

ALTER SUMMIT

- ▼ Because we refuse to be governed by a self-appointed European oligarchy,
- ▼ Because we refuse the exploitation of people and nature in Europe and in the rest of the world,
- ▼ Because we reject the European Union's contribution to conflict and militarization,

- ▲ Because we call for an end to the exploitation and the oppression of women and for a break with the patriarchal system,
- ▲ Because we want real democracy, real participation and popular sovereignty,
- ▲ Because we want a society that gives priority to ecological and social needs,

**We are building a united movement
for a democratic, social, ecological
and feminist Europe!**

Europe stands on the edge of a precipice

► Austerity policies drive the peoples of Europe into poverty, undercut democracy and dismantle social policies. Rising inequalities endanger social cohesion. Ecological destruction is worsening while acute humanitarian crises devastate the most affected countries. Women and young people are hardest hit.

The European oligarchy employs ever more authoritarian methods to prop up a failed neoliberal system, all this despite widespread protest and resistance.

Democracy and peace are under threat. Discrimination, based on religion, racism, homophobia or sexism and nationalism are on the rise and the crisis is deepening daily.

The predictable outcome is the rise of racist, right-wing or fascist movements as resentment is partly directed against migrants, poor people, minorities, foreigners, and/or other European peoples. The best way to defeat these movements is to get rid of austerity.

Alternatives exist

► Our responsibility is to change the balance of power in order to impose them and build genuine political, social and economic democracy in Europe.

EU institutions and European governments now serve the interests of financial markets, with no respect for popular sovereignty. They must be brought under democratic control, just as the public interest must prevail and ecological and social needs be met. We base our demands for a democratic, social, ecological and feminist Europe on these principles, in solidarity with the peoples of the world.



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The Athens Manifesto

On June 7th and 8th, movements and organizations from all over Europe attended the Alter Summit in Athens. This event was organized, with the Greek social movement, by civil society organizations, trade unions, NGOs, with the support of personalities from all over Europe.

The Alter Summit in Athens has been a step forward in the building of more convergence between movements opposed to the current anti-social and anti-ecological policies promoted by European governments and institutions.

It was a highly symbolic gathering, since Greece has been the laboratory of the destructive austerity and so-called competitiveness policies, but is also becoming the laboratory of the resistance against austerity and struggles for alternatives.

The Athens manifesto expresses the alternatives of social movements to the official response to the crisis, and a common action programme.



**All our demands can be found
in our manifesto,
available at www.altersummit.eu**

Our slogans are :

- ▶ Stop debt slavery !
- ▶ For an ecological and social Europe : no to austerity
- ▶ Rights for everyone : no to precarity and poverty
- ▶ For economic democracy : put the banks to the service of public interest

Alter Summit?

The Alter Summit is made up of over a hundred feminist and citizens' movements as well as trade unions and campaign groups from over twenty European countries that are mobilising together against austerity policies. The Alter Summit wants to create a dynamic that bridges European, national and local actions.

Our objectives are :

- ▶ To discuss to create common ideas
- ▶ To act to change the balance of forces

The three priorities in 2014 :

- ▶ No to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the European Union and the US !
- ▶ No to the Troika and to the austerity policies of the European Union !
- ▶ Stop the surge of the extreme right !



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