

Common appeal to European leaders by European Civil Society Organisations and Trade Unions

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The Europe we want: Just, Sustainable, Democratic and Inclusive

As we mark the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, we have a momentous opportunity to take stock of how far Europe has come – and how far we still have to go in order to offer a sustainable and prosperous future to everyone in Europe. It is an opportunity that we call on you, the leaders of Europe, to seize with both hands. **We call on you to show leadership, vision and courage to set Europe on the path to a sustainable future which realises the rights of all people and respects planetary boundaries.**

We must not fail to appreciate how far Europe has come since 1957, when we were a handful of nations determined to emerge from the ashes of World War II and to move towards a peaceful and united common future. Today, the European Union is the largest and most successful peace initiative of our time, a place where Europeans find richness in cultural differences and strength in common values and aspirations, enjoying greater stability, safety and prosperity than in many other places in the world.

But we cannot afford to be complacent: much still needs to be done to construct a sustainable world for current and future generations. While we have seen much progress, the promise of those early days has still not been fully achieved and **we have entered an era in which the values at the very heart of Europe – democracy and participation, equality and social justice, solidarity and sustainability, respect for the rule of law and human rights – are being undermined.** Citizens are questioning the *raison d'être* of the European Union, the legitimacy of governments and mainstream politics, and the ability of existing governance structures to respond to society's most pressing challenges. As a result, trust in public institutions is in decline.

In these uncertain times, European citizens seek a stronger focus on those core 'European values'. They seek economic, social and environmental well-being. Economic well-being in the form of prosperity for all and the redistribution of wealth. Social well-being in the provision of quality, affordable services for all and a reinforcing of the social fabric which binds us together. Environmental well-being residing in a healthy natural environment that sustains all life on Earth and protects our clean water and air.

We therefore call on you, leaders of Europe, to move away from an economic model which has widened inequalities and rather to invest in a 'social market economy' that works for the benefit of all people. With poverty and social exclusion at unacceptably high levels, we must return to more inclusive economic policies which ensure that Europe's prosperity is shared, without harming the planet.

We call on you to uphold our core values and invest in employment and education based on critical thinking in order to defend our open, democratic societies and to address the sense of insecurity felt by many. We call on you, leaders of Europe, to ensure that gender equality, human rights, freedom of religion, democracy and the rule of law are fully implemented and upheld, both at EU and national level. We want to see a more hospitable Europe where everyone's contribution is welcome and migration is recognised as a boon to society, not a drain.

Europe also needs to play its part in tackling global challenges. Climate change in particular is an existential risk to our world and it must be tackled not only for environmental reasons, but also to prevent the escalation of conflict, hunger, and forced migration.

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Building on our call for 'A New Europe for People, Planet and Prosperity for All' (September 2016), we are seizing the opportunity of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome to reaffirm our belief in European integration and to offer concrete proposals for the EU Heads of State and Government as they consider the future of Europe.

United, we call for:

- A Europe that promotes and protects the civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of everyone and supports those beyond its borders to realise their rights;
- The delivery of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by putting the Sustainable Development Goals and the principles that underpin it at the core of EU and national policy-making;
- The full implementation of the Paris Agreement by enhancing energy efficiency and accelerating the just and sustainable transition to clean and affordable renewable energy in order to keep global warming well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to keep it to 1.5°C;
- A strengthening of our representative and participatory democracy, with distinct space for people's participation beyond elections, enabling a diverse civil society to flourish;
- A strengthening of education as a public responsibility that offers lifelong learning for all in order to develop active citizenship, critical thinking, social inclusion and an awareness of sustainable development and human rights;
- A just transition for workers and industrial regions from the current economic model to a modern, vibrant, green and socially just economy in which our human and natural capital is cherished;
- A European Social Model that provides full protection to all workers, all consumers and all people living in the EU; one that reverses the wealth gap and reduces poverty and social exclusion;
- A European Union with a strong social rights pillar, which ensures quality employment and fair pay, and addresses inequalities between women and men, discrimination against children and youth or based on race, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, age, disability, minority or other status.

In the face of a world that is changing faster than ever before, European unity and solidarity are just as important now as they were 60 years ago. **Solidarity brought us together and solidarity is the only way forward. None of the current challenges can be solved by one nation or one group of people alone.**

However, there is an urgent need for the European Union and its institutions to reconnect with the realities, dreams and hopes of its citizens if the long-term relevance and survival of our Union are to be secured. Now is the time to rethink the direction in which we are travelling, build on our achievements and lay the foundations for the next 60 years of European integration.

We expect you, as the leaders of Europe, to do just that: to have the courage and the vision to lead the transition to a just, sustainable, democratic and inclusive Europe. **We expect you to listen to the people of Europe and to use the occasion of the Rome Summit to make a strong, joint commitment to a better, more sustainable future.**

This common statement was drafted on the initiative of Green 10¹, ETUC, CONCORD, European Movement International, European Women's Lobby and European Youth Forum.

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	Name of organisation as you want it to appear on statement	Geographical remit of your organisation	Sector of activity of your organisation
1	Act Alliance - Eu	International/European	Development
2	ACT Alliance EU	International	Development
3	ActionAid	International	Development
4	ACV-CSC	National, Belgium	Trade Union
5	ACV-CSC	National, Belgium	Trade Union
6	ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy	European	Governance
7	Alianza por la Solidaridad	European;	Development
8	ÄĚeskomoravskÄĚ konfederace odborovÄĚch svazÄĚ	National, Czech Republic	Trade Union
9	Association ÄĚmergo	National, Croatia	Environment
10	Association for Natural Medicine in Europe-ANME	European	Social affairs
11	Berufsförderungsinstitut Oberösterreich- Institute for Vocational Advancement Upper Austria	National, AUSTRIA	Vocational education and training (VET)
12	BeyondCSRNet	International	Sustainable Development,CSR, Social Entrepreneurship
13	BIOM	National, Croatia	Environment
14	BirdLife Austria	National	Environment
15	BirdLife Europe and Central Asia	European	Environment

16	BirdLife Malta	National, Malta	Environment
17	Bulgarian platform of the EWL	European	Women's human rights
18	Carbon Market Watch	International; European	Environment
19	CARE International	International	Development
20	CEEweb for Biodiversity	European	Environment
21	Centre of Resources for Social Inclusion CRIS	European	Roma inclusion
22	Cercle de Coop�ration des ONG de d�veloppement asbl	National, Luxembourg	Development
23	Change Partnership	International	climate change
24	CIDSE - together for global justice	International	Development
25	Clean Air Action Group	National, Hungary	Environment
26	ClientEarth	European	Environment
27	Climate Action Network Europe	European	Climate change
28	Comit� Stop TAFTA Luxembourg	National, Luxembourg	against free trade TTIP, CETA etc
29	Concord Italia	National, Italy	Development
30	Confederation of Labour PODKREPA, Bulgaria	National,	Trade Union
31	Coordination SUD	National, France	Development
32	CROSOL	National, Croatia	Development
33	Culture Action Europe	European	Culture
34	D�chas	International, European, National, Ireland	Development
35	Democratic Women's League (Germany)	National, Germany	Human rights

36	Don Bosco International	International, European	Social affairs
37	DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia	National, Slovenia	Environment
38	E3G	European	Environment
39	Eesti Ornitoloogiaühing - BirdLife Estonia	National, Czech republic	Human rights
40	Eesti Ornitoloogiaühing - BirdLife Estonia	National	Environment
41	ERGO Network	European	Human rights
42	Eurodiaconia	International, European	Social affairs
43	European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB)	International	Education and Training
44	EuroHealthNet	European	Health
45	European Anti Poverty Network	European	Poverty and inequality in Europe
46	European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI)	European	Trade Union
47	European Disability Forum	European	Human rights
48	European Environmental Bureau	European	Environment
49	European Environmental Bureau (EEB)	International, European	Environment
50	European Humanist Federation	European	Human rights
51	European Movement in Belgium	National, Belgium	citizen action
52	European Movement in Montenegro	National, Montenegro	EU Integration, Reforms, Democratization, Youth, Human Rights, Advocacy
53	European Water Pact	European	Environment
54	Europeanmovement, Denmark	National, Denmark	Civil Society for EU
55	ESAN	European	Social affairs
56	Fair Trade Advocacy Office	International, European	Development

57	Federaci3 d'Organitzacions Catalanes de Gent Gran, Dones i Fam3lia	Regional	Social affairs
58	Finance Watch	International, European	finance, financial regulation
59	FOCSIV	National, Italy	Development
60	Fondation EURACTIV #Media4EU	European	media
61	Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS)	National, Latvia	Environment
62	Friends of the Earth Europe	European	Environment
63	Fundacja "Rozw3j TAK - Odkrywki NIE"	National, Poland	Environment
64	GENDERS+	European	Think tank/ gender perspective
65	Generation Earth	International, European, National, Austria	Youth
66	gilliane Le Gallic	International	Environment
67	Green 10	European	Environment
68	Greenpeace	International	Environment
69	Gypsy Council East of England	National, England	Human rights
70	HEAL (Health and Environment Alliance)	European	Health
71	Health and Trade Network	International	Health/Trade
72	Housing Europe	International	Urban development,Housing,
73	ILGA-Europe - European Region of the International LGBTI Association	European - Council of Europe + Central Asia	Human rights
74	Initiativ Liewensufank asbl	International, European, National, Luxemburg	Social affairs

75	INTEGRO ASSOCIATION	National, BULGARIA	ANTI-GYPSISM
76	Internationaler Bund (IB)	International, European, National	Social affairs
77	Internationaler Bund e.V., Thiemo Fojkar	International	Social affairs
78	JEF Europe - Young European Federalists	European	Youth
79	KISA - Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism	National, Cyprus	Human rights
80	Konexe	National, Czech Republic	Romani grassroots
81	Landsorganisationen i Sverige (LO)	National, Sweden	Trade Union
82	Lifelong Learning Platform	European	Education & Lifelong Learning
83	Light for the World	International	Development
84	Light for the World International	International	Development
85	Lithuanian women's lobby organization	National, Lithuania	Human rights
86	Lobby Europeo de Mujeres LEM España	National, Spain	Women Equality
87	Make Mothers Matter EU Delegation	International, European	Social affairs
88	Mouvement Ecologique	European, National	Environment
89	NABU, the German Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union	National	Environment
90	Nederlandse Vrouwen Raad (Dutch Women's Council)	National	Human rights
91	OceanCare	International	Environment

92	PICUM - Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants	International	Human rights
93	Plan International EU Office	International	Development
94	PODKREPA Youth Network	National	Youth
95	Protos	International	Development
96	Public Institution Roma Community Centre	National, Lithuania	Roma integration
97	Quercus- Associa��o Nacional de Conserva��o da Natureza	European	Environment
98	Roma Active Albania	National, Albania	Human rights
99	Roma Association Zagreb and Zagreb County	National, Croatia	Human rights
100	Sciaena	National	Environment
101	Seas At Risk	International	Environment
102	ShareAction	European	Responsible investment
103	SLOGA, Slovenian NGDO platform for development cooperation and humanitarian aid	National, Slovenia	Development
104	Social Platform	European	Social affairs
105	SOLETERRE ONLUS	International	Health
106	Soroptimist International Great Britain & Ireland	International	Human rights
107	SOS/BirdLife Slovakia	National, Slovakia	Environment
108	Stop TAFTA Luxembourg	National, Luxembourg	
109	t�rkiye emekliler derneđi	National	turkey retired persons organization

110	Terre des Hommes	International	Child rights and equitable development
111	The Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU, Kehys	National, Finland	Development
112	The Oslo Times	International	Human Rihgts Media
113	The Salvation Army, EU Affairs Office	European	Social affairs
114	The Turkey-EU Association (European Movement - Turkey)	National, Turkey	We have more than one sector: EU relations, Human right issues, Migration, Gender issues etc...
115	UIL	National, Italia	Trade Union
116	UNI Europa	European	Trade Union
117	Union Sindical Obrera (USO)	National, Spain	Trade Union
118	UNITEE	International, European	business member organization, entrepreneurship, migrants,
119	UNITEE	European	Migrant Entrepreneurship
120	VAM Foundation (women and labormarket)	International, Mali, Suriname, Netherlands	Development
121	Volonteuroppe	European	Human rights
122	WECF	International, European, National, Netherlands, Germany, France	Gender Just Sustainable Development
123	WECF France	National	health, sustainable development, gender
124	Women for Water Partnership	International	Development
125	World Future Council	International	Sustainability
126	WWF European Policy Office	European	Environment
127	WWF-Belgium	International	Environment

128	Youth for Human Rights Denmark	National, Denmark	Human rights
129	Zeleni Osijek	European	Environment
130	Zero Waste International	International	Environment