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Demands (draft text)

**In the macroeconomic field we demand :**

1. A European economic policy with a democratic foundation.
2. A European policy that repairs any economic imbalances between Member States and that strenghtens convergencies.
3. A European fiscal policy that is complementary with the fiscal policies outlined by the Member States and that organizes the fight against tax evasion, that enhances tax progressivity, standardizes tax rates and that strengthens fiscal solidarity among the Member States.
4. A non deflationist growth policy that is supportive of a green economy whilst respecting the workers and the environment.
5. Start up investments in the public sector again and revalorize wages in order to crank up economy instead of conducting a policy of economies, all of this based on the fact that the countries that benefit from a high social protection have better resisted the crisis.

**Concerning the fight against poverty:**

1. Issue a directive that stipulates the mandatory character of the objectives in the fight against poverty: frequent progress reporting, possibility of sanctioning the countries that make insufficient progress, impose objectives in the fight against poverty on those countries that have not yet defined any such objectives, …
2. Define an evaluation procedure for the objectives in the ongoing fight against poverty and broaden the poverty indicators in order to better achieve the objectives.
3. Define a social norm that proposes a fairer distribution and a better redistribution of incomes. The measurement tool that will be applied to this objective is the European Gini coefficient.

**Concerning an active inclusion:**

1. Lay down a legislation that proposes an analysis of the social impact of all the measures undertaken by the Union in all its fields of competence.
2. Issue a directive on decent work, especially regarding the reform of atypical contracts, regarding a minimum adequate income for all those who do not have access to sufficient means, a minimum adequate wage, support of the social dialogue model …
3. Approve a recommendation aiming at the improvement and strengthening of social security (safeguarding retirement benefits, unemployment benefits, health care income, …)
4. Approve a framework directive on the universal nature of social services, their quality, their availability and on a sustainable investment in social services.

**Concerning participation :**

1. Strengthening the social Open Method of Coordination (OMC) via a guaranteed participation of the work field, civil society and the social partners and by enforcing the mandatory nature of the recommendations of the social OMCs.
2. Create a platform for the fight against poverty based on the social OMC. That platform will serve as an umbrella organization for the social OMCs and will guarantee the mandatory aspect of the OMCs. The platform will formalize the work field, civil society and the social partners and the experts.
3. Formulate a recommendation concerning the support of the national alliances in the fight against poverty.
4. Set up participation methods for civilians in order to strengthen the legitimacy of the European social policy.