



DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVES AGAINST INEQUALITY AND INEQUITY, IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISIS

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Crises manifest that the global inequality and inequity have turned into a fact of such seriousness that it is impossible to evade or conceal them. The solution of crises can increment inequality dramatically, or on the contrary, be an opportunity to revert a course that generated more exclusion in vast majorities.

The overcoming of inequalities will generate the solution of many crises that are interconnected, sharing financial, economic, energetic, food-supply and/ or climatic dimensions.

We comprehend that poverty is not a question of limited well-being, but that it is a question relating to the incapacity to achieve this well-being in an autonomous and permanent way. Consequently, it is necessary to overcome focalised social politics that operate in a charity-based model, and construct a universal social security system.

THE ALTERNATIVES THAT WE PROPOSE

- **Extension and radicalizing of democracy:** control and transparency of public administration; deepening of decentralizing and regional-based processes; extension of participation mechanisms, and strengthening of civil society networks.
- **Recognition of and possibilities to demand economic, social and cultural rights:** denounce and reject commercial and negotiation agendas that seek to break regional integration processes. Correspondingly, themes like water recourses, public services, inversions, public purchases, competition and intellectual property should be excluded from negotiations. The people's right to circulate without restrictions and the rights of immigrants should be fully recognized.
- **A new international financial system:** we need to establish a financial system that guarantees the progressive and differentiated taxation of capital income and we need to revert encouragements of the financial system to obtain exorbitant benefits by means of speculation.
- **Global environmental justice in the face of climate change:** the costs to administer the crisis should be assumed by the people that benefitted from the spectacular profits up to this moment.



- **Strengthening and redesignment of international cooperation:** establishment of global solidarity mechanisms and effective enquiry and consultation mechanisms, permanent monitoring and evaluation of the criteria, projects and programmes of international cooperation.