

**Adopted by the EL Executive Board in Rome 18-19 February 2017**

## **The EL welcomes the appeal, "Our Europe"**

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### **APPEAL OUR EUROPE UNITED, DEMOCRATIC, IN SOLIDARITY**

On the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, we gather, aware that to prevent Europe from collapse, social and environmental disasters, and regressions towards authoritarianism, we must change it.

Our common legacy, built upon the achievements of rights and democracy, is disintegrating alongside our welfare state, hopes, and aspirations.

In recent years we have witnessed unfair treaties, austerity, the domination of finance, rejections, job insecurity, and the discrimination of young people and women; in Europe we also saw the growth of inequality and poverty.

We are at a crossroads: between saving human lives, or banks; between ensuring universal rights, or dismantling them; between peaceful coexistence or war; between democracy or dictatorship. Mistrust, fear, and social insecurity are increasing, while racism, reactionary nationalism, walls, borders, and razor wires are growing all around us.

Another Europe is necessary, urgent, and possible. To create it we must act. We must denounce policies that threaten its very existence. We must demand supranational democratic institutions as real expressions of popular mandate, with adequate resources. We must claim the respect of the rights enshrined in the European Charter. And whether in the Mediterranean area or beyond the European Union borders—we must defend all things good, propose alternatives, and fight to achieve them.

This project of European unity, innovative and fearless, will guarantee to all men and women the only viable future. A future based on democracy and freedom, rights and equality, legitimate respect of gender diversity, social and climate justice, human and labor dignity, solidarity and acceptance, peace, and environmental sustainability.

We will never say "Italians or Germans or French first," but "us first." By "us," we mean North and South, East or West European, natives and migrants, men and women.

Let's start from here—from Rome. Let's show solidarity and unity, and build a political space equal to the challenges ahead. Let's overcome our differences, in our continent and all over the world.

**We invite you to respond to this call, to promote and contribute to other events and gatherings in Italy and all over Europe, and to come to Rome the 23rd, 24th and 25th of March to take part in initiatives that will bring about a remarkable, unified convergence.**

**Il comitato organizzatore**

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<http://www.lanostraeuropa.org/appello-la-nostra-europa/our-europe-unity-democracy-solidarity/>

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**Le PGE accueille favorablement l'appel," Notre Europe "**

Le PGE accueille favorablement l'appel," Notre Europe ", lancé par des dizaines de mouvements et organisations italiens et européens. Il est engagé à la construction d'initiatives et de mobilisations à Rome les 23, 24, 25 mars 2017 pour le 60ème anniversaire de la signature du Traité de Rome

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