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The crisis and the EU: the struggle against austerity and for social rights

Developing our next steps and strategies in our work to end EU austerity policies and attacks on social rights (Economic Governance Policies, Troika, Competitiveness pact, Commons, Debt) and to develop and promote our alternatives.

Organized by the following groups from the EU-in-Crisis Network: European Attac Network, CEO, TNI, ICAN

Objectives of the seminar

In the three day seminar we would like to do the following:

- a) assess the impacts of our strategies/activities since the Amsterdam Strategy Meeting in October 2013 on EU austerity policies. Presentation and discussion of the projects developed and implemented, such as Troika Party Project, Week of Action in the run up to EU Elections, Actions against Competitiveness Pact, Debt audit work and work on Commons/new narrative etc. More info on the meeting: <http://www.citizen-audit.net/a-european-square/>
- b) assess the new political moment and dynamics after the EU elections
- c) develop next steps and strategies on how to confront/end austerity policies and to develop and advance our alternatives – taking into account next key moments coming up in 2014/2015 such as the establishment of the new Commission, Blockupy 2014 etc.
- d) explore how to link/articulate with other networks, such as S2B – TTIP, Altersummit, Blockupy, Debt-audit Network, grassroots, etc.

Agenda for the Seminar

Wednesday 20th of August – Assessing work done

- Welcome
- Short introduction and dynamic to where we are coming from/what has been done up to now
- Assess together our strategies so far. What did we achieve? What did we not achieve? What worked well, what not? How are we doing things, engaging & communicating with people / citizens & with each other?
- (Articles from different movements to withdraw strategic lessons:
<http://www.tni.org/category/series/crossroads-europes-movements-respond>)

Thursday 21st of August – Looking ahead

- What are political events ahead of us as regards EU austerity policies and the competitiveness agenda?
- How do we assess the current political landscape after the EU Elections?
- Based on common analysis: What challenges do we see, what opportunities? What ideas emerge as regards next steps, strategies?
- Defining working groups to work on strategies in more details as of Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Friday 22nd of August – What next strategies and steps?

- Continuing work on strategies in smaller groups as identified on Thursday if needed in the first part of the meeting
- Collecting results of working groups in plenary and building a joint road map for the next months

Saturday morning 23 of August – Converging with other groups

Meeting other groups such as Blockupy, S2B, Altersummit etc. mobilising against austerity policies and exchanging strategies, action ideas etc.

What methodology we will use?

We are building upon successful experiences in the squares and in certain spaces (Economic Governance Assembly in the Alter Summit or the Amsterdam strategy meeting). We aim to have very dynamic and participatory discussions, where all participants to our seminar actively engage.

We will work with working group/small discussion group setting, to create spaces where all participants engage in the discussion. We will not have long presentations and long speeches by a few but we wish to work with the creativity, knowledge and wisdom of the many.

We will use hand signals to facilitate the work of the facilitators and to openly illustrate what is the general sense of the group.