



Left, Green, Progressive  
**EUROPEAN  
 FORUM**

*Rivas Vaciamadrid*

10-12 NOVEMBER 2023

**7th edition of the European Forum of Left, Green and Progressive forces**

**10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2023, Rivas-Vaciamadrid ([City Hall](#))**

**PROGRAM**

Interpretation : FR, EN, ES for all sessions

**Friday 10th of November 2023**

**13h30 Opening of registration** ([City Hall](#), Plaza de la Constitución 3, 28522 Rivas-Vaciamadrid)

**14h00-14h45 Opening of the Forum** (Salón de actos - City hall)

Aída Castillejo (Mayor of Rivas Vaciamadrid)

Cornelia Hildebrandt (Co-Presidente of transform!europe)

Manon Aubry (Co-Presidente of THE LEFT) (VIDEO)

Paloma López (General Secretary of CCOO Madrid)

Moderation: Jose Luis Centella (Co-Coordinator of the European Forum)

**15h00-17h00 3 debates in parallel**

**→ Social struggles in Europe for social progress in a context of work transformation** (Marcos Ana – Cultural center)

Marciano Sánchez (Federation of Associations for the Defence of Public Health Care, Spain)

Maria Vindevoghel (Member of Parliament PTB, Belgium)

Rafael Mayoral (Ex Member of Parliament of Podemos, Spain)

Sacha Tenaerts (Roving CNE delegate at Delhaize, Belgium)

Sébastien Menesplier (General Secretary of Mine and Energy Federation of the CGT, France)

Toni Barbarà (Mareas Blancas, Cataluña)

Moderation : Ismael González (Member of the EL Political Secretariat and Secretary of organization of Izquierda Unida)

→ **Feminist Assembly** (Pedro Zerolo – City Hall)

Alyssa Ahrabare (Lawyer, advocacy officer for the European Network of Migrant Women, Vice-President of the French Coordination for the European Women's Lobby)

Cristina Romano (President of Juanita Moro Association, Argentina)

Cristina Simo (Movimiento Democrático de Mujeres – MDM, Feminist sector of the Communist Party of Spain)

Hélène Bidard (Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of gender equality)

Leticia Montes Rodríguez (President of Union Nacional Mujeres Mexicanas A.C)

María Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (MEP THE LEFT, Spain)

Osmayda Hernandez Beleño (Member of the National Secretariat of the Federation of Cuban Women for international relations, Cuba)

→ **Workshop: "Money for the people, not for capital"**. (Salón de actos - Cultural center)

*The use of money in Europe (European Central Bank, budget, loans, spending in public services and ecological transition).*

Pablo Sánchez Centellas (European Public Services Federation, EPSU)

Sandrine Michel (Professor of economics at the University of Montpellier)

Tea Jarc (Confederal Secretary ETUC)

Moderation : Frédéric Boccara (Economist, Communist Party of France)

17h00-17h30 Coffee break

17h30-19h30 **Plenary 1 building the Peaceful Europe and beyond: Collective strategies for global security** (Salón de actos - City hall)

Christina Nicolaou (Head of the Environmental Bureau and member of the European Affairs Bureau, AKEL)

Gloria Inés Ramírez (Minister of work, Colombia)

Manu Pineda (MEP THE LEFT, Spain)

Sean Conner (Executive Director of International Peace Bureau)

Vincent Boulet (Vice-President of the Party of the European Left)

Modération : Maite Mola (Responsible of the EL International Relations)

19h30 Welcome Cocktail

20h00-21h30 **Political Conference : Empowering the Left for Victory: Forging Democratic, Social, and Ecological Alternatives** (Salón de actos - City hall)

David Pestieau (Political Director of the PTB, Belgium)

Ludovic Voet (ETUC Confederal Secretary)

Mitja Svete (Secretary General of Levica, Slovenia)

Monica Valente (Executive Secretary of the Foro de São Paulo, Brazil)

Walter Baier (President of the Party of the European Left)

Yolanda Díaz (Minister of Labor, Spain)

Moderator: Vincent Boulet (Co-coordinator of the European Forum)

21h30 Typical Basque dinner with Cider and ham!

## Saturday 11th of November 2023

9h30-11h30 **2 debates in parallel**

→ **Workshop The role of the state** (Pedro Zerolo – City Hall)

Heinz Bierbaum (President of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation)

Léa Das Neves Bicho (Political adviser to MEP Philippe Lamberts in the European Parliament)

Simone d'Alessandro (Professor at the University of Pisa) or Dr. Halliki Kreinin (University of Münster) (TBC)

Moderation: Kevin Le Merle (Analyst at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, FEPS)

→ **Workshop The future of the European integration** (Salón de actos - Cultural center)

David Pestieau (Political Director of the PTB, Belgium)

Helmut Scholz (MEP THE LEFT, Germany)

Josu Estarrona (EH Bildu Senator in Madrid)

Pedro Chaves (Instituto Republica and Democracia)

Veronika Sušová-Salminen (Researcher, co-author of the study "100 Shades of the EU")

Vincent Boulet (Head of International Relations of the French Communist Party)

Yiannis Bournous (Vice-President of the European Left)

Moderation: Walter Baier (President of the European Left)

11h30-12h00 Coffee break

12h00-14h00 **3 debates in parallel**

→ **Workshop Energy and climate change** (Pedro Zerolo – City Hall)

Davide Panzeri (ECCO, Italian think tank on climate change)

Eva García Sempere (Environmental activists, former MP and energy transition expert).

Kevin Le Merle (Analyst at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, FEPS)

Moderation: Taube Van Melkebele (Policy Manager, Green European Foundation, GEF)

→ **Youth Assembly : Antifascism without borders: European stories and current struggles**

(Marcos Ana – Cultural Center)

→ **Workshop THE LEFT : Asylum and migrants rights: which alternative to the bellicist policies of the EU** (Salón de actos - Cultural center)

Fatou Faye (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Senegal)

Gonzalo Fanjul (PorCausa, Spain)

Mimmo Lucano (Former mayor of Riace, Italy)

Sira Rego (MEP THE LEFT, Spain)

Trade-unionist on the regularisation of workers (TBC)

Moderation : Panagiota Maniou (Vice general secretary of the LEFT, Greece) (TBC)

14h00-16h00 Lunch: popular Paella!

16h00-18h00 **Plenary 2 Ecological transition, objectives and means** (Salón de actos - City hall)

18h00-18h30 Coffee break

18h30-20h00 **3 debates in parallel**

→ **Parliamentary Assembly** (Pedro Zerolo – City Hall)

Emmanuel Maurel (MEP THE LEFT, Republican and Socialist Left, France)

Enrique Santiago (MP Communist Party of Spain)

Idoia Villanueva Ruiz (MEP THE LEFT, Podemos, Spain)

Maria Vindevoghel (Member of Parliament PTB, Belgium)

Nataša Sukič (MP Levica, Slovenia)

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→ **Culture Assembly: Culture for all, right away!** (Marcos Ana – Cultural Center)

Cristina Bermejo (General Secretary of the Media, Arts, Culture, Sports and Leisure Sector of the CCOO)

Julien Dohet (Political Secretary of the SETCa-FGTB Liège, Belgium)

Olga Athaniti (Artist, Greece)

Sabina Di Marco (National secretary and Head of Cultural Content Production, CGIL, Italy)

Moderation : Jean-Pierre Michiels (Communists of Wallonie-Bruxelles)

→ **Workshop on the 50th anniversary of the end of dictatorship in Greece, Spain and Portugal / Fight against the far right** (Salón de actos - Cultural center)

A space to debate and exchange experiences and analysis on 50 years after the Carnation Revolution in Portugal, the fall of the Greek junta and the end of Franco dictatorship, with analysts and partisans of the 3 countries.

20h15-21h30 Dinner by Lakook Causas CEAR (Spanish Commission for Refugee Assistance, inclusive and sustainable social catering)

21h30 **CONCERT The Hot Tubes** (Cultural center)

## **Sunday 12th of November 2023**

10h00-12h00 Trade Union Assembly : **Delivering good jobs in a green & digital economy: the working class at the centre of a new social deal** (Salón de actos - City hall)

Frederic Mellier (Member of the National Council of the Communist Party of France)

Lorena Rodríguez Zarco (Worker at the Municipal Services Company RIVAMADRID - CCOO Delegate in the Company Committee)

Ludovic Voet (ETUC Confederal Secretary)

Maria Vindevoghel (Member of Parliament PTB, Belgium)

Moderation: Enrique Carmona (Head of CCOO Brussels office, Spain)

12h00-12h30 Coffee break

12h30-14h00 **Conclusions** /Final Declaration and action plan/ Toward the 8<sup>th</sup> European Forum in Budapest (Salón de actos - City hall)

Ernest Urtasun (Vice-President Greens/EFA)

Jose Luis Centella (Co-Coordinator of the European Forum)

Marga Ferré (Co-Presidente of transform!europe)

Report from the Assemblies (TBC)

Toward the 8<sup>th</sup> European Forum in Budapest : Attila Vajnai (Workers' Party of Hungary 2006) and Martin Leiter (Yes Solidarity for Hungary Movement)

Pre-programme of the Women's Assembly (*City hall, Rivas Vaciamadrid*)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 17h-20h30 : The consequences of war on women**

Adila Osman (Sudan)

Aida Narallah (Coordinator of the Arab region of FDIM, Lebanon)

Dagmar Nared (8 March Institute, Slovenia)

Gloria Inés Ramírez (Minister of Labour of Colombia, Colombia)

Moderation: Maite Mola (Responsible of the EL International Relations)

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November, 17h-20h30 : The role of women in peace processes**

Intissar Al Wazir (Vice-President of FDIM from the Arab region, Palestine)

Lorena Pena (Leader of the FMLN Party, El Salvador)

Skevi Koukouma (POGO/FDIM, Cyprus)

Ulla Klötzer (Peace activist, Finland)



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