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## Abstract

Bl-appoġġ tal-programm tal-Kummissjoni Ewropeja [“Europe for Citizens”](#), Confrontations Europe amministra *Solidarity Tour* matul is-sena 2019.

Dan il-proġett lagħqa madwar ħamsin parteċipanti żgħir ta' nazzjonalitajiet differenti; Ġermaniżi, Belġjani, Franciżi, Griegi, Ungerizi, Pollakki, Serbi u Ċeki waqt *seminars* li saru madwar sitt ibliet Ewropej (Lilla, Varsavja, Praga, Budapest, Atena u Belgrad) u mitt parteċipanti matul l-aħħar konferenza organizzata għewwa *Cité Internationale Universitaire* f'Parigi.

B'mezz ta' *seminars* u *workshops* interkulturali, dawn il-partiċipanti żgħar bi profili differenti – fejn kellhom ftit li xejn għarfien fuq affarijiet Ewropej li jista jkun jinteresawhom, u xi drabi jkunu għejjin minn sfondi tas-soċjetà anqas favoriti – skambjaw u ħarġu b'rakkomandazzjonijiet dwar diversi temi Ewropej (integrazzjoni fis-suq tax-xogħol, edukazzjoni, asil u migrazzjoni, mobilità, partiċipazzjoni demokratika, futur tal-UE, tkabbir ...). Huma pprezentaw ukoll dawn ir-rakkomandazzjonijiet lil dawk li jieħdu deċiżjonijiet lokali, nazzjonali u Ewropej li jattendu s-seminars<sup>1</sup>.

L-għan ta' dawn il-laqgħiet kien li tinata possibilità lil dawn iż-żgħażaġħ biex jesprimu lilhom infishom, speċjalment lil dawk iż-żgħażaġħ li ma tantx għandhom informazzjoni u għarfien fuq affarijiet Ewropej, u anqas possibiltajiet minhabba il-*background* tal-edukazzjoni u dak ta' sfond professjonali tagħhom. Il-ftuħ ta' dawn iż-żgħażaġħ lejn l-Ewropa u l-għoti ta' lehen kien jimplika li jippermettilhom jiltaqgħu u jiskambjaw maż-żgħażaġħ li jkunu għejjin minn pajjiżi oħra Ewropej, biex jiffaċċjaw l-esperjenzi konkreti tagħhom (eż. f'termini ta' edukazzjoni, taħriġ, mobilità jew integrazzjoni fis-suq tax-xogħol) u biex tagħtihom il-possibiltà li jsemmgħu lehinom quddiem dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet u l-partijiet interessati.

Il-proġett tagħna kien ifukat lejn ċittadini Ewropej żgħir, studenti, *trainees*, ħaddiema żgħar u żgħażaġħ li qed ifitxu xogħol. L-għan tas- *Solidarity Tour* kien li jgħaqad bord kbir ta' nies b'backgrounds<sup>2</sup> differenti – inkluż profili anqas ifavoriti - suxxettibbli li tagħti ikel għall-ħsieb u taqsam esperjenzi. Quddiem iż-żieda ta' l-estremiżmu u l-Ewroxiżmu, is-saħħa li tgħaqqadna hija l-għarfien ta' destin komuni u r-rieda li nieħdu l-post għust tagħna fis-soċjetà ċivili Ewropea u fil-kostruzzjoni ta' l-UE.

Madankollu, il-proġett tagħna jimmira lil dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet, fil-livelli kollha. Dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet lokali, nazzjonali u Ewropej, rappreżentanti tal-istituzzjonijiet u tas-soċjetà ċivili Ewropea attendew is-seminars tas- *Solidarity Tour* u għew (u xorta se jkunu) mistiedna biex jirreagixxu abbażi tal-ħidma u r-rakkomandazzjonijiet taż-żgħażaġħ.

Ix-xogħol kollu mwettaq mill-partiċipanti żgħażaġħ wassal għall-pubblikazzjoni tal-[manifest](#) preżenti, li jiġbor ir-rakkomandazzjonijiet ewlenin tagħhom dwar it-tematiċi differenti diskussi waqt it-*Tour*, u li se jkun mifrux lejn dawk li jieħdu d-deċiżjonijiet u l-organizzazzjonijiet tas-soċjetà ċivili.

<sup>1</sup> Il-programm dettaljat tas-seminars (bliet, temi tal-workshops, kelliema, żjarat kulturali ...) huma disponibbli fuq il-websajt ta' Confrontations Europe.

<sup>2</sup> The participants' biographies are included the methodology guide published by Confrontations Europe after the project, available on [Confrontations Europe's website](#).

## Recommendations

The main recommendations expressed by the young participants are gathered in the four following “chapters”:

- Integration in the labour market and social Europe;
- Regional and international mobility;
- Asylum and immigration;
- Democracy, values of the European Union and enlargement.

These recommendations were issued by the young participants themselves, within participative workshops in the different cities of the Tour. Confrontations Europe compiled and published them to valorize their work and bring their messages towards decision-makers.

### 1. Integration in the labour market and social Europe

- Make **social** (minimum wage, social security, weekly working hours...) and **fiscal** (company tax) **standards converge** in Europe in order to **reduce inequalities between European workers** and **fight against social and fiscal dumping** between the member states.
- Make **education and training programmes match with the labour market’s realities and the employers’ expectations**, for example with increasing the share of practical traineeships in comparison with theoretical classes.
- **Promote apprenticeship, vocational and technical education**, especially in sectors suffering from labour shortage, and so where young people have employment and career perspectives.
- Make the **remuneration of practical traineeships** compulsory, as not paying trainees creates inequalities.
- **Promote volunteer experience** in schools and towards the recruiters, by developing national and European volunteer programmes and informing better on existing ones (e.g. European Solidarity Corps, European Voluntary Service, national civil service programmes, volunteer work within associations and NGOs...).
- Develop **awareness campaigns to fight against discriminations** targeting certain minorities or nationalities, especially regarding their access to the labour market.

### 2. Regional and international mobility

- **Expand Erasmus+** beyond universities, especially to vocational students and apprentices.
- **Better include rural and periphery areas** in their access to study, training and job opportunities, for example through the organisation of study, career and mobility fairs, and through the development of public transportation in these areas.
- Developing **foreign language learning** at school.

- Diversify and increase **mobility scholarships**, to allow more young people to benefit from an international exchange, including for traineeships and apprenticeships.

### 3. Asylum and immigration

- Build an **asylum and immigration policy managed at the European level**, with a fair and equal distribution of asylum seekers between the member states.
- Ensure the **respect of human rights** and **decent living and hygiene conditions** in the migrant detention centres.
- Ensure the **safety of unaccompanied minors and vulnerable persons** (e.g. women, disabled people), especially through decent accommodation and support (e.g. in specialised shelters) and by separating them from the adults within retention centres.
- Develop **integration through education for migrant children and teenagers** within the host country's public schools, **train teachers** to accompany these pupils, and plan adapted **language support**.
- Develop **integration through education, training and employment** for adult asylum seekers, and plan adapted **language support**.
- Provide for meeting centres between migrants and locals, to improve **mutual understanding and dialogue**, and foster the **cultural and social insertion** of newcomers.
- **Fasten and simplify asylum procedures**, to facilitate the integration of asylum seekers, shorten the time spent in retention centres or in the street, and relieve first-entry countries such as Greece.

### 4. Democracy, values of the European Union and enlargement

- Develop, in all EU member states, European **civic education courses**, in both primary and secondary school, to provide the citizens with knowledge on the functioning and the values of the EU, and on the history of European integration.
- Develop an **independent European media**, accessible in all member states and their languages, to inform the citizens on European news and on the other member states' news, explain the EU's functioning, inform on the European elections...

Purpose: Developing a **feeling of European belonging and citizenship**, and thus giving (young) citizens incentives to **vote in the European elections**.

- Impose **democratic standards and respect of the EU's values**, not only for candidate countries but also for the member states, and take concrete sanctions against the member states infringing these rules.
- Promote **regional cooperation**, in particular in the Balkans, in parallel to the process of EU membership (e.g. Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo).

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