

(WE ARE HERE) FOR A SOCIAL EUROPE OF COMMONWEALTH AND COMMON RIGHTS

The financial fraud successfully turned into crisis of the sovereign debt has given birth to a series of catastrophic policies of austerity. Its a total flop and everyone knows it - even IMF and European Commission have openly acknowledged its effect as one of only deepening the crisis. Still the destructive policies arent reversed, because the 1 % profits from them. As it was known already on the 19th century, “the state deficit is really the main object of [their] speculation and the chief source of [their] enrichment”¹.

Besides fierce cuts on wages and labour agreements, the attack targets all the institutions of social reproduction. Austerity translates to the newest form of class struggle, bringing the long suffered neoliberal ideology to its maximum. This means the destruction of the public sector built in the social struggles of postwar period: it means end to education, health care, social benefits and social politics as we have come to know them - this is already harsh reality especially in the southern countries. Where the politicians still blabber about defending public interest in the windy sea of the inevitable change - like is the case in some northern countries - they are merely covering their own position. As the public merges into the private and their interest becomes one, the depth of the crisis of European political institutions becomes obvious.

On this point representation works only for the representatives themselves. Instead of grounding their policies first and foremost on active cooperation with social movements and primacy of the new political openings offered from below, they dance the dances of the capital and clap the rhythms of the financial sector lobbyists. We know, indeed, that they dont represent us and that their main objectives are obedience to their superiors, thus securing their own miserable career.

Alternative proposals as to how to deal with the crises have been abundant, but without extensive social pressure their emanation from below to above, from the people to their “representatives”, has been fully blocked. There is an aching demand for massive, angry, inventive demonstrations all across Europe. And so is there for a common creation of a new political structure.

The world standing on its head has to be turned back to its feet by insisting, that the direction of income transfer flows has to turn around. The banks and other industries cannot be paid any more, theyll have to pay us instead. They cannot be the ones to pressure any longer, we will pressure them and set the limits to their actions. We have to transform the rules of the game instead of playing on the rules of the exploiter: the right to both social and material resources belongs to us all.

It is only through this constituent process Europe can be invented anew as a space for commonwealth and common rights.

The building of an alternative has become urgent as the public sector has become exclusive. We need a common sector, based on expropriation of the common wealth that is being stolen from us with every cut and every privatization. It differs from the old public sector because instead of demanding universal rights - to basic income, health care, education, housing, city spaces, water, knowledge - from the state, we demand the resources for their organization and then organize, maintain and distribute them ourselves.

¹ Marx, Karl: *The Class Struggles in France, 1848 to 1850*, Selected Works, Volume 1. Progress Publishers, Moscow 1969.

This is what the Greek anarchists do when they create spaces for food distribution, health care and education in social centres. This is what Spanish nurses and doctors do when they try to prevent the privatization of their working place and reformulation of it to an institution for only the rich and their children. Feel free to continue the list with the abundant examples of resistance and cooperation through all European areas and beyond.

By demanding simultaneously both the right to maintain the institutions of reproduction and the right for all to enjoy of them, we claim a new political structure. We want to flush out the corruption, despotic technocratic governance, structural humiliation and the intensifying control over our lives, the use of special consultants who don't have a clue and the primacy of the interest of the capital. In place of the dead representative democracy we constitute a structure of direct democracy, based on transparency, open access to knowledge, low threshold of participation and a federal structure connecting various autonomous areas over national borders.

The commonwealth has to be built inclusive, not "from Finnish State to the Finnish citizens" or "in new Greek sunrise to only the most true Greek people". It will not be built as a fortress closed from the surrounding areas and it doesn't pursue new megapower profiting from exploitation in African, Asian or American continents. Europe of common social rights as a resolution to the crisis has nothing to do with the deathly embrace offered by the far-right groups. Their offer is just a fearful reaction to the global world and foremost to the global capitalism they do not understand.

Instead of a playground of free flow of capital built for the 1 %, Europe has to become a social space based on local solidarity economies, opening up towards North Africa and Middle East according to its already existent economic and social connections. Instead of the militar surveillance of the artificial geographic borders it has to offer an open identity and common rights to all who seek to come and form part of the social composition of the continent.

With new technopolitical tools available the cooperation and commonizing of social issues has to be made lively between various areas. This replaces the EU of processes of harmonized misery and despotic governance that do not seek to understand the specificities of different locations nor differences between a multitude of life forms.

In spite of the violent annihilation exercised by the national and supranational power structures, new Europe of commonwealth and common rights is already here. It is forming, thinking and organizing itself in the ones defending everyone's right for housing, in the ones occupying and reforming the common space, in the many demands of debt audits, in migrants and the ones fighting with them about the right to a life, in the ones reappropriating goods straight from supermarkets and banks ownership lists, as well as in the networks organizing education, health care and autonomous production.

We will take the resources to create commonwealth from the ones who have cheated us long enough - taxing capital and financial interactions, writing laws against speculation and expropriating the commons stolen from us. We will distribute the wealth produced by all to be enjoyed by all.

The expansion of movements producing these constituent processes and their connectability beyond national borders is the possibility for a Europe based on common rights instead of common misery - a Europe that belongs to the people instead of the capital.