

FOR MORE DEMOCRATIC EUROPE

(path to growth, stability, employment and social justice)

The project of European unification brought **peace democracy and prosperity** on impoverished continent that had been ravaged by two world wars. However, today the **European Union is no longer up to the tasks that it has to tackle. A change is needed. We, citizens of the EU, could not be longer willing** to accept this Europe that delivers unemployment, precarious and underpaid work, cutbacks in social protection, increasing poverty, economic and social decline, the end of all hope for the future.

We call for a change to the policies of the European Union for social solidarity, sustainable development and participatory democracy. We demand a big European New Deal to end this crisis. The way is to sustain not only a common market, but a truly common government with shared responsibilities and powers, able to speak "with a single voice" in the world.

There is no wonder that national and eurosceptic voices are heard. This is a result of not very transparent and some time a little bit not so clear steps of the European Commission and its DGs in the recent past. The incredibly laissez-faire management of the structural funds in many countries is on the frontier of violation of Treaties. The over – understandable level of negligence of democratic governments of Member States to their liabilities adopted by themselves in the Treaty on the European Union damaged any believe to the intergovernmental method to prepare the realistic method to exit from the crisis.

Fortunately we have the Eurozone which saved finally the hard work of last three generations in Europe. What we should do now face to face to the Ukraine-Russia crisis just before the elections to the European parliament?

Our president Milos Zeman advocated the creation of European army in front of the European Parliament and recently he asked European forces and the NATO to make a clear demonstration of our strength. We, central Europeans, should support this initiative because Russians could deal with us seriously only if we are transparent in our will to make democratic Europe powerful and workable and social sensitive in the same time. To defend our continent against nationalists, separatists and antidemocratic forces from inside or outside we are to follow fixed provisions of articles of the Treaty on European Union concerning its future as well as Lisbon Treaty protocols focused on the subsidiarity, collaboration of national and European parliaments as well as on the permanent structured cooperation, especially on foreign policy, security and defence.

In the next elections we have an opportunity to decide. A choice among liberals, greens, people and socialist parties is good enough. We are here to find ways how to promote goals of these democratic parties. I am prepared to discuss further more how to do it. I have no doubts that these four fractions will have together around two thirds of seats in the European Parliament as usual.

At present it is essentially important to ask elected deputies to work even in the autumn on the call to adopt the New Deal for Europe towards the new European Commission, President of the European Council and High Representative for foreign and security policies. In fact this is very hard in central Europe because candidates to the European Parliament are not so competent as we could wish, so only feasible activity is to stream our combined forces in European networks in order to make pressure to the European Parliament as the whole directly. We should, of course, try to make any pressure possible to our national governments to follow goals given on the paper on their National Reforms Plans and to subscribe to common European Union and NATO objectives as well as to develop measures leading to social peace, jobs for young people, balancing development in the rural parts of our countries and cities, too. Here is the base of solution to concentrate all capacities of human resources, capabilities of rich cities and navigate huge amount from structural funds to people who need it.

Each disparity in the development is automatically a potential centre of support to nationalists and populists. We are to defend our values properly and actively. We, EU citizens, have the same roots which are very deep settled in solidarity. Neoliberalism made many damages of such feelings, so recover ourselves, disseminate to our friends and other fellows a strong will and believe that the work on Europe of social justice, growth, employment and long-term stability has sense. This will bring results only when all of democratic forces in Europe will start to work together again. United in diversity, united in action is equal to have impact to the whole world, to be visible in the globalisation process and to survive without giving up our values cultivated for hundreds of years.

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