

transform!

european network for alternative thinking
and political dialogue

Activity Report of *transform!europe* for 2012

The report is structured as follows:

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1.1. The Economic Crisis and its social and political impacts

- Participation REALPE network meeting, Brussels, February 7-8
- Seminar ***New Populisms and the European Right and Far Right Parties: Challenge to and Perspectives of the Left*** (cooperation with Punto Rosso and RLF), Milano, March 9-10
- Transform!dk Starting Conference: ***The Crisis in Europe and Left Alternatives***, Copenhagen, March 17-18
- Preparation 4-page document **Working towards the Social and Democratic Refoundation of Europe** for Altersummit meeting March 31.
- Constitutive meeting **AKADEMIA network**, Brussels, April 1
- Participation to **Forum soziales Europa**, (GUE/NGL), Brussels, April and Oct

- Participation at TNI Conference: EU in Crisis – Analyses, Resistance and Alternatives to Corporate Europe, Brussels, May 5 – 6
- Meeting with IG Metall and representatives of solidarity appeals, Frankfurt, May 29
- Workshop in cooperation with Espaces Marx: **Political Mind-sets – Development of the Political and Cultural Hegemony in Conjunction with the Crisis – New Challenges Posed to the Left**, Sept 6, Paris
- **Conference on struggle against Inequality**, Barcelona, 5 – 6 October
- **Attending Founding Assembly of "European Progressive Economists Network" (EuroPEN)**

1.2. Project on the strategies of the Left

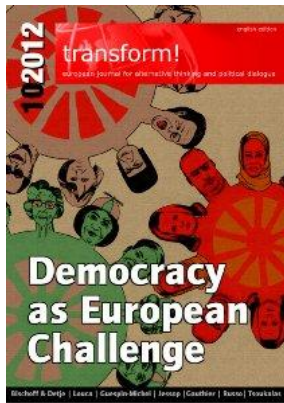
- Seminar V: **E.U and the Left in times of crisis**, Portaria, July 16-18
- **Evaluation and interpretation of the inquiry among the delegates of the 3rd congress of the EL**
- Discussion in cooperation with EL: **The European Abyss - Sketching Out the Quests on the Left**, Sept 7, Paris
- **Workshop Movements and New Political Constructions in Europe**, Brussels, 6 December

2) Active participation in the process of the Altersummit, Social Forums, Joint Social Conference and other Social movements

- *transform!europe* participated to and organized in cooperation with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation two workshops at the **Left Forum**, New York, 16-18 March
- Participation and stand at the **Alternative World Water Forum**, Marseille March 14 to 17
- Active and visible participation in the process of the **Joint Social Conference**, Brussels, March 29-30
- **Alternative Summit** preparation, Brussels, March 31 – April 1
- Two-days conference „The Crisis of Europe“ at the **Subversive Forum** Zagreb, May 14-15
- **Blockupy for Global Change**, Frankfurt, 16 – 19 May
- **"Another Road For Europe" (Conference in the EP)**. 28 May
- Participation, stand and workshops at the **Rio 20+ Peoples' Summit**, June
- **Preparation meeting for Florence 10 + 10** in Milan, 14 – 16 September
- **Discussion on the AS in the EP**, 19 October
- **Conference of the CoR against Austerity in Europe, London** 20 October
- **Florence 10 + 10**, 8 – 11 November

3) Publishing and media activities

- Release of the volumes 10 and 11 of the transform! *magazine* in English, French, Greek and German. Also release of Spanish, Italian and shortened Czech edition of issue 10.



- 14 issues of the transform! newsletter** (in the period between May and July on a weekly basis with special focus on situation in Greece) in English, German, French (in cooperation with EM) and Greek (in cooperation with NPI)
- 4-page flyers** on occasion of the **Rio+20 Peoples' summit** and of **"Florence 10 + 10"**



**United Nations Conference "Rio+20":
Towards Another Model of Society –
For Commons Built by the Peoples**

Following the elections in Greece and in France here in Europe a reality. This is also reflected in the Eurozone crisis...
 General of the rights of indigenous peoples, European Union, dialogue and process and promoting the release of the spirit of ecological movements...
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ALTER SUMMIT
ANOTHER EUROPE NOW!

BUILDING A UNIFIED MOVEMENT FOR A DEMOCRATIC, SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL EUROPE

The European Union has reached an historic turning point. European political leaders and the economic and financial elites have taken advantage of the crisis to impose their own unjust, neoliberal and antidemocratic order.

Dozens of European social movements from East, West, North and South have recognised this silent, on-going coup d'état; but so far, they have mostly done so in their own national contexts.

We cannot win a European battle in a purely national framework. To stop and reverse the silent takeover, social movements must join hands across European borders, denounce their common adversaries and organise joint action based on their own proposals.

New trade unions and confederations, social and ecological movements, NGOs and research groups have come together in the Alter Summit (the alternative summit) to make their wish for a democratic, social and ecological Europe a reality. The Alter Summit is led by the social movements, but we also accept the political forces which support our demands. Personalities who support our appeal are welcome.

We are asking all organisations and politicians to fight with us if they share the spirit and the fundamental analysis summarised in our "Call".

See the "Call" and further information on:
www.altersummit.eu

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www.florence1010.eu

www.transform-network.net

Transform is a network of 26 European organizations from 16 countries, active in the field of political education and critical scientific analysis. It is politically associated with the European Left Party. The collaboration with independent non-profit organizations, institutes, foundations and possible means to utilize their work to contribute to peaceful relations among people and to a transformation of the present world, transform!europe participates at Florence10+10 to various workshops:

How to Found Europe Anew? - Which Construction? Which Political Strategy?
3 November, 14:00 – 16:00

Speakers: Pierre Laurent, France (Chairperson of the EL), Pablo Morón, Spain (Vice-Chairperson of the EL), Paolo Ferrero, Italy, Franco Russo, (former Deputy of the Italian Parliament, former General Secretary of FIO-CGIL), Károly György (Information Secretary of the Hungarian Trade Union Confederation MMSZ), and Walter Baier (Co-ordinator of transform!europe)

Propose: transform! europe, Transform! Italia, Espace Marx Languages: IT, EN, FR Category: Democracy in Europe Venue: Rondea

- Documentation 7th Summer University of the European Left Party (EL) and transform!europe, Portaria, Greece, 17 - 22 July 2012 (32 pages)**

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Introduction

More than 400 participants have been at the 7th Summer University of the European Left Party (EL) and transform!europe, which took place in Portaria, near the city of Thessaloniki, in the region of Thessaly in Greece, from 17 to 22 July 2012. In the spirit of the motto, the Summer University has had the aim to be a meeting place for the political, social and economic movements of the European Left, the promotion of action, the discussion of the political, social and economic developments in various countries, and the way the European people are moving in the new situation in Europe. The topics of the summer university are:

"People of Europe Unite!"

In cooperation with the Greek EL, member parties of the European Left Party (EL) and transform!europe, the Summer University produced a series of documents and proposals for the European Left Party (EL) and transform!europe.

The 4th meeting of the Summer University was held:

- Building Solidarity Among the Crisis – Towards a New Society
- Against Authoritarian Capitalism – Towards a Democratic, Social, Ecological and Peaceful Europe
- The Crisis of Europe and the Role of the People
- The Cooperative Movement: From Trade Unions and Social Movements to a New Model of European Solidarity

During the workshops and the plenary sessions, participants shared experiences and discussed political and economic issues for the construction of a new European society.

Final a series of videos in which a picture gallery of the activities of EL, transform!europe, the European Left Party (EL) and transform!europe was presented, and the participants discussed the role of the European Left Party (EL) and transform!europe in the construction of a new European society.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the documentation!

Overview

17-18 July 2012
Thematic guide for the workshop by the EL, EL (2012) (New York)
Thematic Guide: Care-Work and Care-Economy as the Heart of a Human Society and Solidarity Economy

19-20 July 2012
Thematic Guide: Building Solidarity During the Crisis – Towards a New Society

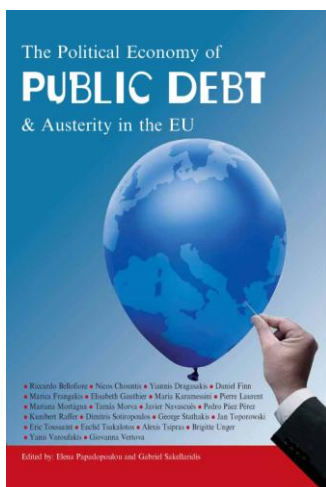
Plenary

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- Conclusion

- **Book *The Political Economy of Public Debt and Austerity in the EU***
Elena Papadopoulou, Gabriel Sakellaridis (eds.), Athens



(Results of the International Conference: Public Debt and Austerity Policies in Europe. The Response of the European Left. Athens, March 10-12, 2011 (In cooperation with NPI))

- TE published the English, French and German edition of the ***Euro-memorandum***
- Publication support: ***A triumph of failed ideas. European models of capitalism in the crisis***. Steffen Lehndorff (Ed.), Brussels - in English and German
- The results of the seminar of the same title in Milano March 9-10, have been published as an E-Book: ***New Populisms And The European Right And Far Right Parties. The Challenge And The Perspectives For The Left***. Edizioni Punto Rosso

4) transform!-Activities in the frame of events staged by the EL or EL-member parties

- ***Alternative Summit*** (staged by EL and transform!), Brussels, 31 March
- ***Summer university*** (joint project with the EL), Portaria, Greece, 18-22 July
- ***Participation at summer university of Front de Gauche and PCF***
- ***Participation (Stands, panels, presentations) in various Party-festivals*** (Fête Huma - Paris, Halo Noviny - Prague, Volksstimmefest - Vienna) in autumn
- ***Conference on education***, Vienna, 19 – 20 October
- ***“ParlaCon meeting”*** (Meeting of Leftist parliamentarians), Brussels, Oct 27

5) Cooperation with our partner organisations

- Continuation ***Basic Income Research project*** (cooperation with Left Forum, Finland)
- ***Conference on Crisis and the Left***, Copenhagen 17 – 18 March

- **Talk on Populism and the Extreme Right, Conference hosted by Cultra,** Lisbon 14 April
- Conference on the **National question in CEE** (cooperation with AD FSR, RLF and GUE/NGL), Bucharest April 20-21
- **On the Crisis in Europe – Public event (staged by transform-at),** Vienna 6 May
- **Participation (Stands, panels, presentations) in various Party-festivals** (Fête Huma - Paris, Halo Noviny - Prague, Volksstimmefest - Vienna) in autumn
- **Opening of the RLF premises in Athens, 9 October**
- **On the Crisis in Europe II, Public event by transform-at,** Vienna, 29 November
- **Annual Nicos Poulantzas Lecture with Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak,** Athens 20 December
- **Series of seminars in cooperation with transform! working group Brussels**

6) Other activities

- **Summer University of FASE (Front de Gauche): EU Crisis and Alter Summit,** Paris 1 September
- **Support and participation Symposium IALANA** (Lawyers against Nuclear Armament), Vienna, May 3-4
- **Solidarisches Europa, Summer Factory, Institut Solidarische Moderne.** Frankfurt, 28-29 Sept
- **Conference by Die Linke „EU-Krise, Linke und Alter-Summit“** Frankfurt, 19 October
- **Conference „Europa Neu begründen“, Die LINKE, RLS und DGB-NRW and ASTA,** Essen, 17 November

7) Internal activities and the enhancement of the organisation

- **Relaunch of the web site**
- **Enhancement of the newsletter**
- **Holding of the General Assembly** Paris, 7 – 9 September