

Invitation to a European conference

by videoconference on July 8, 2023

"Against war - against social war"

We address:

- the signatories of the "Manifesto for Peace", initiated by Sahra Wagenknecht and Alice Schwarzer;
- the signatories of the European appeal "Stop War", signed by activists from 17 European countries;
- to the participants of the rally "against war - against social war" on 4th March in Berlin and to the signatories of the appeal "Trade unionists* say no to war";
- as well as to colleagues from the nine European countries who sent messages of solidarity to the Assembly on 4 March.

The continuation of the campaign "against **war - against social war**" is also based on the 50,000 participants in the rally "Uprising for Peace" on February 25, at the call of Sahra Wagenknecht and Alice Schwarzer. The invitation to a European videoconference on 8 July echoes a proposal made at the meeting on 4 March to invite forces resisting and opposing the war to a joint videoconference in order to exchange experiences, discuss how to network at European level and decide what other activities can be encouraged. Among the proposed activities is a **European Peace Congress** that could be held in autumn 2023 in Berlin.

All the European contacts mentioned above and all resistance forces in Europe are committed to:

- *An immediate ceasefire and negotiations!*
- *Against arms deliveries!*
- *Against arms and war budgets!*
- *The lifting of sanctions!*
- *Neither NATO nor Putin!*
- *"No to war - No to social war"!*
- *Against war budgets of hundreds of billions! Billions for hospitals, schools, municipalities...*
- *The defense of the real wage! And the general price freeze!*

All those interested in the 8 July conference are also invited to send written contributions to the signatories of this letter, which can be forwarded to interested persons. Please reply promptly (in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish) to the conference organizers.

With our solidarity greetings:

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The German signatories of this invitation letter have formed a preparatory group for the continuation of the campaign "against **war - against social war**".

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