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IMPORTANT - Change of date:

September 29, 2010 from 8:30 am to 12:15 am in Brussels.

Hello,

We just got informed that there will be a meeting of the Joint Social Conference which joined together many trade-union organizations and social movements on September 28 all the day. To avoid all "competition" between the two initiatives and in order to allow the organizations which we invite to take part in the two meetings we propose to change the date of the meeting "for a European coordination of struggle against the debt and austerity plans". The new date of this meeting will be the morning of the European demonstration :

September 29 from 8:30 am to 12:15 in Brussels.

We will have less time than planed initially but we hope that it will allow a maximum of organizations to take part in this meeting. We are still searching a place to meet, we will communicate it as soon as it will be confirmed.

See you on September 29.

For the CADTM-Europe network,

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Pascal Franchet and Sophie Perchellet, Vice-presidents of CADTM France ;

Juan Tortosa, CADTM Switzerland,

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Object: For a European coordination of struggle against the debt and austerity plans !

Addressees: All social movements and political parties in Europe that are convinced that a popular respond must be developed against the offensive launched by the Capital under cover of the explosion of the public debt.

Dear friends, dear comrades,

On the occasion of its European seminar in Namur (Belgium) 22 to 24 May 2010, [1] CADTM and its European network launched a call to a transborder mobilization against the dictatorship of creditors. [2] Relying on this call, our delegation at the European Social Forum (ESF) in Istanbul in early July 2010 worked towards the construction of a European coordination against the debt and austerity plans.

The various actions planned in Brussels and elsewhere in Europe on 29 September, called a.o. by the European Trade Union Confederation [3], are crucial. We hope that they will bring large numbers of participants together and be the beginning of a concerted response to the attacks launched on behalf of capital owners and of creditors against social benefits.

The CADTM-Europe network calls all political forces, trade unions and citizens associations to come together and set up a common platform and a schedule of initiatives and actions on a European scale.

With the help of the IMF and of the European Commission, Capital and the leaders of European countries are resolved to have the lower classes pay for the crisis.

What is at stake is social regression, rising unemployment, and a challenging of peoples' fundamental rights.

Popular mobilizations, starting with that of the Greek people directly and unprecedently aggressed, may not be successful if we cannot construct a united and offensive response, coordinated at the European level.

As you already know, for twenty years now CADTM (www.cadtm.org/English) has developed an expertise in the field of public debt in terms of diagnosis and of alternatives. Over the last two years it has developed an analysis of the public debt issue in industrialized countries, and it now wishes to share it (as well as proposals for demands) with as many social and political movements as possible. CADTM took the initiative of this meeting that aims at setting up a light and nimble concertation so as to decide together on the meeting's agenda.

We invite all political and social organisations to send a delegation to Brussels for a first meeting towards such concertation using the occasion provided by the demonstration called upon by ETUC on 29 September.

Proposed meeting on 28 September from 1pm to 6.30pm in Brussels.
(see agenda below)

The venue has not yet been decided upon, we are loooking for a room for translation booths so as to insure good working conditions.

A reminder will be sent in early September 2010 with a list of participating organizations. The venue will be notified asap. Organizers do not see to accommodation and meals. On the other hand, they do organize translation into at least two working languages: English and French. Each delegation will have to make sure that at least one of its members can translate into their national language from French or English.

We look forward to seeing you on 28 September and send you our best activist greetings,

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Will you kindly fill the form below ? This will help practical organisation.

Proposed agenda:

- 12.30: registration of participating organisations;
- 13.00: general debate on the crisis and on current mobilizations;
- 15.00 - 15.30: pause;
- 15h30-17h30 : proposal of common demands and of a schedule of initiatives and actions;
- 17.30 -18.15: setting up a liaison committee.
- End at 18.30

(The present agenda can of course be changed)

Form to be filled and returned to [pascal cadtm.org](mailto:pascal.cadtm.org), [sophie cadtm.org](mailto:sophie.cadtm.org) et [myriam cadtm.org](mailto:myriam.cadtm.org)

Organization (acronym and full name)

Member of an international network or organization:

Country:

Address and website:

Family names and first names of participants with their functions

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Will your delegation include an interpreter?

Footnotes

[1] <http://www.cadtm.org/Du-Nord-au-Sud-de-la-planete-Des>

[2] See on ESSF: [Call for a European mobilisation against credit dictatorship](#)

[3] <http://www.etuc.org/a/7407>