

MANIFESTO OF HERMOUPOLIS

“Politics are one the highest forms of charity, of love”, Pope Francis

We the participants of the Christian & Marxist DIALOP Summer School, considering the cultural complexity of Europe and its challenges (the lack of democratic participation on the decision-making process, the marketisation of the social interactions and human beings, the incapacity to welcome the refugees or the rising individualism and consumerism), we observe the urgent need of fundamental changes of the European social and institutional structure. For this reason, we address to the people in Europe the present Manifesto.

We believe that Europe has to be more than economy, but a social common. We want an economy which serves equal social justice and ecological sustainability.

We believe in **solidarity**.

We believe in **human rights**.

We believe in **democracy** and **respect of diversity**.

We realize that every concept must to be concretely applicable and not be empty word. We need to take care each other as ourselves. We need to act together for a shared purpose. We want to explain to every single citizen that solidarity means not following the self-interest but the research of the common good. Solidarity is the opposite of competitiveness and greed. Solidarity is a reciprocal engagement, must be a reciprocal action on the community to achieve the common good. It is an identity of interest who we make grow up together. Solidarity is the base to fully realize freedom and equality.

We affirm the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 and the value of the European Charta of Fundamental Rights, establishing the highest point until now of the social and political rights in the Union, but nonetheless, we cannot consider those as a fulfilled achievement. Every person's duty is to declare them, defend them in front of the institutions and remind them to the policy-makers.

How can we **transform** the problems into solutions?

We are convinced that everybody has the duty to act in co-responsibility (being involved in movements, collectives, popular associations, think-tanks) in order to build network at all levels: local, national and trans-national, for example in the form of Solidary Cities, deliberative processes or Dialop Project, involving in variety forms of political organizations.

The Pope indeed calls us “to create new forms of participation”¹, through our “ability to organize and carry out creative alternatives”².

For all these reasons, we propose different responses at various levels: immediately, mid- and long-term. Among the many problems we should face, the following issues represent the main urgencies in order to promote a **universal culture of peace** based on fraternity and sisterhood and in the active practice of dialogue:

1. Stop army production and its sell to countries at war;
2. Stop climate change: strong application of the Paris agreement;
3. Stop EU unfair trade agreements;
4. Stop modern slavery;
5. Promote gender equality and stop every kind of abuse and violence (sexual, psychological, social) against women.

Last, we engaged ourselves to this commitment, encouraging all the participants to do so.

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¹ 1st World Meeting of Popular Movements, 2014

² 2nd World Meeting of Popular Movements, 2015