



### **Common announcement of the 11<sup>th</sup> MECYO**

During the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2015, in Frankfurt/Main the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of European Communist Youth Organizations took place under the title “70 years after the Antifascist Victory of the Peoples: capitalism still creates crises, fascism, wars. The hope for the youth lies in the socialist tomorrow”. As participating organizations we issue the following joint statement:

On 08<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> of May 1945, fascism was defeated and the greatest crimes of humanity were put to an end. The overthrow of fascism was achieved after a long process of struggle by the antifascist forces, especially the Soviet Union, national liberation movements, the major role played by the communist parties and the decisive contribution of the youth. The soldiers of the Red Army and the entire population of the Soviet Union contributed with great sacrifices, and shouldered the heaviest burden to achieve this victory. With the antifascist victory the USSR gained great prestige worldwide.

We have every reason and responsibility to be taught by history, to learn the truth and fight for it. We have to be taught by the experience and conclusions of the titanic struggle of the peoples for social liberation and for relevant improvements of living and working conditions for the youth and the people. We have to integrate them into our contemporary struggle.

Today, and especially after the victory of the counterrevolution in the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, a worldwide coordinated effort began for the erasing and rewriting of History. EU, with its official anti-communist policy, stands in the first line of this attack. By declaring the 9<sup>th</sup> May as "The day of Europe", EU seeks to erase the day as the antifascist victory of the peoples of Europe and to wipe out the collective memory on this 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the liberation from fascism and the determinant participation of the Soviet Union and communists from all the occupied countries. It cultivates its savage anti-communism as an official ideology. It promotes the anti-scientific and reactionary theory of equating fascism with communism and tries to claim the innocence of the capitalist system, of which the fascist ideology is a part. At the same time they slander socialism–communism, which is the real threat for their power. Thus, EU reveals its true face, as a capitalist interstate union in favour of the interests of the monopolies.

Today, 70 years after the defeat of fascism, capitalism still creates crises, fascism and wars. The situation of the youth in many countries continues to worsen during the crisis, in spite of the EU and its representatives promising the opposite.

- The precariousness is becoming the rule, the succession of temporary contracts, scholarships and new forms of contracting, of trainees or lesser salaries are measures mostly driven by the EU's Youth Guarantee Plan. The working class and popular sectors are becoming poorer because even the earned money doesn't even get to cover the basic vital expenses of the workers.
- Unemployment, which in capitalism is part of the normal state of affairs and is a necessary result of the capitalist mode of production, continues on historic high levels, especially in the youth.
- The women workers, in general and the young women in particular are hit by the attack on our wages and working conditions in a particularly severe manner, forced by the capitalists to work under even worse conditions.

It proves that the EU is the materialized common interest of capital, in spite of the competition between each national great capital and the respective governments at their service; the great capital of Europe has a common interest in intensifying the exploitation of workers and the working youth. It proves that there is no possibility to administer this system and the EU in favour of the people, as social-democrats and opportunists propose. They draw off the attention of the working class and its youth from the imperialist character of the EU by pretending falsely the possibility to create a more social and democratic EU, instead of fortifying the struggle of the peoples and the youth against it. They disguise and do not question the EU's character, appealing that a favourable exit of the crisis for the workers is possible by the means of a more social and democratic EU.

At the same time the deep capitalist crisis has sharpened the imperialist rivalries in respect to the repositioning in the imperialist system and the struggle of the monopolies for their share of the markets, natural resources and the roads for the transfer of energy and products. The outbreaks of imperialist wars and confrontations are being multiplied. The danger of another generalized imperialist war is immanent, as the situation in Ukraine shows. European Union, USA and NATO strive to control the natural and energetic resources of the country and its geopolitical position. The aggressions of the EU have their origin in contradictions with capitalist Russia and lead to a military siege against Russia, raising the danger of war and menacing peace in the region, on the European continent and in the world. In the same way the ISIS, were created by imperialists and are used to promote imperialist plans in the region.

We call on the youth of the popular strata not to shed its blood for the interests of the great capital and imperialism. On the contrary, we call to organize its struggle to overcome the capitalist system that generates imperialist wars and exploitation. In this framework, it is not accidental that during the last years in virtually all member states of the European Union, racist and fascist movements grew stronger. Racist, fascist, and nationalist parties were able to establish themselves, which is a new and dangerous development.

Fascism is born and raised by capitalism. Under capitalism, fascism can never be defeated once and for all, since the system of exploitation feeds it. It is prepared and kept in times that the system faces difficulty and cracks. The capital chooses to promote and support it, as it chooses to retract at times, for later usage. Fascism incorporates the most reactionary products of the bourgeois ideology and policy, for example nationalism, racism, zealous anticommunism, hate against the man and opposition to social progress. Their goal and role is to smash the working labour movement, for example by trying to disorient the youth by spreading the idea that their social problems can be solved in a nationalist way, at the expense of their migrant colleagues.

The youth must decisively reject all forms of fascism. Fascism can never serve the interests of the youth, but always serves the interests of the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression. It is necessary to unmask the fascist forces as forces in the interest of monopoly capital. 70 years after the antifascist victory, we feel proud that as young communists, we stand in the tradition of those who fought most consequentially against fascism and against the system that generates it. We are confident that the 21st century will be a century of reinforcement of the anticapitalist and antiimperialist struggle and new uprisings of the people.

70 years ago, after the victory of the peoples, the youth rejected war, fascism and imperialism, founding in that same year the World Federation of Democratic Youth. This year we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of WFDY, and we are proud of the achievements of the federation, its role in the unity between all the youth organizations that struggle against imperialism and for peace. We are committed in its reinforcement, in the deepening of its anti-imperialist character, its connection to the reality and struggles of the youth worldwide, as well as in Europe.

We, as European Communist Youth Organizations, call the youth, women and men of all nationalities, employed or unemployed, to stand up against the offensive of the great capital, to organize resistance. Being divided never benefits us, but always benefits those who exploit and oppress us.

All over the region, students are struggling in their schools, universities and in the streets against the cuts on education, against the tuition fees and for a free, democratic and public education for all; young workers are struggling against unemployment, precarity and low wages, against the attacks on social security, with many strikes and demonstrations bravely facing the offensive of the employers and showing the unity of workers and the important role of young workers in the struggle. They have the power to bring victories that raise the class-consciousness.

We call the working and studying youth of Europe for the mobilization with the working class, against the EU, to stop every counter-reform that affects our rights and to leap to counterattack for the conquest of the only possible future for the youth of today and tomorrow. The struggles that we are leading today allow achievements, however we have to fight for a society without exploitation, without war and oppression, for a society of peace and solidarity, in which political power no longer is exerted by monopoly capital, but lies in the hands of the working class. This society is socialism-communism.

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Socialist German Workers' Youth (SDAJ)  
Communist Youth of Greece (KNE)  
Front of Communist Youth of Italy (FGC)  
Portuguese Communist Youth (JCP)  
Revolutionary Communist Youth Union of Bolsheviks (RKSMb)  
Union of Young Communists of Spain (UJCE)  
Collectives of Young Communist (CJC)  
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