

TAKING THE INITIATIVE

HEARINGS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE
European United Left • Nordic Green Left

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

GUE/NGL

www.guengl.eu

2009-2014





TAKING THE INITIATIVE

Hearings, Conferences and Seminars organised by the
European United Left/Nordic Green Left 2009 - 2014

WWW.GUENGL.EU

Contents

Introduction by Gabi Zimmer	2
The Economic & Financial Crisis	4
Employment & Social Policy	14
War & Peace	22
Environment	37
Regional Development	44
Civil Liberties, Fundamental & Human Rights	48
Gender Equality	54
Agriculture & Fisheries	60
Transport	64
GUE/NGL Parliamentarians	68



Tuesday 4 June 2013
8:30 - 12:30
Parliamentary Palace - ASP 102



hearing



Tuesday 29 March 2011
09:00-12:30
EP Brussels room ASP 102



09/2013, 0:00-12:30 - 15:00-18:30, ROOM ASP 1932
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS

Dear reader,

Robust discussion, argument and debate with fellow citizens, experts, NGOs, trade unionists, communities and elected representatives at the national and local levels is a key part of our work in the European Parliament. It doesn't just inform our own thinking as MEPs, it enables us to keep one foot planted firmly on the ground and maintain links with extra-parliamentary forces which are not supported by big businesses, both European and global.

As a left group, the GUE/NGL is working for alternatives to the current dominant and perilous right-wing conception of politics as a servant to the whims of 'markets'. This publication seeks to highlight how important public hearings are to informing our work on issues such as social justice, social and public goods and services, climate, the women's movement, workers' rights, democracy, and the role of the EU in the world.

The GUE/NGL Group in the European Parliament has a great tradition of exchanging ideas, dialogue and contestation. These events function as the forum and table around which we can set the scene for the kinds of conversations we must keep on having.



Gabi Zimmer
President of the GUE/NGL Group



GUE/NGL

**WORKING
TOGETHER FOR
ANOTHER EUROPE**

**EUROPEAN UNITED LEFT • NORDIC GREEN LEFT
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

WWW.GUENGL.EU

THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRISIS

EU leaders' austerity drive continues to work for the rich and powerful by maintaining an economic system that puts the needs of financial markets ahead of social concerns. The austerity measures being applied by undemocratic means in the EU countries worst-hit by the crisis reflect the failure of the EU's neoliberal architecture. We urgently need to reverse this policy and deliver solidarity and job creation within an economic system that serves people not profit. Austerity is avoidable; it is a political choice that puts the interests of above the interests of the majority.



HEARING



In cooperation with
THE FORUM SOCIAL EUROPE - EUROPEAN NETWORK OF TRADE UNIONISTS



"EU 2020": EXIT FROM CRISIS?

WEDNESDAY 9/6/10 15:00-18:30
ROOM ASP 1G2 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BXL

hearing



SOCIAL EUROPE **Crisis & EU Governance: The Left Response**

John Monks *Secretary General European Trade Union Confederation ETUC-CES*

Oskar Lafontaine *MP, Former Finance Minister, Germany*

Yannis Dragasakis *Former Finance Minister, Greece*

Professor Benjamin Coriat *Economistes Atterrés Network, France*

Professor Frédéric Boccard *Economistes Atterrés Network, France*

Ronald Janssen *European Trade Union Confederation ETUC-CES*

Fernando Marques *CGTP, Portugal*

Professor Henry Sterdyniak *Economistes Atterrés Network, France*

Professor John Grahl *Middlesex University, EuroMemo Group, UK*

Gunter Quaisser *Working Group on Alternative Economic Policy, Germany*

Kenneth Haar *Corporate Europe Observatory*

Finn Sorensen *VP 3F Union CPH & Network for A Better Future, Denmark*

Andrea Montagni *CGIL, Italy*

Thursday 31 March 2011
09.30-13.00 & 15.00-18.30
EP room ASP 1G2


GUE/NGL
European United Left / Nordic Green Left
Gauche Unitaire Européenne / Gauche Verte Nordique
European Parliament
www.guengl.eu

MEP JIŘÍ MAŠTÁLKA

MEP VLADIMÍR REMEK

HEARING

OSKAR KREJČÍ

DG COMM

**HOW TO IMPROVE AWARENESS OF THE EP
AND ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE PUBLIC?**



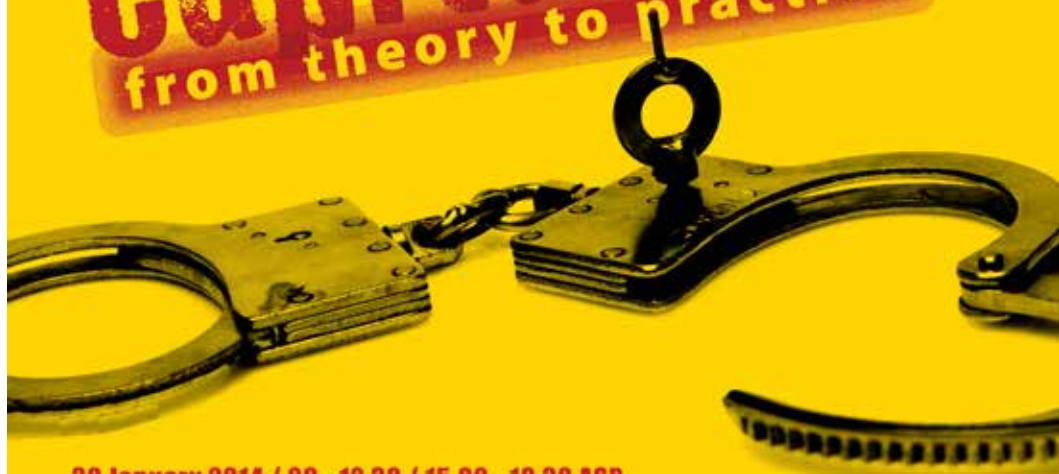
**16/10/12 9:00-12:30 ASP1G2
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BRUSSELS**


GUE/NGL

**GUE/NGL
invites
you to:**

Beyond capitalism

from theory to practice



30 January 2014 / 09 - 12.30 / 15.00 - 18.30 ASP

The conference is chaired

by MEP Miloslav Ransdorf and MEP Alfreds Rubiks

Opening by Gabi Zimmer, President GUE/NGL

Honourable speakers include:

Ladislav Hohoš (Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Bratislava)

Can the anticapitalistic alternative be the "European dream"?

Marek Hrubec (Centre of Global Studies, Prague)

Sense of economic democracy:

On the way to a post-capitalistic society

Peter Dinuš (Institute of Political Science at the Slovak Academy of Science)

Problems in overcoming capitalism



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

GUE/NGL

www.guengl.eu

European Social Forum European United Left Nordic Green Left CONFERENCE



AGAINST Austerity & The Dismantling Of Social & Democratic Europe RESISTANCE & ALTERNATIVES

GUE/NGL welcomes: Transform! • ATTAC Germany, France, Hungary, Flanders • CADTM France, Belgium, Switzerland, Greece, Spain, Poland • Euromarches • Solidaires France • FGTB Belgium • EuroMemo Group • Forum Soziales Europa - trade unionist network • Joint Social Conference • Trans National Institut - TNI Amsterdam • Prague Spring II Network - CEE • Greek Social Forum • Austrian Social Forum • Forum Social de Belgique • Hungarian Social Forum Network • Espaces Marx France • Socialismo21 Spain • Copernic Foundation France • Mémoire des luttes France • Patas Arriba • Nicos Poulantzas Institut Greece • Society for European Dialogue SPED Czech Republic • Initiative des femmes en mouvement contre la dette et les plans d'austérité • World March of Women • Rood Flanders • Coalition of Resistance UK • WIDE - Women In Development Europe • Realpe - European network of progressive local deputies • CGT-FSU-solidaires du Havre de grève • European Feminist Initiative • Ligue des droits de l'homme France • Fédération syndicale unitaire - FSU France • European Association for the Defence of Human Rights



Room A1G2 • European Parliament BXL • Tuesday 31 May • 9.00 - 18.30

Hearing



**Crisis In Europe
The European Social Model**

**ALTERNATIVES FROM
THE POLITICAL LEFT & TRADE UNIONS**

**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BRUSSELS
Room ASP 1G02**

Wednesday 11 April 15.00 - 18.30

European United Left - Nordic Green Left
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

CHALLENGING CORPORATE POWER



Investment and Impunity in an era of Crisis

TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL PEOPLES' TREATY

A GUE/NGL INITIATIVE in coordination with:

Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power & End Impunity of Transnational Corporations!,
Bi-Regional Network 'Enlazando Alternativas', TNI, ODG, Ecologistas en Acción, War on
Want, OMAL - Paz con Dignidad, CADTM, CETIM, ODHACO, Seattle-to-Brussels Network

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013 at 15.00 - 18.30

EP BRUSSELS ROOM ASP3G3

European United Left • Nordic Green Left
GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

GUE/NGL SEMINAR

IN COOPERATION WITH FORUM SOCIAL EUROPE



**RECLAIMING OUR COMMONS, "FREE TRADE" AND
TRADE UNION STRATEGY UNDER NEO-LIBERALISM**

THURSDAY 17/10/13, 15h-18h30, ROOM ASP 1G2, EP BXL



EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL POLICY

Good work, workers' rights and better work-life balance should be the driving concepts of EU employment policy. A shift in focus towards combating poverty - especially child poverty - and social exclusion and putting forward proposals to alleviate the problems faced by the disadvantaged and vulnerable is central to the group's work on social policy.





CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, 3/11/09, 15-18:30

WEDNESDAY, 4/11/09, 9-12:30

ROOM PHS 7C050 EP BXL

STAND UP AGAINST POVERTY NOW

Preparing for Social Action in the European Year Against Poverty 2010

Fintan Farrell

European Anti Poverty Network

Marina Ponti

United Nations Millenium Campaign - Europe, tbc

Frank Slegers

European Marches against unemployment, job insecurity and social exclusion

HEARING

Hosted by **Lothar Bisky** President of **GUE/NGL**

Towards a more democratic EU integration process

the participatory role of national parliaments

Gregor Gysi President **DIE LINKE** German Bundestag

Jacob Johnson MP Swedish Parliament

Frank Aaen MP Danish Parliament

Unto Valpas MP Finnish Parliament

Francis Wurtz Former President of **GUE/NGL** France

Mary-Lou McDonald Former **GUE/NGL** MEP Ireland

Prof. Andreas Fisahn University Bielefeld Germany

Wednesday 7th October 2009

09h30 - 12h30 ASP1G3 European Parliament **BXL**



HEARING



FACING THE LIBERALISATION OF POSTAL SERVICES

Learning from different national experiences of postal liberalisation:

*Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy,
Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Finland,
Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom*

**THURSDAY 4/03/10, ROOM ASP 1G2, 10:00-13:00
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS**



CONFERENCE

IN COOPERATION WITH FORUM SOCIAL EUROPE

WORKING TIME & EU MIGRATION POLICY: NEW ATTACKS ON WORKERS' RIGHTS

20 OCTOBER 2011 15:00-18:30

ROOM ASP 1G2 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Seminar

THE SPIRIT LEVEL



Why equality is better for everyone

Lothar Bisky GUE/NGL President

Eva-Britt Svensson GUE/NGL MEP Chair of the Committee
on Women's Rights & Gender Equality

Kartika Liotard GUE/NGL MEP

on behalf of GUE/NGL welcome

Richard Wilkinson author of **The Spirit Level**

to discuss *Why More Equal Societies Do Better*

Thursday 10 February

09.30 - 12.30

Room A1G2

European Parliament Brussels





A GUE/NGL INITIATIVE



DEMOCRATISING THE WAY OUT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

CONSTITUTIONAL & INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

27/6/2013 - 9:00 - 12:30 / 15:00 - 18:30

ROOM ASP 1G2, EP BXL

WORKSHOP:

Firenze 10+10

Alter Summit

**RESISTANCE TO
AUSTERITY**

Gabriele Zimmer

Inês Christina Zuber

Søren Bo Søndergaard

Pierre Laurent

Asbjørn Wahl

Tommaso Fattori

Jason Nardi

Alessandra Mecozzi

Kenneth Haar

President of GUE-NGL, Die Linke

GUE/NGL MEP, Partido Comunista Português

GUE/NGL MEP, FOLKEBEVÆGELSEN MOD EU

Chair of European Left Party / National Secretary of PCF

Director of The Campaign for The Welfare State in Norway

Organising Committee of Firenze 10+10

Organising Committee of Firenze 10+10

Organising Committee of Firenze 10+10

Researcher at Corporate Europe Observatory

& Organising Committee of the Alter Summit

17th of October 14.30-18.00

ASP 162 European Parliament Brussels



WAR AND PEACE

EU foreign and security policy must be based on the construction of a peaceful world. The GUE/NGL is particularly active on conflict resolution in the Middle East and has consistently demanded an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine through a peaceful two-state solution. We continue to oppose the establishment of the EU military-industrial complex and the role the EU plays as a driving force for armament within and outside Europe.



hearing

freedom

for Palestinian political prisoners

Issa Qaraqe

Minister of Detainees & Ex-Detainees

Saleh Nazzal

Sub-Commission on Human Rights with the EU

Fadwa Barghouti

wife of Marwan Barghouti

Issa Shawqi

Director of the Ensan Center for Democracy & Human Rights

Ahmed Alissa

BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights

European Parliament • Strasbourg • room S2.1

15:00 - 18:00

Wednesday 16 November 2011



HEARING

Freedom Flotilla II

BREAKING THE SIEGE

Vangelis Pissias *Founding member of Free Gaza*

Dror Freiler *European Jewish for Just Peace*

Huwaida Arraf *International law expert from Palestine*

Nikolaos Chountis *MEP GUE/NGL*

Willy Meyer *MEP GUE/NGL*

Raül Romeva I Rueda *MEP Verts/ALE*

EP Strasbourg - room LOW S2.1 • Tuesday 10 May - 14:30 - 16:00



The Greens | European Free Alliance
in the European Parliament

hearing



ARAB PEOPLES' STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION

**TESTIMONIES FROM EGYPT, TUNISIA,
PALESTINE AND WESTERN SAHARA**

**Tuesday 29 March 2011
09.00-12.30
EP Brussels room ASP 1G2**


GUE/NGL
European United Left / Nordic Green Left
Gauche Unitaire Européenne / Gauche Verte Nordique
European Parliament
www.guengl.eu


GUE/NGL & AKEL DELEGATION

HEARING



CYPRIOTS TOGETHER: CREATING OUR COMMON FUTURE

Political And Social Developments



Lothar Bisky	GUE/NGL President
Andros Kyprianou	General Secretary of Akel Cyprus
Izzet Izcan	General Secretary United Cyprus Party
Mehmet Seyis	President DEV-is Union
Pambis Kyritsis	General Secretary PEO Union
Ahmet Kaptan	KTMAS Union President
Sener Elcil	KTÖS Union General Secretary
Takis Hadjigeorgiou	GUE/NGL MEP AKEL Cyprus
Kyriacos Triantaphyllides	GUE/NGL MEP AKEL CYPRUS

WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2011, 10:00 - 12:30
ASP 1G2, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BXL

Photo Exhibition opening, followed by a cocktail on Tuesday 22nd March, 18:00 p.m, ASP, Zone E, Area “Couloir Cheval”, Ground Floor.

TWO YEARS AFTER THE ZHANAOKEN KILLINGS

Where Now For Human & Workers' Rights In Kazakhstan



16 December 2013
European Parliament BXL
15.00- 18.30
room PHS 01C 051

European United Left • Nordic Green Left
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP



GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



EUROPEAN UNION TURKEY AND THE KURDS " THE ROAD TO PEACE - FACING THE CHALLENGE "

**17-18/11/10 ROOM ASP 3G2
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BRUSSELS**



8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

EU, TURKEY & THE KURDS

The Quest For Democracy In Turkey - Universal Rights & Kurdish Self-Determination & The Struggles Over The New Constitution

7th & 8th December 2011
European Parliament
Brussels room ASP 1G2



HEARING



THE RISE OF NATIONAL CONFLICTS AND RELIGIOUS TENSIONS IN ASIA AND AFRICA

STRATEGIES FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY
A CRUCIAL CHALLENGE FOR SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, TRADE
UNIONS & WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

Wednesday 8 December 2010 • 15.00 - 18.00

European Parliament
Brussels • ASP 1 G2



亚欧

Asia-Europe Summit (ASEM) of Brussels

GUE/NGL and Greens/EFA and in particular MEPs

Helmut Scholz GUE/NGL

Yannick Jadot Greens/EFA

Joe Higgins GUE/NGL

Ska Keller Greens/EFA

invite you to the conference:

Beyond Free Trade: Alternatives for EU-Asia Relations?

Civil society organisations, NGOs, Asian MPs & MEPs discuss the social, economic and ecological impacts of EU trade policy in Asia and debate the challenges for the future.

With the participation of guest speakers including:

Walden Bello Author and MP/Akbayan of the Philippines

Charles Santiago Democratic Action Party – Malaysian Parliament

Ryu Mikyung Korean Confederation of Trade Unions

Ashim Roy New Trade Union Initiative (India)

Room A3G2 (Spinelli) European Parliament Brussels
Tuesday 5 October 09:30 - 12:00



Les Verts | Alliance Libre Européenne
au Parlement européen



Hearing

COLOMBIANS FOR PEACE

PIEDAD CÓRDOBA

former Senator of Colombia & Human Rights defender

hosted by Willy Meyer GUE/NGL

30 November 2011

11:15 - 12:15

European Parliament Brussels



Gauche Unitaire Européenne • Gauche Verte Nordique
GROUPE PARLEMENTAIRE EUROPÉEN
GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

Hearing

Otfried Nassauer, Director BITS, Germany
Kate Hudson, Chair CND, United Kingdom
Zita Makói, MD, PhD, Ex-President Hungarian IPPNW
Dr Michele Di Paolantonio, President AIMPGN (IPPNW Italy)
Yuri Donskoi, IPPNW, Ukraine
Dr. Victor Mizin, Deputy Director of the Institute for International Studies MGIMO, Moscow
Daniela Varano, ICAN - Communication Coordinator, France
Magnus Lovold, ICAN international Core Group, Norway
Dr Perrin Toinin (IPPNW), France
Helmut Scholz, MEP, GUE/NGL
Pino Arlacchi, MEP, S&D
Keith Taylor, MEP, Greens/EPA
Paul Schäfer, MP, Germany

Re-evaluation of NATO's Nuclear Weapons Strategy New Projects for nuclear-free zone after the NATO Summit 2012

Tuesday 5th June 2012

**European Parliament
Brussels**

**Room ASP 1G2
10h00-16h00**

European United Left • Nordic Green Left
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu



AGAINST WAR & INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

16 OCTOBER 2013

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT • BXL

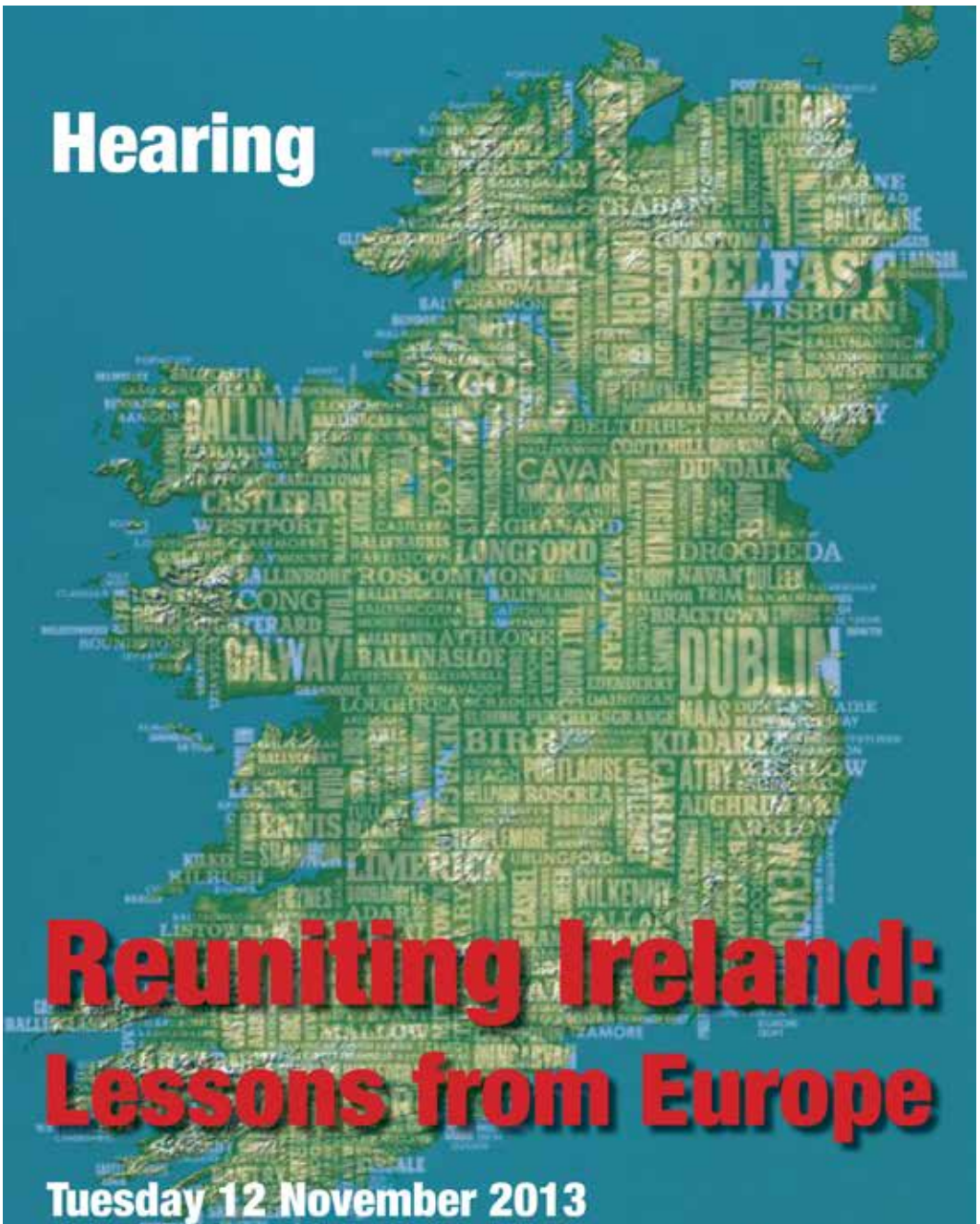
15.00 - 18.30 • room ASP1G02

European United Left • Nordic Green Left
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP



GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

Hearing



Reuniting Ireland: Lessons from Europe

Tuesday 12 November 2013

European Parliament BXL
9.00 - 12.00 • room ASP 1G2

European United Left • Nordic Green Left
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
**GUE/NGL**
www.guengl.eu

ENVIRONMENT

Time is running out for strong measures to tackle climate change across all EU policy areas. At the global level the GUE/NGL works for ambitious targets to tackle climate change and measures to help developing countries cope with global temperature increases. We champion renewable energy and protecting biodiversity.



HEARING

NGL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE



A SOCIAL GREEN REVOLUTION TOWARDS AND AFTER COP17

**10/11/2011, 9:30-18:00 ROOM ASP 1G2
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BXL**



Priorities of sustainable development of Dnipropetrovsk region(Ukraine) – pilot area of dynamic interregional European cooperation. Energy efficiency, Ecology, Local self-government development



**January,
30th, 2013
15.00 - 18.30**

**Brussels, European Parliament,
room ASP 1G2**

H2O up for sale

THE PRIVATISATION OF A HUMAN NECESSITY

A Film by Leslie Franke & Hermann Lorenz



The Consequences of water privatization A film & A debate

Wednesday 26 January 2011

room JAN 4Q1 • European Parliament BXL • 18:00 - 19:45

João Ferreira • Sabine Wils • Uggias Giommara • Niccolò Rinaldi • François Alfonsi • Véronique De Keyser



Public Seminar,
Informal Working Group

Gender + E3

Equality - Ecology - Economy



Hosted by
GUSTAFSSON Mikael
KIIL-NIELSEN Nicole
PIETIKÄINEN Sirpa
ROMEVA i RUEDA Raül

16.00-18.00 Tuesday 7 May 2013
European Parliament, Brussels, PHS P1C051

European United Left • Nordic Green Left



Privatisation of Public Goods



A GUE/NGL INITIATIVE

Søren Bo Søndergaard • Marie-Christine Vergiat • Thomas Händel

26 June 2013

15.00-18.30

European Parliament
Room ASP A1G2



GUE/NGL AT THE WARSAW CLIMATE SUMMIT



COP19/CMP9
UNITED NATIONS
CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
WARSAW 2013

**The Challenge: Urgent Delivery of
a Binding Agreement**

11-22 November 2013

European United Left • Nordic Green Left
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
 **GUE/NGL**
www.guengl.eu

FOCUS ON CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Economic, social and political developments

The situation of the trade union movement

The challenges of the political and trade union left

11-12 April 2013, Room ASP 1G2, European Parliament, BXL



Gruppo Unificato Nazionale
Rappresentazione Unificata dei Lavoratori
Rappresentazione Unificata dei Lavoratori

In cooperation with the Forum Social Europe - European Network of Trade Unionists

HEARING



Communication Rights
in the Digital Spectrum

**COMMUNITY RADIOS, CULTURAL
DIVERSITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION
IN THE SPECTRUM DIGITAL SWITCH OVER**

Wednesday 9th May 2012

**European Parliament
Brussels**

Room ASP 1G2 • 16h30-19h00



hearing

Alfréds Rubiks MEP GUE/NGL • Jiri Maštálka MEP GUE/NGL



EU - Balkans A Strategic Partnership

**Eu Visa Policy
Migration & Asylum Policy
Cross Border Co-Operation
Corruption & Counter Terrorism
The Fight Against Drugs & Organised Crime**

Wednesday 22 June 2011 • 09 00 - 12 30

EP Brussels • room ASP 1G2





Gauche Unitaire Européenne • Gauche Verte Nordique



GRUPE PARLEMENTAIRE EUROPEEN

GUE/NGL

www.guengl.eu



**Rencontre européenne d'élus locaux et de
parlementaires européens**

**QUELS FONDS EUROPÉENS POUR LA
SOLIDARITÉ DES TERRITOIRES ?**

PE BXL PHS1C50 • 6 mars 2013 15.00 - 18.30

PE BXL ASP 1G2 • 7 mars 2013 09.00 - 12.30

CIVIL LIBERTIES, FUNDAMENTAL & HUMAN RIGHTS

In light of the revelations that millions of EU citizens, as well as European diplomats and MEPs, are being spied on by the United States, protecting civil Liberties and data privacy has never been more important. We reject the 'fight against terror' being used as a moral blank cheque to carry out what is nothing short of criminal activity. We won't stand for these breaches of fundamental rights.



HEARING

Take the Initiative



The European Citizens' Initiative

European Parliament Brussels room ASP 1 G 2

15 September 2010

EUROPEAN UNITED LEFT • NORDIC GREEN LEFT
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

GUE/NGL 

**DAWIT ISAAK - JOURNALIST
10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT**

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 17.30
“BAR DE CYGNE”
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT • STRASBOURG**

HEARING

In the framework of

“AIDS & mobility Europe 2007 - 2010”

Project co-funded by the EU Community Action Programme in the field of Public Health 2003 - 2008

WITH MIGRANTS FOR MIGRANTS: IMPROVING HIV PREVENTION FOR ALL



This event endorses the *Light for Rights* initiative for World Aids Day (1st December)

Marisa Matias MEP

Marie Christine Vergiat MEP

Room 5B 001 • European Parliament • Brussels
Tuesday 30 November 14:00 - 17:00



NO to SWIFT



*hands off
our
data!*



hearing

SHEDDING LIGHT ON BACK ROOM DEALS **Towards Transparency & Balanced Composition** **of the Commission's Expert Groups**

Hosted by: Dennis de Jong GUE/NGL

Keynote speaker: Alex Brenninkmeijer National Ombudsman of the Netherlands

Moderator: Leigh Phillips EU Observer

Speakers: Anne Fily BEUC
Dora Szentpaly UEAPME
Veronica Nilsson ETUC
Jana Mittermaier Transparency International
Yiorgos Vassalos Alter-EU

MEPs: Michael Cashman S&D
Monica Macovei EPP
Diana Wallis ALDE
Helga Trüpel GREENS

European Commission:
Mário Tenreiro Institutional Issues Unit, Secretariat General



The Greens | European Free Alliance
in the European Parliament



Tuesday 6 December • 9.30-12.30 • European Parliament BXL • ASP 1G2

GENDER EQUALITY

For real gender equality in Europe we need to eliminate the gender pay gap, fight for LGBT rights, foster equal participation in decision making, and put in place a strategy for combating violence against women that is rooted in a gender equality perspective. The GUE/NGL stands against female genital mutilation, domestic violence, trafficking, sexual violence, and gendercide. We fight for girls' right to education, global recognition of women's reproductive rights and the right to claim asylum on the grounds of gender-based persecution.



Hearing

Hosted by

Lothar Bisky

Eva-Britt Svensson

President of GUE/NGL

Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and
Gender Equality • GUE/NGL

Celebrating 100 years of International Women's Day

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CRISIS FOR WOMEN

IMPACTS ON WOMEN'S LIVES

POLITICAL ANSWERS FROM THE LEFT

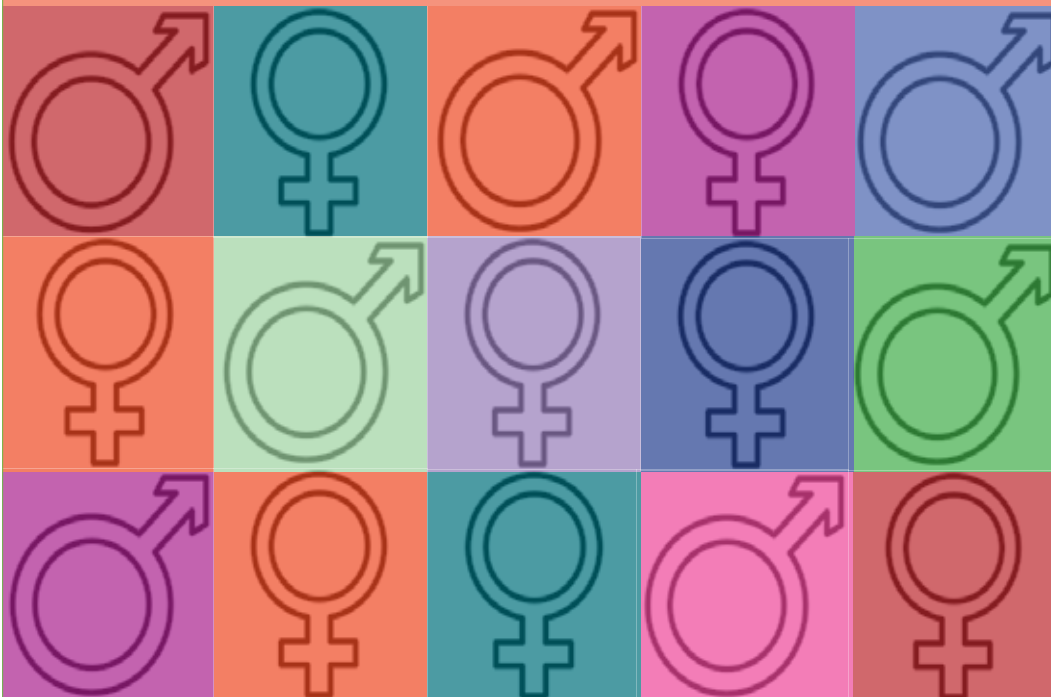


Wednesday 24 February 2010

9.00-12.30 • Room A1G2 • European Parliament • Brussels

hearing

Gender Equality: 100 years of struggle



LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Lothar Bisky

Eva-Britt Svensson

Ilda Figueiredo

Kartika Liotard

Cornelia Ernst

Odete Filipe

Kajsa Ekis Ekman

Catherine bij de Vaate

Johanna Stoll

President GUE/NGL

President of Committee on Women's Rights & Gender Equality

GUE/NGL MEP

GUE/NGL MEP

GUE/NGL MEP

CGTP -IN

Journalist & Writer

Senior Policy Advisor E-Quality

*Councillor Department for Moral Courage,
Democracy & Tolerance*

Wednesday 3 March 2011

15.00-18.30

EP Brussels room ASP 1G2



European United Left / Nordic Green Left
Gauche Unitaire Européenne / Gauche Verte Nordique
European Parliament
www.guengl.eu

HEARING



WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD STRATEGIES NEEDED TO MOVE THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS AGENDA FORWARD



THURSDAY 9/12/10, 9:30-17:30, ROOM ASP1G2
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BXL

hearing

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2011



Women In Struggle For Freedom & Social Progress

With the participation of women from
**TUNISIA, EGYPT, PALESTINE
& WESTERN SAHARA**

Tuesday 8 March 2011
16.30 - 18.00
EP Strasbourg LOW S2.1



GUE/NGL
European United Left / Nordic Green Left
Gauche Unitaire Européenne / Gauche Verte Nordique
European Parliament

HEARING

WOMEN & PEACE

Women's voices on:

DEMOCRACY
GENDER EQUALITY
GLOBAL SOCIAL JUSTICE

EP • Brussels room • ASP 1G2

9.30-12.30

Wednesday 30 November 2011

Gauche Unitaire Européenne • Gauche Verte Nordique
GRUPE PARLEMENTAIRE EUROPEEN



GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Agriculture and fisheries policies must cease damaging the livelihoods of small farmers and fishers and also take international development into account. Sustainable and just agriculture and fisheries policies are urgently needed to protect the environment and save small rural and coastal communities. We demand a fair deal for farmers and fishers.



hearing

The CAP towards 2020

Defending the right to food, to fair prices and to a fair income for farmers

**Chaired by Alfrēds Rubiks, MEP
Lothar Bisky, GUE/NGL President
Patrick Le Hyaric, MEP
Kartika Tamara Liotard, MEP
Gabriele Zimmer, MEP
João Ferreira, MEP
Charalampos Angourakis, MEP**

**Wednesday 2 March 2011
11.00 - 12.30 & 15.00 - 18.30
European Parliament
Room ASP 1G2**



HEARING

MEP ALFREDS RUBIKS MEP JOAO FERREIRA MEP GEORGIOS TOUSSAS



THE FUTURE OF THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

**26 JUNE 2012, 9:00/12:30, ROOM ASP 1G2
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS**



hearing

FED UP!

**FIGHT FOOD SPECULATION WITH
MIFID**

Gabi Zimmer

Jürgen Klute

Markus Henn

Benoît Lallemand

Pedro Páez

David Bicchetti

Maite Fabregas Fernandez

GUE/NGL President

GUE/NGL MEP

Financial market regulation expert • WEED

Senior Research Analyst • Financewatch

Economist • former Minister of Finance of Ecuador

Senior Economist • UNCTAD

European Commission • DG Markt

Thursday 12th April 2012

European Parliament • Brussels

Room ASP 1G2 • 15h00-18h30



The recast of the railway package Directive



Further liberalization of the railway sector

Thursday 3 March 2011

09.30 - 13.00

European Parliament BXL

room ASP 1G2



HEARING

Sabine Wils, MEP, Shadow Rapporteur in the TRAN Committee
Matthew Baldwin, Director for Aviation Policy, EC, DG MOVE
Ingo Kronsfoth, Member of VER.DI Executive Committee
Gerard Borel, General Counsel ACI Europe
Enrique Carmona, Responsible Civil Aviation for ETF
Thomas Händel, MEP, Shadow Rapporteur in the EMPL Committee
Artur Zasada, MEP, Rapporteur in the TRAN Committee



TERMINAL DEADLOCK Safer Governing Ground Handling Services

Thursday 8th March 2012

European Parliament • Brussels

Room ASP 1G02 • 09h30-13h00



hearing

YES TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT...



NO TO PRESTIGE PROJECTS... LET LOCAL COMMUNITIES DECIDE !

with speakers from

Stop Stuttgart 21 Stuttgart, Germany

NO TAV Val Di Susa, Italy

Wednesday 9 March 2011

15.00 - 18.00

EP Strasbourg room S 2.1



GUE/NGL
European United Left / Nordic Green Left
Gauche Unitaire Européenne / Gauche Verte Nordique
European Parliament



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT GROUP
GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

AIR POLLUTION IN AIRPORTS

Also a challenge for the working environment
- solutions and successful cooperation

Key-note speaker Connie Hedegaard, Commissioner for Climate

Other speakers include representatives from trade unions, the aviation industry, experts & Members of the European Parliament

Thursday 31 January 2013 10.30-17.30
European Parliament - ASP 1G2



GUE/NGL MEPs 2009 - 2014



CROATIA

Hrvatski laburisti - stranka rada
Nikola VULJANIĆ



CYPRUS

AKEL
Takis HADJIGEORGIOU



CYPRUS

AKEL
Kyriacos TRIANTAPHYLLIDES



CZECH REPUBLIC

KSČM
Věra FLASAROVÁ



CZECH REPUBLIC

KSČM
Jaromír KOHLÍČEK



CZECH REPUBLIC

KSČM
Miloslav RANSDORF



CZECH REPUBLIC

KSČM
Jiří MAŠTÁLKA



DENMARK

FOLKEBEVÆGELSEN MOD EU
Rina Ronja KARI



FRANCE

FRONT DE GAUCHE
Jacky HÉNIN

FRANCE

FRONT DE GAUCHE
Younous OMARJEE



FRANCE

FRONT DE GAUCHE
Patrick LE HYARIC



FRANCE

FRONT DE GAUCHE
Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON



FRANCE

FRONT DE GAUCHE
Marie-Christine VERGIAT



GREECE

KKE
Charalampos ANGOURAKIS



GREECE

KKE
Georgios TOUSSAS



GREECE

SYRIZA
Nicolaos CHOUNTIS



GERMANY

DIE LINKE.
Cornelia ERNST



GERMANY

DIE LINKE.
Jürgen KLUTE





GERMANY
DIE LINKE.
Thomas HÄNDEL



GERMANY
DIE LINKE.
Sabine LÖSING



GERMANY
DIE LINKE.
Martina MICHELS



GERMANY
DIE LINKE.
Helmut SCHOLZ



GERMANY
DIE LINKE.
Sabine WILS



GERMANY
DIE LINKE.
GUE/NGL President
Gabriele ZIMMER



IRELAND
SINN FÉIN
Martina ANDERSON



IRELAND
SOCIALIST PARTY
Paul MURPHY



LATVIA
UC (SPL)
Alfreds RUBIKS



The NETHERLANDS
INDEPENDENT
Kartika LIOTARD

The NETHERLANDS
SP
Dennis DE JONG



PORTUGAL
BLOCO DE ESQUERDA
Marisa MATIAS



PORTUGAL
BLOCO DE ESQUERDA
Alda SOUSA



PORTUGAL
PCP
João FERREIRA



PORTUGAL
PCP
Inês ZUBER



SPAIN
IU
Willy MEYER



SWEDEN
VÄNSTERPARTIET
Mikael GUSTAFSSON



GUE/NGL MEPs replaced during the term 2009-2014

Lothar BISKY	Miguel PORTAS
Bairbre DE BRÚN	Søren Bo SØNDERGAARD
Ilda FIGUEIREDO	Eva-Britt SVENSSON
Joe HIGGINS	Vladimír REMEK
Elie HOARAU	

European United Left • Nordic Green Left



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



**EUROPEAN UNION
TURKEY AND THE KURDS**
"THE ROAD TO PEACE - FACING THE CHALLENGE"

17-18/11/10 ROOM ASP 3G2
EUROPEAN PARLIAM HEARING

Take the Initiative



The European Citizens' Initiative
European Parliament Brussels room ASP 1 G 2
15 September 2010

EUROPEAN UNITED LEFT • NORDIC GREEN LEFT
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
GUE/NGL

亞歐

Asia-Europe Summit (ASEM) of Brussels
GUE/NGL and Greens/EFA and in particular MEPs

Helmut Scholz GUE/NGL
Yamlick Jador Greens/EFA
Joe Higgins GUE/NGL
Ska Keller Greens/EFA

invite you to the conference:

**Beyond Free Trade:
Alternatives for EU-Asia Relations?**

Civil society organisations, NGOs, Asian MPs & MEPs discuss the social, economic and ecological impacts of EU trade policy in Asia and debate the challenges for the future.

With the participation of guest speakers including:

Walden Bello Author and MP/Abbayon of the Philippines
Charles Santiago Democratic Action Party - Malaysian Parliament
Ryu Mikyung Korean Confederation of Trade Unions
Ashim Roy New Trade Union Initiative (India)

Room A3G2 (Sphhell) European Parliament Brussels
Tuesday 5 October 09:30 - 12:00

EUROPEAN UNITED LEFT • NORDIC GREEN LEFT
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
GUE/NGL

HEARING
NGL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE



Michael Löwy, Research Director at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France and Professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

Laszlo Andon, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

**A SOCIAL GREEN REVOLUTION
TOWARDS AND AFTER COP17**

10/11/2014, 9:30-11:00 ROOM ASP 1G2
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BXL

European United Left • Nordic Green Left

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP



GUE/NGL
www.guengl.eu

Posters: Gianfranco Battistini & Charli Aron

Photos: GUE/NGL, Olivier Hansen

& the European Parliament

Layout and design: Charli Aron

©GUE/NGL 2014