



Left, Green, Progressive
**EUROPEAN
FORUM**
Vienna
31 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER 2025

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Draft programme - European Forum 2025

31 October to 2 November 2025

ÖGB headquarters, Johann-Böhm-Platz, 1020 Vienna, Austria

For peace, social justice and climate justice!

The common cross-cutting theme is the fight against austerity and our alternatives.

Rooms:

Wilhelmine Moik (Main room)

Amalie Seidel (Workshop room)

Grete Rehor (Workshop room)

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025

1:30 p.m. Registration opens

2:00–2:30 p.m. **Opening session (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Christa Hörmann - Vice-President of the ÖGB

Vincent Boulet - Co-coordinator of the European Forum

Heinz Bierbaum - President of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

KPÖ - TBC

Dr Salah Abdel-Shafi - Palestinian Ambassador to Austria (Video)

2.30-4.30 p.m. **PLENARY 1 (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Confronting the austerity projects in Europe: What are our alternatives of progress and for the climate?

Ludovic Voet - European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC

David Pestieau - Political Director and Member of the Executive Committee of the Workers' Party of Belgium

Organisation Wir Fahren Gemeinsam (*We Ride Together*)

European Green Party (TBC)

Simon Maljevac (Minister of Solidarity-Based Future, Levica, Slovenia) (TBC)

Jeremy Corbyn - Independent MP for Islington North, UK (TBC)

Moderator: TBC

4.30-5.00 p.m. Break

5:00-7:00 p.m. **PLENARY 2 (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Austerity and the war economy: Our opposition to the EU Re-Arm initiative. Fighting war means fighting austerity

Benoit Teste - FSU, France

Walter Baier - President of the Party of the European Left

Vincent Hurel - FNTE-CGT, National Federation of State Workers, France

Maite Mola - Head of International Relations of the Party of the European Left, International Forum for Peace

Lynn Boylan - MEP, Sinn Féin, Ireland, against ReArmEU (TBC)

Bjørnar Moxnes - Member of Parliament, Red Party, Norway (Video)

Moderator: **Veronika Sušová-Salminen** - Journalist, Argument, Czech Republic

7:00-7:45 p.m. Dinner

Film [We Are Migrants](#) (*In Spanish, English, Italian, with segments in French and Pashto. Subtitled in English*). Q&A with director *Cristina Cardí*.

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025

9am-11am 3 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/ASSEMBLIES

1. Trade Unionist Assembly (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]

Ludovic Voet - European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC

Marcus Strohmeier - Head of the International Department of the ÖGB, Austria

Claudia Haydt - Vice President of the Party of the European Left, Die Linke

Arantza Vázquez - Member of LAB's Executive Committee, leading the Feminist and Anti-racist Secretariats, Basque Country

Moderation: **Yota Lazaropoulous** & **Enrique Carmona** - TUNE

2. Workshop: " The momentum for Irish Unity; and self-determination in the current global context " (Amalie Seidel Room) [EN]

3. Workshop: “A Window of Opportunity That May Soon Close. Insights into the Implementation of the Next Generation EU Programme” (transform!europe) (Grete Rehor Room) [EN]

Steffen Lehndorff - University of Duisburg/Essen, Germany

Martin Günther - MEP Die Linke, Germany

Rena Dourou – MP Syriza, Greece (TBC)

Moderation : **Roberto Morea** - transform!europe

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15am-1:15pm PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

1. Workshop The Middle East and the responsibility of Europe (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]

Palestinian Embassy in Austria

Reem Hazan - Head of the Foreign Relations Committee, Communist Party of Israel-Maki

Eyyup Doru - DEM Party, Turkey

Inger V. Johansen - EL responsible for the Middle East

AKEL (TBC)

Moderation: **Arnljot Ask** - Red Party, Norway

2. Workshop For a sustainable globally acknowledged European Security system – PART 1:

"After two World Wars: More of the disastrous same?" (Amalie Seidel Room) [EN,DE]

Elena Ellmeier – KPÖ, Austria

Heinz Bierbaum – President of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

PTB/PVDA (TBC)

Maria Moubarak - Left Youth Germany (Linksjugend ['solid']) (TBC)

Moderation: **Nora Dornis**

3. Workshop: “Corruption in Europe: A Democratic, Social, and Economic Challenge” (Grete Rehor Room) [EN]

Vladimir Simović - Centre for the Politics of Emancipation, CPE, Serbia

Katerina Kolozova - Professor of philosophy, epistemology and gender studies, Institute in Social Sciences and Humanities, Skopje, North Macedonia

Salla Nazarenko - PhD in Journalism, Union of Journalists in Finland

Moderation: **Jukka Pietiläinen** - Left Forum, Vice president transform!europe

1.15pm-2.30pm Lunch

2:30-4:30 p.m. 3 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/ASSEMBLIES

1. Feminist Assembly (2:30pm-5pm, Wilhelmine Moik Room) [EN, DE, ES]

Cristina Simo - Spain

Gabriele Michalitch - Austria

Ana Pirtskhalava - PES Women coordinator (TBC)

Anna Camposampiero - Italy

Elena Cortés Jiménez - Andalusian Communist Party, Spain

European Network for Migrant Women

2. Workshop for a sustainable globally acknowledged European Security system:

“Towards a new peace order” – **PART 2 (Amalie Seidel Room) [EN, DE]**

Lynn Boylan - MEP Sinn Féin, Ireland (TBC)

Athanasia (Sia) Anagnostopoulou - MP, New Left, Greece (TBC)

AKEL (TBC)

Rainer Hackauf - KPÖ, Austria

ATTAC-Austria

Moderation: **Günther Hopfgartner** - Leader of the KPÖ

3. Workshop Foundations Limited democracy of Europe – Democratic Odyssey? (Grete Rehor Room) [EN]

4.30-5 p.m. Break

5:00–7:00 p.m. **PRESENTATION OF THE JOINT CALL FOR HOUSING (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Evening concert

Sunday 2 November 2025

9:00-11:00 a.m. 3 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

1. Workshop Meeting with elected representatives: "Who or what is threatening European democracies? The response of progressive elected representatives." **(Wilhelmine Moik room) [FR, EN, DE]**

2.Youth Workshop: Organising a long solidarity project (good practice and strategy)
(Amalie Seidel Room) [EN]

3.Workshop The CEE region as a laboratory: populism, neoliberalism and militarism – what lessons for the left? (Grete Rehor Room, language: EN)

Attila Vajnai - Workers' Party of Hungary 2006, Hungary

Markéta Juřicová - Levice, Czech Republic

Veronika Sušová-Salminen - Journalist for !Argument, Czech Republic

Patrik Eichler - Masaryk Foundation, Czech Republic (TBC)

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-13:15 **PLENARY 3 (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Convergences to forge a social and political anti-austerity majority for rights, employment, peace and the climate.

Vincent Boulet – Co-coordinator of the European Forum

Sokrátis Fámellos – President of Syriza, Greece

Pablo Bustinduy – Minister of Social Rights, Consumer Affairs and the 2030 Agenda, Spain (TBC)

Thierry Bodson – President of the FGTB, General Federation of Belgian Labour (TBC)

Mimmo Lucano – MEP Alleanza Verdi e Sinistra, Italy (TBC)

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Moderation: TBC

1:15-1:30 p.m. Break

1:30-2:30 p.m. **Conclusion** – Presentation of the Final Declaration **(Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Jose Luis Centella – Co-coordinator of the European Forum

Marta Martin Moran – Spanish Communist Party, Spain

Ludovic Voet – European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC (TBC)

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