

# ALTER SUMMIT

# ANOTHER EUROPE NOW!

## WE ARE

Trade unions, social movements and researchers networks, supported by cultural and political personalities

## WE OPPOSE

- A socially destructive austerity
- An economically absurd austerity
- A democratically suicidal austerity

## WHO'S TO BLAME ?

### The Troika

The European Central Bank (ECB) with at its head **Mario Draghi**

The European Commission (EC) with at its head **José M. Barroso**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF)

**Angela Merkel and other European heads of States** who profit of this crisis to impose a neoliberal order that promotes the market, competition and competitiveness regardless of people's needs

**Banks and multinational corporations** that make more profit than ever while austerity is imposed to the people of Europe

## WE HAVE ALTERNATIVES

**Allow central banks** (as in the US, Japan or the UK) **to directly finance the States** to significantly reduce the problem of sovereign debts

**Create a wealth tax and/or tax financial transactions** in order to recover - and better - the social rights that have been deteriorated

**Increase the wages**

because they are the driving force of stability and activities

**Seize the ecological transition opportunity**

to create thousands of jobs

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## AND WE WILL WIN

- By our **unity of action** and the **convergence of national struggles**
- By **popular education**
- By **entering** into regional, national and european **power struggles**

## WE WILL START

on **November 10, 2012** in Firenze with the kick-off of the Alter Summit

## History of the Alter Summit

In 2011, about twenty trade unions and social movements from Europe, having discussions with the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), decided to launch a process of joint discussion: the **Joint Social Conference (JSC)**. Its purpose was to gather each springtime, when the decision-makers of the European Union would make their socio-economic decisions. By doing so, a large platform of actors from the trade unions and social movements would express « **our** » political priorities instead of « **theirs** ».

**In 2012, this appeal has been enlarged to three types of actors:** numerous other social movements, researchers networks and cultural and political personalities, willing to show personal support. The decision to enlarge the appeal was twofold. First, the credibility of our alternatives. They are now shared by a large group of organizations and currents of thought. Second: action is needed ! This is an emergency ! Europe is facing a democratic danger because the European institutions are reducing the autonomies of the States in order to impose austerity measures.

Our large counter-attack is called **Alter Summit**. It will start on **November 10, 2012 (10.11.12)** in **Firenze (Italy)**.

## Agenda

### 2012

#### November 10

Launching of the Alter Summit in Firenze, during Firenze 10+10

#### November 14

Active support to the convergence of national struggles on the occasion of the general strikes launched by Portugal, Italy, Greece, Spain, Cyprus and Malta.

### 2013

#### January or February

National demonstrations «Another Europe Now» at a commonly fixed date and with common watchwords (more info: see website)

#### March 16 or 23

Common action day in Brussels, Frankfurt and everywhere else on the occasion of the Spring Summit of the European Union

#### End of May / Begin of June

Alter Summit in Athens or in another struggling city

#### Next

Pursuing of national and european mobilizations

### Contacts :

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### What do we need ?

We need a strong **European social movement, deeply rooted in the national level, capable of unity of action and proposing alternatives**. These alternatives are a joint construction process and we are only at the start.

### Our priorities are

- to spread the word: make people and organizations know about the Alter Summit
- to build up a network of organizations and researchers
- to build up local, regional and national coordinations capable of coordinating the projects

### What can I do ?

- Sign the **petition** : [www.altersummit.eu](http://www.altersummit.eu)
- **Spread information** about the Alter Summit (site, Facebook, Twitter,...)
- **Build up or join** a local, regional or national coordination ([info@altersummit.eu](mailto:info@altersummit.eu))

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