**International conference**

**«The European Left for democracy, solidarity, social and just Europe»**

On the 16th of March 2019 in Minsk the International conference «the European Left for democracy, solidarity, social and just Europe» took place. The representatives of the left parties from Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Finland, the Czech Republic and the European network for alternative thinking «Transform!» took part in the work of the conference.

The representatives of the Left parties have managed to conduct a wide exchange of opinions on contemporary economic and social situation of people, on the problems with observing the main political, economic, and social rights and freedoms of people in the European countries; they managed to share the accumulated experience of work on the defense of people’s lawful rights and interests.

The participants of the conference have stated that contemporary global capitalism is making its total attack against the rights and freedoms of the working people. In the world, where the transnational capital rules, the results of scientific, technological and informational progress do not lead to the society of general welfare, but aims at an excessive exploitation of the working majority by the parasitizing minority.

The neoliberal politics and practice, which has been prevailing in the world for the last decades, have led to a horrible injustice. Today the welfare of 1% of the richest people on the planet has exceeded the welfare of the rest of the humanity, and 8 richest multi-billionaires possess the wealth surpassing that of the half of the population of the world.

Women continue to stay in the situation of outrageous inequality in all the spheres. Though the feminist movement we have witnessed on the 8th of March this year is a hope for all Left parties.

People realize more and more the injustice of the existing order and wish positive changes. Under these conditions the left parties need to suggest clear and attractive alternative of the public development based on the principles of people’s rule, social justice and freedom.

Under the situation of the bankruptcy of neoliberalism, the left should be persuasive in promoting the left agenda into the public mentality and activate the struggle for power. The Left should actively counteract ultra-right and neo-fascist organizations. It is necessary for the left to strengthen in all possible directions the international solidarity of the anti-imperialistic and anti-capitalist forces, to integrate our efforts and moves with trade-unions and other organizations that defend the rights of the working people.

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