

France: On Jean-Luc Mélenchon, Europe, and especially migrants

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“European elections: France Insoumise shifts a bit”: this is the title of an article published in *L’Humanité* following the “Amfis” of France Insoumise [1], organized in Marseille from 23 to 26 August. [15]...

In France, the opportunism of certain sectors of the employers towards migrants does not mean in any sense a collective adherence of the bourgeoisie to the principle of freedom of movement and residence. Otherwise, it would be difficult to understand why Macron and his government, whose fidelity to the interests of the wealthy and the MEDEF does not need to be demonstrated, are also hostile to migrants, and struggle tirelessly to discourage them from travelling to Europe in general and France in particular... Once again, it is a question of political choice, and it is regrettable that Jean-Luc Mélenchon and FI have recourse to an argument which, *de facto*, postulates that the opening of borders would have negative consequences for the workers “already present” on French soil.

Moreover, the argument of the profits made by the capitalists on the backs of the migrants who manage to reach European countries can be turned around, given that some large industrial groups, and not least important ones, make profits... by preventing migrants from reaching European countries. Claire Rodier, author of a work of reference on the subject (*Xenophobia business: à quoi servent les contrôles migratoires ?*), raised already in 2014 the question of the “migration business” [