



FOR THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT ON THE LEFT

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Nowadays, we are facing a politically fragmented Europe with a major crisis of leadership in a period marked by the emergence and strengthening of anti-European nationalist movements.

Moreover, in the last electoral events that have taken place in Europe, the Socialist Parties have registered a significant fall in the results, even if this tendency may currently be seeing its overturn.

We believe that the results of socialist parties at different national levels and the loss of confidence from their natural voters is due to the fact that Socialist Parties often partner with centre-right parties and deviate from their ideological values.

In Portugal, for example, the result of the Socialist Party in the last legislative elections was a reflection of this, since it did not manage to win the elections by itself, whereas in Malta, with a very clear left-wing agenda, the Partit Laburista managed to revalidate its majority and trust with the electorate.

Despite the results of the PS alone, it was clear that most of the votes had gone into left-wing parties, and so the Portuguese Socialist Party dialogued with these parties, managing to establish post-electoral agreements that led to the current government solution.

This meant that the parliamentary coalition of the Portuguese Socialist Party with the Communist Party and the Left Bloc has allowed the Socialist Party to rule in a stable and sustainable way.

Supported by the left-wing parliamentary coalition, the Socialist Party has reversed many of the austerity policies implemented by the right-wing under the Troika intervention, proving definitively that T.I.N.A. is dead and that there is, indeed, an alternative.

In Portugal, the Government of the Socialist Party is promoting economic growth, reducing unemployment and creating more jobs than ever.

Thus, we believe that whether it is in the EU framework, through the Party of European Socialists and the Group of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, or in the national frameworks, Socialist Parties must be receptive and even promote dialogue with the political forces on the left.

Beyond the natural divergences between political forces, which are also manifestations of each one's identity, points of convergence should be sought that allow Socialist parties, with the support of left-wing parties, to govern by implementing progressive policies and social justice, without depending on Right-wing parties.

Thus, we highlight:

1. The need to establish platforms for discussion and dialogue between the Socialist Parties and the political forces on the left, in a permanent dialogue that reaches points of convergence and union between the different forces;



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2. The need for platforms of understanding to be achieved not only at national level but above all within the European institutions, both in the European Parliament and in the Council;
 3. These agreements should contribute to the much needed and urgent reform of the European Union.
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