



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 pm Registration opens

2:00-2:30 pm Opening session (**Wilhelmine Moik Room**) [FR, EN, DE]

Vincent Boulet - Co-coordinator of the European Forum

Christa Hörmann - Vice-President of the Austrian Trade Union Federation, ÖGB

Günther Hopfgartner - Chairman of the Communist Party of Austria, KPÖ

Heinz Bierbaum - President of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

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

2:30-4:30 pm 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 – Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC

Phili Kaufmann - Activist in the bus drivers' strike movement *Wir Fahren Gemeinsam*

Walter Baier - President of the Party of the European Left

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

Moderator: **Cornelia Hildebrandt** - transform!europe

4:30-5:00 pm Break

5:00-7:00 pm 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 - United Trade Union Federation, FSU, France

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

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

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

7:00-7:45 pm Snack

7:30-9:45 pm Movie [We Are Migrants](#), (Wilhelmine Moik Room)

Followed by a discussion with director Cristina Cardín. (In Spanish, English, Italian, with segments in French and Pashto. Subtitled in English).

Join our Halloween-Party 🎃

📅: 31.10.2025, 7pm

📍: Gusshausstraße 14 / transform! Europe

Celebrate Halloween with Junge Linke and be part of an unforgettable night!

🎃 Come dressed up and enter our costume contest.

🎃 Win the beer pong tournament.

🎃 Pimp your costume in our craft lounge.

🎃 Get a free welcome shot!

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025

9:00-11:00am PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/ASSEMBLIES

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

Ludovic Voet - Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC

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

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

Josefina Roco Sanfilippo - LAB, Anti-Racism Secretariat

Salvatore Marra – CGIL, Italy (VIDEO)

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

2. Workshop: Another World is Possible: The Role of National Liberation Politics (**Amalie Seidel Room**) [EN]

Declan Kearney (National President of the Sinn Féin, Member of the Legislative Assembly MLA, Ireland)

Adrià Guevara - Esquerra Republicana 's Secretary for International Relations

Vera Polycarpou - Head of International Relations and European Politics, Member CC AKEL, Cyprus

Moderation: **Walter Baier** - President of the Party of the European Left

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

Rena Dourou – MP, Head of Foreign Policy, Syriza, Greece

Martin Günther - MEP Die Linke, Germany

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

11:00-11:15 am Break

11:15am-1:15pm PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

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

Rola Afifi Tashiran - Minister-Counselor at the Mission of the State of Palestine to Austria, Slovenia and Croatia

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

Eyyup Doru - DEM Party, Turkey

Vera Polycarpou - Head of International Relations and European Politics, Member CC AKEL, Cyprus

Claudia Haydt - EL Vice-President, Die Linke, Germany

Néstor Prieto - Journalist on board of the Global Sumud Flotilla, PCE, Spain

Anna Camposampiero - Rifondazione Comunista, Italy

Yiannis Bournous - EL Vice-President, Syriza, Greece

Moderation: **Arnljot Ask** - Red Party, Norway and **Inger V. Johansen** - EL responsible for the Middle East

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]

Heinz Bierbaum – President of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

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

Oleksandr Kyselov - *SotsianInyi Rukh*, Ukrainian Socialist Left

Significant contribution from the audience: **Despina Sinou** (Nicos Poulantzas Institute)

Moderation: **Nora Dornis** - Communist Party of Austria, KPÖ

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-2:30 pm Lunch

2:30-4:30 pm PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/ASSEMBLIES

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

Introduction by Cristina Simo - Coordinator of the Feminist Assembly, Spain) and **Gabriele Michalitsch** - Political scientist and economist at the University of Vienna, Austria

Ana Correia - Dei Lénk, Member of the EL Executive Board, Luxembourg

Anna Camposampiero - Rifondazione Comunista, Member of the EL Executive Board, Italy

Kenji Sario - European Network for Migrant Women, Philippines

Vibeke Sypli Enrum - Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, WILPF, Denmark

Malika Roelants - Coordinator of the 8M collective, Collective "*Santé en lutte*", Belgium (Video)

2. Workshop : For a sustainable globally acknowledged European Security system: PART 2 : "Towards a new peace order" (Amalie Seidel Room) [EN, DE]

Declan Kearney - National President of the Sinn Féin, Member of the Legislative Assembly MLA, Ireland

Günther Hopfgartner - Chairman of the Communist Party of Austria, KPÖ

Stavri Kalopsidiotou - Public International Lawyer, Cyprus problem Bureau, Member CC AKEL

Max Hollweg - ATTAC Austria

Moderation: **Waltraud Fritz-Klackl** - Communist Party of Austria, KPÖ

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

Elisabeth Kittl - Green Foundation, member of the Bundesrat Austria

Bent Noerby Bonde - PhD., Centre for European Citizens Democracy

Helmut Scholz - Former MEP, Die Linke, Germany

Moderation: **Cornelia Hildebrandt** - Coordinator of the transform review

4:30-5:00 pm Break

5:00-7:00 pm **PLENARY 3 (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Addressing the housing crisis: resistance and solutions in Europe

Christian Fölzer - International Secretary for Social Construction, GBH

Christoph Hail - Communist Party of Austria, KPÖ

Sandra Bernad Martínez - Co-Coordinator of ELYN, Youth of Izquierda Unida, Spain

Enrique Villalobos Juan - Head of Housing, Urban Planning and Environment, Regional Federation of Neighborhood Associations of Madrid, FRAVM, Spain

Moderators: **Ismael González** - EL Housing Campaign

Pubquiz and Bar night! 💡🍷

📅: 01.11.2025, 7:00 pm

📍: Gusshausstraße 14 / transform! Europe

Join the infamous Junge Linke Pubquiz, discuss the big questions with other guests and Austrians over a drink or just spend a chill evening together!

See you there ❤️

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025

9:00-11:00 am **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS**

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

Martin Günther - Member of the European Parliament, Die Linke, Germany

Hélène Bidard - Deputy Mayor of Paris, French Communist Party

Rudy Van Rompaey - (City councilor in Boom, PVDA-PTB, Belgium)

2. Youth Workshop (Amalie Seidel Room) [EN]

Nothing to Win: Left Organizations and Social Movements

Jana Rainer - Member of the national board of Junge Linke, Austria

Lukas Zwerina - Member of the national board of Junge Linke, Austria

Daniel Sierra - Member of the Izquierda Unida Youth Action Group, Spain

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

Patrik Eichler - Masaryk Foundation, Czech Republic (TBC)

Vítek Prokop - Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia, KSČM, Czech Republic

Moderation: **Cornelia Hildebrandt** - transform!europe

11:00-11:15 am Break

11:15am-13:15pm **PLENARY 4 (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

Cornelia Hildebrandt - transform!europe

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

Magne Kaldhusdal - Member of the International Committee, Red Party, Norway

Moderation : **Barbara Steiner** - transform!europe

1:15-1:30 pm Break

1:30-2:30 pm **Conclusion (Wilhelmine Moik Room) [FR, EN, DE]**

Presentation of the Final Declaration

Jose Luis Centella – Co-coordinator of the European Forum

Marta Martin Moran – Spanish Communist Party, Spain

Markéta Juřicová - Co-Chair, Levice, Czech Republic

Katerina Anastasiou - Facilitator Migration and Global Strategy, transform!europe

Communist Party of Austria, KPÖ, TBC

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