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we can put an end to the problems of debt and austerity in Europe !

Date: 10 April 2014

Location: International Trade Union House, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, No. 5 , 1210 Brussels

Duration: from 09.30 to 20.00

Languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, German

09.30-10.45

Opening by Yiannis Milios (EL Economic policy working group) & **Walter Baier** (Transform ! Europe)

Introduction by Pierre Laurent, President of the EL

Proposals of the EL by Alexis Tsipras, Candidate of the left for the Presidency of the European Commission

Intervention of Gabi Zimmer, President of the GUE-NGL group at the European Parliament

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 1st session : Analysis

(moderation: Elisabeth Gauthier, member of the Board of Transform! Europe, Espaces Marx, France)

Connecting the debt crisis with the question of the crisis in the financial system and neoliberal policies. The Troika intervention. The ECB and the Banking Union

Elena Papadopoulou, (Nikos Poulantzas institute, Greece)

Trevor Evans, (Euromemorandum steering committee, UK)

Alberto Garzon (MP, Izquierda Unida, Spain)

Ricardo Cabral (Vice-Rector of Madeira's University, Portugal)

Interventions by:

Kate Hudson, (Coalition of Resistance, UK)

Sargon Nissan, (New Economics Foundation, economist, UK)

Francisco Louca, (Bloco de Esquerda - economist, Portugal)

Hans Genefke, (Red-Green Alliance-Member of the economic policy committee, Denmark)

Liem Hoang Ngoc, (MEP, France)

Alda Sousa, (MEP, Portugal)

Hayri Kozanoglu (ODP - Party Council member, Turkey)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 2nd session : Objectives

(moderation: Margarita Mileva, EL vice-president)

Productive and social transformation. Closing the gap between rich and poor EU countries.

Euklid Tsakalotos, (MP, SYRIZA, Greece)

Eric Toussaint, (CADTM president, Belgium)

Fabio Amato (member of the EL Secretariat, Italy)

Interventions by:

Peter Damo, (Trade unionist teachers union, Romanian Social Forum)

Karoly Gyorgy, (International secretary of the National Confederation of Hungarian Trade Unions, MSZOSZ, Hungary)

Dragan Nikcevis, (Institute for Labour studies, Slovenia)

Marie-Christine Vergiat, (MEP, France)

Jose Antonio Garcia Rubio, (Izquierda Unida responsible for economy, Spain)

Xavier Dupret, (economist Gresea, Belgium)

Themis Kotsifakis, (president of OLME-Federation of State School Teachers of Secondary Education, Greece)

Manuel Martin Garcia, (President of the Federation of the Associations for the Defence of Public Health, Spain)

16.00-17.00 3rd session: Other Experiences from Latin America/ Iceland

(moderation: Maite Mola, EL vice-president)

Iole Iliada Lopes, (Vice-president of Perseu Abramo foundation, Brazil)

Lilja Mosessdottir (economist, MP, Iceland)

Interventions by:

Willy Meyer, (MEP, Spain)

Olgher Santo Domingo, (Foro Sao Paolo - European secretariat)

Obey Ament (EL Latin America wg coordinator)

17.00-17.15 Coffee break

17.15-19.15 4th session: Proposals

(moderation: Adoracion Guaman, teacher of labour law, University of Valence, FEC-FIM, Spain)

Reclaiming democracy, debt cancellation and restructuring, transforming ECB, establishment of a European social and economical fund, a New (European) Deal, a new european fiscal policy for income and wealth redistribution

Joachim Bischoff, (economist, Publikation Sozialismus, Germany)

Teppo Eskelinen, (political philosopher and collaborator of Left Forum, Finland)

Heinz Bierbaum, (member of the Executive Board of Die Linke, Germany)

Paloma Lopez (CC.OO, Spain)

Interventions by:

Felipe van Keirsbilck, (Secretary general of CNE-CSC, Belgium)

Martin Ehrenhauser, (MEP, Austria)

Marisa Matias, (EL vice-president)

Ivan H. Ayala, (EcoNuestra - Coordination Commission Representative)

Unai Sordo (CC.OO, Basque country)

Jean Christophe Le Duigou, (economist, CGT trade unionist, France)

19.15-20.00 Conclusions by **Frederic Boccara** (EL Economic policy working group) & **Haris Golemis** (Transform! Europe)
