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The European Common Space for Alternatives is a process of convergence and debate in the European social movement committed to peace, social justice and solidarity. It brings together dozens of progressive European organizations, with the aim of sharing experience and promoting joint action.

MECSA is the first physical event to be held in 6 locations across Marseille from April 26 to 28. Over the course of three days, hundreds of activists from associations, trade unions, young and old, will share their experiences and ideas on the climate crisis, war, migration, new forms of work, democracy, the far right, new ways of mobilizing... In self-organised activities, plenary sessions and, finally, at the general assembly that will bring these days of political work and cultural activities to a close.

All contributions are welcome, so take part in the process!

History

We are a collective of European organisations who are trying to bring together more social and citizens' movements opposing the far-right, neoliberalism and capitalist globalisation, as well as individuals, from diverse origins and backgrounds, to start building a caring society. Our first event in Marseille, is the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and develop strategies. To meet this challenge, we envisage a combination between an "Open Space" - where any organisation that respects our principles can propose self-organised activities or actions - and "Containers" to build convergence of ideas and agendas.

What is ECSA ?

Goal: convergence

The convergence starts by connecting organisations and movements across thematic and topical areas of work. To do this, we created “containers” describing the problems and challenges we face, each starting from a different perspective but leading to converging conclusions for joint political action. Breaking the barriers of single-issue struggles, the containers are intended to be understood as spaces that facilitate transversality and unity.

Containers are an invitation to reflect on and discuss urgent ways out of the described dilemmas and solutions for a better future for all. The questions also prepare the ground for convincing systemic alternatives and allow empathy for the most suffering and vulnerable members of society. The question catalogue, below every container title, is a curated compilation of questions that emerged during the ECSA meeting in Summer 2023, in Paris. It serves as a structured resource featuring a range of thought-provoking, relevant, and organised questions tailored to a particular purpose or field, and is not exclusive.

ECSA recognizes the imminent danger of the EU parliament, EU member States and European institutions integrating far-right approaches in their decision-making, adding threats to the many countries and politicians promoting authoritarian and illiberal developments. The challenge is at highest as it would affect more than ever peace politics and the lives and struggles of all of us.

Containers 1-3 describe a joint and focussed commitment for a change. Container 4 opens ways to channel these ideas in follow-up assemblies, joint actions and political demands towards the upcoming European elections and beyond.

Container 1: There is no Planet B

Advanced capitalist states and corporations continue to exploit labor and nature in such extremes, that bring our planet and societies on the verge of collapse. Competition for natural resources are vectors of war. Under the claim of security, the governing elites answer with militarization (eg. the militarization of border zones) and revive nationalisms, regional antagonisms and colonial extractivism to secure their profits and privileges. They do not provide political, realistic and just solutions to the climate crisis. In fact the war industry and war itself, account for a substantial amount of pollution and irreversible destruction on humans and nature. The situation is forcing millions of people to leave their homes in the hope of survival. This is a circle we need to break.

Earth's ecological balance derives from and influences all aspects of our social, economic and political life. Despite this fact, the majority of people are – one way or another – excluded from decision making processes, which shape their lives. Social movements reclaim space to react to local urgencies: people resist. It remains important to keep connected to the global challenges and struggles in order to achieve peace and safeguard our future on the planet.

The European Parliament is one of the arenas where international reconfiguration, especially militarization, migration “management” and access to fossil fuels, are negotiated. Europe's civic society can make a difference by offering a strategic arena to discuss alternatives.

Container 2: For emancipation and solidarity

Capitalism alienates all forms of life for the sake of profits. There are imminent threats – wars and environmental destruction are already raging – weighing on the world in the very short term, and as long as this system persists, it more broadly endangers humanity and civilization, since it feeds on dominations, competition and individualism. Those responsible for these crises and disasters should not enjoy impunity.

The other way around, people are mobilizing every day all around the world and in Europe—through their work and art, with their loved ones, and also in social movements—to nurture the humanity they believe in: one that is supportive, careful, peaceful, egalitarian, just, internationalist, feminist, in harmony with all living forms. More and more welfare, commoning, fair trade and degrowth debates are gaining popularity even beyond militant circles.

We need to strengthen our capacity to work together out of these inspirational creative niches, to convince a critical mass and bring upon the changes we aspire to.

The collective struggles do exist: it is time to make them majority-owned, involving all the isolated and demobilized people who yet have an interest in their success. The upcoming EU elections are one opportunity to make these struggles more prominent and hence lay a pathway towards a sustainable and peaceful Europe.

In this plenary we'll focus on the connection between migration and labour. Our goal is not just to illuminate the inhumane European migration policies, but also to propose strategies against neoliberal capitalism and racist colonial narratives and politics. We invite organisations, trade unions, and grassroots collectives struggling against the externalisation of EU borders, labour realities, closed detention centres for migrants, and climate migration to join and contribute. In this plenary we strive to facilitate the protagonism by those affected directly by these politics.

Container 3:

Power to the people

Each day, it becomes increasingly evident as illiberal governments succeed one another to implement the economic program of capitalism on the basis of economic growth: as long as they remain in power, all progressive struggles of the people will face an increasingly violent repressive barrier. While it's hard to struggle, capitalism keeps isolating, despairing and pushing people to close in on their own interests and close circles. This advances racist discrimination, hate speech and fake antagonisms, opening ways for the far-right and reactionary politics, which promise easy fixes. The neoliberals align with those forces, since these policies serve their interests. They both share the same method: divide and conquer!

Through collective struggles, assemblies, safe spaces for the oppressed and popular victories, it is possible to break this vicious cycle, challenge the individualist "appeal" of profits and put solidarity and emancipation back at the heart of people's concerns. There is one solution: power to the people.

In such a context, we have to figure out how to defeat the far-right narratives and empower people so that they can finally collectively respond to their real needs and aspirations. The national and international institutions -like the European Union- need to be transparently reshaped by the people to meet the democratic imperative of our times.

Container 4: Struggle and Win together

To succeed, we have to figure out how to struggle and win all together. The common interest of changing society towards the emancipation of all is not given, especially since it's possible to be exploited oneself and still benefit from the alienation of others—for example men over women. We have to stick together in face of reactionary repression and avoid fragmentation that only helps the capital and its allies.

To achieve this goal, we need to learn from recent mobilizations and actions across Europe, neighboring regions and all around the world. In addition, fostering cross-border dialogues and promoting equal, meaningful participation requires we fight against all forms of oppression with an internationalist perspective.

We propose unified actions and strategies, which are essential to harness the diversity within our struggles and craft a cohesive, common perspective. We need alliances, common actions to shift the balance of power. The upcoming EU parliament elections will shape Europe's future and its relationship to the world, hence a chance to make our proposals visible.

How to converge?

- General assembly
- Report on activities
- Life of the containers

Principles : For an inclusive & participatory event

Care Protocol & Manifesto

We want the ECSA to be an inclusive space for everyone. In order to fight against all kinds of oppressions, a manifesto has been published. All ECSA participants must adhere to this manifesto and the related values, and actively fight racism, sexism, heteronormativity, ableism, fatphobia, ageism, classism, and more broadly any form of oppression. To ensure everyone feels safe, a group of volunteers trained in addressing these oppressions has been formed. These volunteers will wear a purple vest and will be present at the information desk. Any person who is a victim or witness of oppressive behaviour is encouraged to approach these volunteers. Oppressive behaviours are not welcome in our spaces, and all necessary measures will be taken to ensure that individuals affected by these oppressions feel comfortable at ECSA, even if it means ultimately excluding another participant. We do not wish to resort to such measures, and therefore urge each participant to be mindful of their behaviour towards other participants, volunteers, and staff.

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Website



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Social media



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 ECSA24 - European Common Space
for Alternatives (Marseille, 2024)

<https://t.me/+kkt-erYtD-MONWE0>

WHO'S INVOLVED IN MECSA

The steering committee

The steering committee is a broad group of movements and organizations sharing overall responsibility for the process and joint events. It is a working group open to all interested organizations, and currently includes the following:

ActionAid France, Adéquations, AEC/IPAM, AEIP-Another Europe Is Possible, AEPF, Agora des Habitants de la Terre, Akcja Demokracja, Al Haq, Alliance écologique et sociale, Alter Summit, Alternatiba Marseille, Amis de la Terre, ARCI - MAGPAL Marseille Gaza Palestine, ArCi, ASF, Asociacion Litu, Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana, Attac (Rhône), Attac Austria, Attac France, Fondation Copernic, ATTAC Germany, BDS France, C5N, CADTM, CADTM Belgium, CADTM Espagne, CADTM France, CADTM International, CADTM Italie France Espagne, Catapa.vzw, CC.OO / Espagne, CCFD Terre Solidaire, CEO, CETIM, CGIL / Italie, CGT / France, Climate Action Network, Climáximo, Collectif Marseille Gaza Palestine, COMAC - Collectif Marseillais d'Alimentation et des Communs, Confederación de STEs, Confederación Intersindical, Coordination Eau Ile de France, Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), CRID, Criirad, CVPT, Debt for climate, Decolonial Europe Day, Droit au Logement - DAL, Eclore / MassiliaVOx, ELA Euskal sindikatua, Enercoop, Energie Partagée, Engagé·e·s et Déterminé·e·s, Enrhy, ENSU-European network of solidarity with Ukraine, EuropAnous, Europe Solidaires Sans Frontieres, European Alternatives, European Attac Network (EAN) - Attac Spain Attac France Attac Italy Attac Germany Attac Wallonie-Bruxelles Attac Finland Attac Norway Attac Austria, European coordination of the Via Campesina, European Trade Justice Coalition (Attac European Coordination Via Campesina Friends of the Earth Power Shift Climate Action Network Global Justice Now TNI...), Féministes pour des Alternatives Climat Environnement, Festival Ciné-Palestine, FIAN, FNSSES Côte d'Ivoire, Fonds Pour la Presse Libre Mediapart (FPL), Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, French Jewish Union for Peace, FSU, Génération Lumière, GJN, Global Justice Now, Habitat participatif France, Inter-Made (Concrétisons l'Utopie), International Center for civil initiatives "Our House", La Ruche Marseille, LDH-Ligue des droits de l'Homme - France, Le Bouillon de Noailles, Maison commune de la décroissance, Marseille VS Darmanin, MarsMob, Massilia Sun System, Mobicoop, Mouvement Utopia, MRN, NO JO 2030 XR Comités locaux Soulèvements de la Terre Attac Greenpeace..., Norwegian Social Forum, Notre santé en danger, observatoires des pratiques policières et des libertés publiques, Palestina Spricht/Palestine Speaks, Palestinian Youth Movement, Politis, Prison Insider, réinventer la gauche, Remix the commons, Réseau d'assainissement écologique PACA, RIPESS Europe - Solidarity Economy Europe, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (Geneva Office), SAF, SM, Solidaires, SOS MEDITERRANEE, Stay Grounded, Survie 13, Survie PACA, TNI-Transnational Institute, Institut La Boétie, transform!europe, Un pont Per - Decolonial Europe Day & the Decolonial Europe Collective, Union Syndicale Solidaires, United for Climate Justice, VISA-Vigilance et Initiatives Syndicales Antifascistes, Voisins Malins, WILPF- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Women*s Action Forum (WAF Austria), World Roma Federation, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, STOP PRECARITE, Observatoire des Multinationales, Next Planning, Zero Waste Marseille, new visions, FSU (Fédération Syndicale Unitaire), Associazione Laboratorio Venezia, Attac 06 Mouans Sartoux, Justice Collective, Transform! Europe, Didac'ressources qui gère le lieu partagé Massalia vox, The Participatory Economy Project, Ligue des droits de l'Homme, Fondation Copernic, Friends of the Earth Sweden, (RE)Claim, Eau bien commun PACA, Maison des Citoyens du Monde 44, Marseille Solutions, Mouvement National de Lutte pour l'environnement, CAN Europa (Climate Action Network), Critical ChangeLabs, Université Populaire de Marseille Métropole, Decolonising LSE, LA MANUFABRIK, Norwegian Social Forum, Network Albania, Group of Rural Activists of Dibra-GARD, reinventer la gauche marseille, The Fire These Times, Tax Justice Network, FIAN International, Biofuelwatch, Transnational Migrant Platform Europe (TMP-E)-, SUD PTT

Artistes: Waël Sghaier / Florence Poznanski / La Jam du CourS / et d'autres

Funders:

Mairie de Marseille / ATTAC FR /

Transform / European Alternatives

LA RUCHE

28 boulevard National, 13001 Marseille

A collective space for work, creation and living in Marseille welcomes those who want to do things differently, to propose innovative responses to social and ecological challenges.

Accessible by public transport :

Bus 56



LA BASE

3 Rue Pierre Roche, 13004 Marseille

A committed space that aims to bring the people of Marseilles together to accelerate the transition to a fair, resilient society that respects human rights through the creation of this shared, self-managed space.

Accessible by public transport :

Bus : 42 - arrêt St Just Ivaldi ; 67 arrêt Métro Chartreux ;

Métro : M1 Chartreux



COUVENT

52 Rue Levat, 13003 Marseille

An hybrid cultural space open to the public all year round, combining an artists' city with research and exhibition spaces, a regular program of events and workshops, collaborative projects with local residents and nearly 2 hectares of preserved gardens accessible to all.

A 5-minute walk from La Friche



HOW TO GET THERE



-  **La Friche**
-  **Solidaires**
-  **MassaliaVOx**
-  **La Ruche**
-  **La Base**
-  **Le Couvent**

Tarifs RTM Marseille

Single tickets 7 euros - Return tickets 10 euros

24h Pass 2 euros for under-26s

TO EAT

1- La Coursive des quais

-Dining area: picnic tables in the sun;

-Carrioles des Cantines Solidaires

Light meals provided by Le Bouillon de Noailles and La Cantine du Midi; main course + dessert menu at €10; vegan menu at Le Bouillon

-Minibar

Coffee, tea, juice and apéro from 9:00 to 17:00

2- In the bar of the Cartonnerie

ECSA Volunteer Maxi Bar

Lemonade, beers, pastis and local, organic and seasonal wines from 5:00 pm to closing time.

3- Les Grandes Tables

Food (15-20€ per dish) from 12pm to 2pm and from 8pm to 10pm

Drinks from 8am to midnight

4- Le café de la Salle des Machines

Sandwiches, hot drinks and lemonades 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.