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## European Conference

### UNIVERSITY, RESEARCH AND SCIENCE IN EUROPE : RESISTANCES AND ALTERNATIVES

*Transform! Europe, Europe for Citizens Foundation (FEC) and Foundation for Marxist Studies (FIM)*  
would like to invite you to  
**a two-day conference on Friday 31 January and Saturday 1 February 2014.**

**Venue :** Madrid, Residencia de Estudiantes (to be confirmed)

**Languages :** Spanish and English

At the eve of the forthcoming European elections, it is of crucial importance for the Left to tackle the disastrous consequences of the neoliberal management of research and university policies in the EU, as well as to raise awareness about the national resistances throughout the continent and to push for alternatives and proposals at the European level.

The **first day** will be dedicated to the consequences of the implementation of the Bologna reforms with reports from numerous EU countries and to a discussion on what another university should look like and which alternative process we can propose.

The **second day** will focus on the effects of the Lisbon and EU 2020 strategies on the national research policies and the resistances to this process. Alternatives in favour of science, society and democracy that could be supported by the Left will also be at the core of the discussions.

In the aftermath of the European conference, *Transform ! Europe* will coordinate the publication of a **working paper** based on the collective work and contributions.

**If you are able to attend the workshop, please let us know quickly if:**

- you would like the organizers to cover your travel expenses
- you need an accommodation in Madrid

**MEP Marie-Christine Vergiat (GUE/NGL)** fosters the European conference and will take part in the discussions.

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