



Final Declaration European Forum 2025

For a Europe of peace, social justice and climate justice

Representatives of left-wing, green and progressive forces gathered at the 9th European Forum exchanged views and presented various proposals with the aim of mobilising to restore European policies guided and oriented towards peace, social justice and climate justice.

1- The current economic policies of the European Union and its Member States continue to be mainly influenced and determined by the interests of financial capital and large corporations, shaped by their political representatives in government structures, to the detriment of social rights, citizens' well-being, the climate and the environment. Austerity policies, the privatisation of public services, labour deregulation and the commodification of fundamental rights remain the defining features of a neoliberal model practised throughout the EU and other European countries, which continues to generate poverty, exclusion and despair. Attacks on the rights of the people and the working class are numerous.

In response to this situation, we continue to support the resistance and mobilisation of the working class, its trade unions, civil society and young people across Europe. We call for mobilisation for a profound transformation of the European economic model, moving towards a model that prioritises public investment, wealth redistribution, tax justice and the guarantee of social rights. We defend a strong, democratic and transparent public sector capable of guaranteeing essential services such as health, education, transport and energy. This must also be the driving force for establishing genuine democratic and citizen autonomy for the EU within the current framework of a rules-based multilateral world order.

2. In the face of escalating war spreading across the globe, we affirm that peace is an urgent necessity. That is why we reject the logic of blocs, rearmament and militarisation driven by NATO, Trump and his 5% of GDP rule. We reaffirm our commitment to the negotiated resolution of conflicts. We reiterate the need for a negotiated solution to the war in Ukraine, with a just peace that respects international law. We demand the peaceful reunification of Cyprus according to the agreed framework as prescribed by UN SC resolutions.

We defend a multilateral order in which the United Nations can fulfil its Charter without pressure or veto. Europe must be an active player in this transformation, abandoning its subordination to hegemonic interests and rediscovering its vocation for peace and justice. We endorse the conclusions of the International Peace Forum and support the call to mobilise with the peace movement, trade unions and youth organisations against the militarisation of Europe, particularly in view of the upcoming NATO summit in July 2026.

We demand an end to the blockade imposed on Cuba by the United States and the withdrawal of the US military fleet from Latin America and the Caribbean. We support the Sahrawi people in their struggle for a referendum and self-determination and condemn the new trade agreement between the EU and Morocco, which illegally includes Western Sahara, in violation of the CJEU ruling of 4 October 2024.

Similarly, we denounce the fact that, over the last ten years, the Kurdish people have suffered numerous massacres and mass displacement, such as those in Shengal, Kobanê, Afrin and Cizre. Only respect for the Kurdish people's right to self-determination can contribute to peace and prosperity in Iran, Iraq, Syria and Turkey.

3. Since this Forum, we have joined millions of people around the world who are mobilising to denounce the genocide committed against the Palestinian people following Hamas' attack on Israeli citizens on 7 October. Occupation, apartheid, indiscriminate bombing and systematic blockade are crimes against humanity that cannot be ignored or relativised. We demand an immediate end to Israeli aggression, the lifting of the blockade on Gaza, and the recognition of the Palestinian State in accordance with all UN resolutions and international law, which provides for the creation of two states.

Europe must actively contribute to this process, including through comprehensive financial and economic aid through the creation of a reconstruction programme not only for Gaza but for the entire region, which must be based on conditions of total transparency, the inclusion of Palestinian civil society and the commitment of participating countries to build structures for political, economic and socio-cultural cooperation and peaceful coexistence. Europe can no longer remain complicit by omission: it must assume its historical and political responsibility in defending the rights of the Palestinian people.

4- The climate crisis is an unavoidable reality and the greatest threat to international security and peace, requiring urgent and structural responses. It is becoming a challenge for every area of policy and, given its complexity, requires equally complex responses, both in terms of strategies and practical measures in the daily lives of everyone in Europe and around the world. Cosmetic measures or agreements that perpetuate the extractivist model are not enough. The energy transition must be fair, democratic and socially progressive.

We advocate for an environmental policy that combats climate change from the perspective of social justice and economic, fiscal, cultural, foreign and security policies. A responsible climate and environmental policy must strengthen the democratic participation of all in our societies. It is our responsibility to participate in the definition of industrial and agricultural policies within a circular economic framework, rejecting any rollback of green policies in the name of reducing bureaucracy. We support an energy model based on renewable energies, public management and oriented towards the common good, and we demand that the ecological transition leaves no one behind, with particular protection for the most vulnerable communities.

5. Patriarchy remains present in Europe's political, economic and cultural structures. Sexist violence, the gender pay gap, and the precarious situation of women are symptoms of a system that perpetuates inequality. We demand a feminist Europe that definitively relegates patriarchy. This implies public policies that guarantee real equality, the right to decide over our bodies, the eradication of all forms of gender-based violence and the recognition of care work as a central axis of life. The feminist struggle is inseparable from the struggle for democracy and social justice. It also means that schools, through their teaching practices, must commit to deconstructing stereotypes to achieve a society where women and men have equal value and legitimacy.

Finally, by fighting alongside the people and the working class, by combating the race towards militarisation, by defending climate justice, democratic rights and women's rights, we can stop the projects of the right and the far right, which exploit the mistrust of millions of people towards democracy and politics. This mistrust stems from the inability of current EU and Member State policies to respond to citizens' concerns, as well as from their disregard for the public interest.

The aim of the European Forum of Left, Green and Progressive Forces is to unite against austerity policies in Europe and to urgently build alternatives that restore hope to the peoples of Europe and defend life, rights, peace and the planet.