, the richest 85 people in the world own as much as half the world population. There is enough money available for a sustainable and ecological financial policy. This money must be redistributed. The people responsible for the crisis must pay. The wealth of millionaires in Europe is larger than all debt from EU nations combined. We demand a Wealth Tax.



No To War: Disarm Europe!

Every weapon finds its war. After the USA, the EU countries are the largest weapon exporters in the world. EU Arms Spending was €189.6 in 2012 alone. We want to ban weapon exports throughout the EU. According to the Lisbon Treaty, EU countries are compelled to rearmament. We stand as a matter of principle for peace. The EU and EU countries cannot wage war ever again.

Refugees Welcome: No-one is illegal!

Lampedusa, Greece or elsewhere – again and again we receive reports of catastrophes which are taking place every day on the borders of the EU. According to the International Organisation for Migration, more than 20,000 people have died in recent years on the external borders of the EU. Refugees have the right to live in safety wherever they want. We want to disband the Partition organisations FRONTEX and EUROSUR.



Prevent the Free Trade Agreement TTIP!

The EU and USA are currently negotiating behind closed doors about the largest Free Trade Zone in the world. The planned TTIP agreement is unacceptable, on grounds of ecology, human rights, politics and economics. TTIP will accelerate the Neoliberal free trade logic, and destroy existing workers' rights and environmental and consumer protection standards. People before Profit! We are fighting that the negotiations are abandoned.

Equality and Self-determination for Women!

The "crisis" has increased the injustices suffered by women. Women are more strongly affected by precarious working conditions, redundancies and poverty. Because of the public service cuts, unpaid care work is increasing and women's right to control their pregnancy is being attacked. These attacks are justified by a growth in right wing moralism. We are fighting for equality.

