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Program

The ongoing social, environmental, and geopolitical crises urgently demand stronger and more effective cooperation among left-wing forces in Europe and beyond. The European Left Alliance aims to unite progressive, green, and feminist movements to take concrete action against capitalism, resist the far right on the ground, and mobilise to win new victories across the continent.

We are guided by shared values: social justice, environmental protection, workers' rights, feminism, equality, democracy, and just peace. Together, we will learn from one another, harness our collective strengths, and mobilise in unity—while respecting our diversity.





15h · 15h15

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15h15 · 15h3O

Building a New European Front Against Capitalism and Fascism

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15h45 · 18h15 The Anti-Fascist International Meeting

Leaders of member parties of the European Left Alliance and international allies

Left parties and movements must intensify international cooperation to form a strong resistance against the dystopian future engineered by a highly organised far right — from Meloni to Trump, Milei to Orbán. As left-wing forces, we carry hope and are committed to concrete actions to counter authoritarian neoliberalism.



9h · 10h30 Parallel Roundtables

Members of the European Left Alliance, with international allies and guests from trade unions and civil society

Main stage

Defending and Advancing Workers' Rights

Workers' rights are fundamental to building societies based on equality and solidarity. What are the main threats at the national and European levels? What strategies and key actions are left-wing parties undertaking, not only to defend existing rights but to advance them?

Room Miragaia

Protecting the planet: political action for environmental

2 and social justice

Climate breakdown, biodiversity collapse, and widespread environmental destruction are not isolated issues — they are the direct result of exploitative economic policies, corporate greed, and political inaction. We need a left-led agenda that delivers a just transition — one that dismantles extractive systems, redistributes power and resources, and protects both people and the planet. What transformative actions are being taken across Europe? And more importantly, where are the gaps?

Room São João

Feminist and Anti racist strategies against the Far Right

The far right's racist narratives and policies are inflicting harm on millions and fuelling authoritarianism. Simultaneously, conservative and nationalist forces are attacking women's rights and LGBTQI+ communities. Left parties play a crucial role in developing effective feminist and anti-racist responses.



10h30 · 11h Break



Our future is increasingly threatened by war. From the genocide of the Palestinian people by Israel, to the Russian war of agression against Ukraine, far-right governments are engaging in armed conflicts and massacres in the pursuit of their imperialist agendas. The militarisation of geopolitics goes hand in hand with the unravelling of international law and multilateral institutions. In this context, Europe must stand for just and lasting peace. European countries must build their security independence from the United States and NATO, but not at the expense of people and the planet. How can the Left effectively mobilise to protect international law, democratic institutions, human rights, and refuse any double standards?

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13h · 14h3O Lunch



14H3O · 16H Parallel Roundtables

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Main stage

National parliamentary actions to change societies

Left parties are key actors to move the debate and initiate political decisions in parliamentary spaces ranging from municipalities, regions, as well as national (and european) levels. This roundtable will explore different cases of effective parliamentary actions and exchange on key left proposals already introduced or to be introduced in the national parliaments.

Room Miragaia

Counteracting the far right - different strategies from national levels

Strategies to resist and form an effective opposition to the far right will look different depending on the national context. What are the different strategies used, and what can we learn from each other's successes and setbacks?

Room São João

Economics for the People and the Planet: Tax the Rich, Invest in a Sustainable Future

The dominant liberal economic model is fuelling inequality and environmental destruction. We must democratise the economy and implement concrete reforms to redistribute wealth—from the wealthy and large corporations—to invest in people and the planet.



16h · 16h3O Break



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Left parties and movements are today the most important resistance to the far right. In some countries we have seen the left gain power and be able to reverse the downward spirals that threaten our democracies, our planet, social and workers rights. How can Left parties better support each other across borders, how do we win elections, how do we get into government, how do we shape national and European political agendas?

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