

**BUILDING ALTERNATIVES:
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EL Against Neo-Fascism and Militant Anti-Communism

The 2nd Congress of the EL draws its attention to all the democratic forces to an alarming growth of ultra right and neo-fascist groups and parties in various countries of Europe. In Prague, the venue of our Congress, one of such provocative demonstrations of the extreme right took recently place, too. These neo-fascist activities are, apart from attacking the Left, aggressively spreading also Racism and xenophobia. This goes alongside with a growing discrimination of minorities in some European Countries, even up to the point of their lives being endangered.

Demonstrations of neo-fascists are often carried out under a protection of courts and police, advocated by the slogans of freedom of speech and democratic rights. Counter-demonstrations are simultaneously hampered or even suppressed by the police. Young anti-fascists are often detained, or even prosecuted and criminalized under various pretexts. Also in the Czech Republic, the Communist Youth Union has been stripped of the legal status recently.

In certain European countries, like e.g. Ukraine, or some Baltic States, the attempts of a direct rehabilitation of Nazi crimes and criminals are growingly promoted by extreme-right and neo-Nazi structures, without an adequate reaction of the states authorities, if not with the direct complicity.

The tolerance to neo-fascism is accompanied by militant anti-Communism. History has, however, proved in a too painful manner that repressions of communists mark a beginning of suppression of socialists, trade unions and other democratic forces, putting democratic and human rights as such.

The EL calls its member parties to exercise initiatives curbing neo-fascist activities and militant anti-Communism. The political controversy must be carried out solely as a democratic political debate, and at the same time, open the venue for parliamentary and juridical options. Militant anti-Communism is a serious danger for democracy and human rights. Fascism is not an opinion – it is a crime.