

transform! europe:

Tasks of a European political foundation

transform! presents itself today as consolidated in its internal structures and relationship to the EL. In some political fields, its influence has increased, new partners have been won, the regional expansion proceeds and more possibilities are arising.

If we want to further extend our influence, and especially if we are set to confront the European challenges originating in result of the crisis, changes in our working methods and structures are required. Without giving up the strength of being a pluralistic network, a community of independent organizations, **transform!** must sharpen its profile and character of a European, political foundation. This demands an upgrading of our institutionalization and professionalization while not dispensing with **transform!'s** second strength, namely the integration of volunteer work.

- 1) In the sense of the word of a European political foundation, we must concentrate even more in our selection of topics on questions of European relevance. The currently practised division into two „major projects“ – „Crisis/crises“ and „strategies of the ‚radical‘ Left“ – has proven successful and shall be continued.
- 2) In order to use existing working contexts and new possibilities opened up by the promising start of the network, „Academia“, we must concentrate our efforts on ways to produce a communicable output. In terms of content, this means – beyond our own strategic considerations – we ought to integrate the needs and requirements of the EL, as well as of its parties, in our planning process. For this purpose a continuous exchange of opinions with our partners is paramount.
- 3) Even if we don't abandon public events (which are, of course, good for the visibility of transform! and have also some medium and long term side-effects), we should put more emphasis on „Research and Discussion Papers“, written by people who command the various issues (in possible cooperation with „Academia“). These papers should then be presented and discussed (and in certain cases even written again) in workshops, transform! board meetings, the EL Summer University, with the EL, and last but not least, with the European Radical Leftn parties' leadership, deputies or decision-taking bodies.

- 4) An intensified publication practice poses new challenges to facilitators of both projects, respectively the “Academia” network. Thus, reinforced support for the facilitators by hiring assistants, whose tasks will be communicated in a separate paper, shall be set up.
- 5) The reinforcement of *transform!‘s* communication in its entirety – with the utmost important specificity being multilingualism – heightens the demands on administrative headquarters in Vienna.

The following goals shall be achieved:

- An exact ascertainment of target groups for our media,
- A quality increase of our multilingual website and news letters (content, form, topicality, quality of translations),
- Integration of more languages,
- Introduction of the new media format, „Research and Discussion Paper“,
- The realignment of our print media, including the building of an effective means of distribution and marketing

For these purposes, organizational as well as personnel requirement preconditions will be created at the general meeting of members.