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Social Europe Can No Longer Wait

From the Demonstration in Rome on 18th of May To the Alter Summit in Athens on 7th- 8th of June

The longest and deepest economic crisis of modern economy, because of which millions are falling into poverty, is not a natural disaster, there are clear responsibilities, either political, economic and ethic.

It is unbelievable that the most responsible for this crisis be those who suggest the European government the fundamental decisions and the remedies to be taken overcome the crisis.

And the recipes are always the same: public budget cuts, privatization of common goods and services, reduction of the wages and the workers' rights. These are completely ineffective policies to overcome the crisis, which depress the economy and have no other effect than increasing inequality and poverty to unbearable levels, attacking the European social model and jeopardize social cohesion and democracy itself .

For another idea of Europe, "a democratic, social, ecological and feminist Europe," to stop the austerity policies before they destroy democracy, a broad range of associations, social movements, trade unions joined to organize an Alter Summit that will be held in Athens on 7- 8 of June. A summit of the peoples alternative to that ones of the International economic institutions and the governments

Fiom CGIL, acknowledging the aims of the Peoples Manifesto of Alter Summit, will be in Athens on 7th and 8th June along with unions and social movements from all over Europe for that important meeting to relaunch an idea of Europe based on rights, democracy, solidarity, the commons.

The aims we put at the core of our national demonstration of 18 May in Rome are part of this shared agenda for a new Europe, therefore we want to consider our demonstration as a bridge to the initiative of Athens, as one step of European mobilization against austerity policies that are canceling rights and democracy

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