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Greece - call for solidarity

Call for a European bottom up mobilization, from movements of Greece: 20 - 26 June

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The outcome of the ongoing battle against austerity will define the future not only of the Greeks but also the future of the European people who struggle for more democracy and equality. During the previous governments, Greece used to be a guinea pig but now is a positive example which some forces want to smash.

United we stand against austerity and social injustice

Therefore, there is a need for building a militant European social and political front against the pressure of the EU institutions, leading to the suffocation of the Greek society, and to the restart of the austerity programmes implemented already for 4 years by the previous governments with catastrophic results. The Greek people, by their mandate of the 25th of January, condemned the austerity policies, as well as the anti-labour laws and the privatization programmes. The policies supported by SYRIZA have adopted the demands of the trade union and social movements of Europe for the last 10 years, and now we need the support of these movements in order to repel these pressures and to proceed with the progressive programme of social justice. The European Establishment needs to punish the counter-paradigm of social justice and democracy defended by the representatives of Greek people, because they're afraid of it: Do not let them do it!

In the period from now till the upcoming June, negotiations are taking place among the Greek Government and the European Institutions. The economic elite find it difficult to accept that someone challenges their policies and propose an alternative plan for economy. They are using all means to blackmail the Greek people and its Government. Show us we are not alone in this fight!

We must put pressure on these institutions to cease this unacceptable behavior and make them accept that it is the citizens of Europe who must decide for their future. Based on the recent decisions of the Athens meeting on the 2nd of May, we, a broad coalition of social organizations, unions and networks, intellectuals, artists, migrant organizations and various left, green and progressive political powers being active in Greece, propose international actions between the 20 and the 26th of June in order to create the positive social and political environment that will support the Greek struggle. Moreover we are willing to host an event here in Athens on the 27th to share ours and yours experiences of mobilizations and solidarity. It is significant to transform the European peoples from passive viewers to active players of this story.

This event will provide the necessary space to these actors in order to express their concern regarding the negotiations but mainly to bring to the surface the necessity of counterweighting the systemic pressures against the Greek Government's demands against austerity and for social justice. It is of the outmost importance the necessity to send a clear political message. The Greek society doesn't stand alone. We need to demonstrate that all of us are decided to support the continuous demands of the movement. The Greek people decided, by voting a left government to support them, to break the neoliberal consensus. Solidarity and massive popular support will give the best to a clash between our side and the European political and economic elite.

Let's fight for a Europe of dignity and solidarity and against a Europe of profit, a Fortress Europe. We call all the social and political forces to be part of the week of solidarity and to build strong national coalitions backing the European struggle against austerity.

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INITIATIVE FOR THE RIGHTS OF PRISONERS

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ECOLOGISTS RADICALS

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