

Long live federal Europe

Léon Blum tirelessly reminds his socialist comrades that "we are not like others. The Socialist Party exists to depict the contours of a better world. Beyond the immediate, beyond the electoral program of a Mayor or President who would focus on the short and medium term, our party must proclaim the future to which we aspire. Dealing with the immediate is the role of the elected representative, considering the next four years is the role of a program, describing the future for Europe is the role we assign ourselves in this contribution.

We want the Socialist Party to support the project of a federal Europe.

The European Union will be federal or not. In a world where instability is progressing rapidly, the future of the Union is not guaranteed, worse the future of Europe is in danger. The end of the European Union will mark the end of Europe as a model. The model of a democratic world in the face of the authoritarian world represented by China and Russia; a model that respects man, his health and well-being, in the face of the dictatorship of the American market. It is in our interest, our role and our responsibility to conscientiously safeguard our model, for ourselves but also for our children, to show that another model exists.

For Europe to survive and prosper, it must opt for federalism. A European state does not mean the disappearance of the identity of peoples, nor does it augur well for general uniformity. Our languages, our cultures, our history are our wealth. What is the relationship between safeguarding this heritage and the absence of a federal Europe? None at all. The opposite opinion is used for a single purpose: to awaken fear, to divide in order to reign better. The best guarantee of safeguarding all this wealth is true independence. A European country cannot stand alone against giants such as the United States or China. To avoid becoming today a satellite state of the United States, and tomorrow of China, we have only one option: unity. Let's not forget that together, the EU countries are the world's leading power.

We must achieve a political Europe with a pivotal element, a true European election.

The project of a federal Europe includes European executive, legislative and judicial powers. If the judiciary exists, the executive and the legislature are lacking. At present, the legislature has only the name European, since this election is national, and each country sends its representatives to the European Parliament to represent its interests and not a common European sensibility. The European executive is also a mosaic of national politicians, appointed by their country to represent their interests. States are everywhere, Europe nowhere. What solution? The European election must have a single constituency, Europe, in the form of a list ballot with full proportionality. These elected representatives of Europe will give their confidence to a government resulting from the parliamentary majority.

We want to create a unified Party of European Socialists

A federal Europe requires a unified socialist party, maintaining its national and local territorial bodies. At the top of the pyramid, there is a need for European structures capable of supporting, helping and guiding the different national authorities.

Even before a European election is held, European Socialists have something to gain from this structure. It will allow us to enrich ourselves and to advance the cause more effectively.

socialist in Europe, to support each other, but also to acquire power and above all to keep it.

We demand fiscal and social harmonization in Europe

Europe cannot be the arena of an unfair economic war of all against all, leading to the loss of all; there can be no common market without harmonized taxation. The effects of differentiated taxation, combined with the difference in standards of living and therefore wages in each country, create an injustice that contributes to anti-European sentiment. Europe will only be accepted if the harmonization of living standards is upwards and not downwards. We dream of a Europe where the standard of living will be equal for all, from east to west and from north to south. While the harmonization of the standard of living can be encouraged, it cannot be decreed; taxation, on the other hand, can and must be harmonized. Harmonized taxation does not mean the same for all, but simply means that common decisions must be taken on the basis of objective criteria and in the interest of all.

We affirm the need for a European army

The enchanted parenthesis in which our defense was American is now over. Europe and its half a billion inhabitants cannot delegate its defense. On more than one occasion, Europe has proved to the world that it does not have the means to achieve its ambitions. Beside us, Russia has imposed its will on Ukraine and Georgia, and Europe has been unable to react. In Syria, a dictator massacred its population, and we were unable to react. Turkey occupied part of a member country, subjugated part of the Kurdish territory, invaded European territorial waters, and Europe was unable to react. Today, with Sweden increasing its military budget by 40% because of the Russian threat, will Europe be able to react to defend its own territory?

How long will Europe allow second- and third-tier powers to dictate its agenda? The European Union has the third largest population in the world and is among the most educated; it also has one of the strongest economies, so it cannot be held hostage by Putin and Erdogan. A European army is absolutely necessary if we want peace, because our weakness encourages some to test us. A European capacity for intimidation, a capacity to react, are the best means to guarantee peace. The military threat in the strict sense, however unlikely, cannot be excluded.

We demand a Europe capable of imposing respect for its founding principles, even at the extreme price of excluding a country from the Union

The European Union is based on democracy, respect for human rights, concern for equality, freedom, public health and the fight against global warming. We cannot tolerate that member countries of Europe trample on these values. The rights of Man, women, minorities and the LGBTQI+ community are non-negotiable.

Membership of the European Union requires the respect of all its principles. A country that decides to fight its own democracy, justice, women and the LGBTQI+ community cannot reconcile the implementation of its policies with membership of the Union. The European federal model will provide the European Union and its citizens with more effective means to guarantee these fundamental rights.

We are at a pivotal moment in European history when European political consciousness must wake up and propose a European federal model, protecting the rights and freedoms of European citizens.

Many ambitions, and at the same time many points remain to be determined. These demands are recurrent in our section debates and demonstrate the vitality of the European commitment of the Socialists. It seems to us that these principles open a way forward. The modalities will have to be developed in the elaboration of future political programmes. Every day its struggles.