

Let's fight together against racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia

Our countries and our history, like it or not, are made of the cumulation of different cultures including those of immigrants. There is no European unique culture. There is a mix and this melting pot should be valued. But we remark more and more that communities lives close by but not necessarily together. Ignorance can create fear, rejection, violence, etc. Nowadays, this grows more and more. Antisemitism, islamophobia, racism, xenophobia, those are realities we cannot overshadow.

It is really important to work both way. First, the fight against racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia should be a priority in our educational systems, in the long-life learning programs and in the society in general. Positive and educational actions should be taken to open everyones eyes to other cultures and to accept the coexistence of different philosophical and religious views. Repressive actions can also be taken if the educational message does not pass.

Second, we have a common responsibility when immigrants arrive in our countries. They should not be criminalized and held in closed centers. They should be integrated physically by inclusive housing policies, instead of pushing them to socially excluding neighborhoods. The countries should provide language classes for free and, on voluntary basis, some citizenships basics courses. Guiding migrants to the educational system if there are needs is really important.

Third, we should never forget to work on the economical field also. Unemployment is a disaster in Europe that targets mostly young people. In this crisis, some young people can endure more the problems of the unemployment. If our system create inequality by rejecting from the labour market people for racist criterias, we should strongly act to avoid this inequality. Equal access to job market, housing, social and leisure services is truly important not to create a double punishments to those who are rejected because of their skin color, their general appearance, their philosophical or religious thoughts, their gender, their sexual orientations or personal ways of life.

Therefore, the Young European Socialists asks the European Union :

- to ban severely all acts of racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia ;
- to support more actively the European associations fighting against racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia ;
- to recognize the contribution of the immigrants in the European culture.
- To taking actions against (online) hate speech based on racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia
- to have citizenship lessons at school that includes positive actions to reject racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia as well as a focus on the critical reception of citizenship, democracy and political participation

More, the Young European Socialists asks the States :

- to include history of immigration and all its positive impacts on the European society in the school programs and long-life learning programs ;

- to have citizenship lessons at school that includes positive actions to reject racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia ;
- to provide free language classes to immigrants ;
- to pass laws condemning strongly all acts of racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia.
- to strengthen housing policies that create mixed communities instead of socially excluded neighbourhoods and gated communities.

By this, the Young European Socialists mark their willingness to take concrete actions and to campaign against racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia.