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**Alter Summit Strategic Meeting
Brussels 13th December 14th**

**Report of decisions**

The entire report will follow.

Strategic meeting was attended by 75 participants representing by 50 organizations from 18 countries. It was hosted by the CG FGTB and chaired by Andrea Della Vecchia (FGTB), Felipe Van Keirsbilck (CSC), Frédérique Payen (WMW), Solange Cidreira (Feminists for Another Europe) and Walter Baier (Transform! Europe ).

**1. Membership**

The list of members and observers is corrected and completed. Version at 13 December 2012 is attached. The network thus comprises at this stage 106 organisations (89 full members, 17 observers).

**2. Feed back of Firenze**

Full report follows. Debate on the pace of network expansion: this expansion is a goal (especially to countries where we are not, to new areas, such as artists, farmers, ..., and to new movements), but not at the cost of network consistency and respect for our balance.

More generally, the conclusions of this discussion are:

1. Firenze 10+10 allowed the network to realize the Alter Summit March 30 call and conduct discussions very helpful. Congratulations and thank you to the organizers Italy.
2. Importance of structuring. Complementarity and difference between Alter Summit and F10 + 10 . As Alter Summit, keep our organizational rules.
3. Enlargement of the Alter Summit: yes, but also building - the main objective is our ability to create a balance of power
4. F10 + 10 has opened ways for the future of AS and movements in general
5. Attention to the need to stay grounded in social struggles: our role is to strengthen, they look for tools to coordinate, certainly not replace them!

**3. National coordination**

Reminder of the importance of linking our common goals (European) and national and local mobilizations.

Representatives of 15 countries involved to share the achievements and projects for national coordination. A table will be distributed through the site.

Conclusions:

1. Importance of national coordination for the accession of militants (not only an officer or representative per organization). National coordination is essential to integrate new movements, this means making our goals clear and attractive
2. So we need to develop with and for national coordination, communication tools and propaganda
3. A key issue is that the objectives of the Summit Alter can be known in all organizations, there is a communication in every organization from the bottom up and top down.

**4. Network operation**

The draft operating rules adapted and approved. The meeting confirmed that these rules constitute the second "identity card" network Alter Summit. The adapted text is appended: it is in force until further notice of the meeting.

**5. Coordination Committee**

The Coordinating Committee based in Milan reported on its work. Approved.

**6. Proposal for the June Summit**

A draft was sent with the invitation to the meeting. It combines a "summit" of organizations representatives and movements with a more massive gathering of activists, and a mass demonstration, according to current and mobilization capacity of the host country.

On behalf of the GSEE, Z. Pepes argues strongly that this Alter Summit would take place in Greece.

Report of the discussion will follow.

Conclusions:

1. We confirm the date of June 7, 8 and 9
2. Athens could be the best place, but many practical conditions and policies should be checked, for both Greek and European organizations. We can wait to end of January for this
3. Rather than a "charter" we must work for a mobilizing call, a "memorandum of peoples"
4. About the event, we work on the basis of amended document (attached)
5. The symbolic dimension is emphasized that solidarity with the struggles of a people, not "charity", as Greece (if there) is emblematic of other countries struggle (it is not alone), and ensure the symbolic and media.

**7. Our common political and urgent priorities**

Important debate on the basis of written contributions and interventions in plenary. Among the major changes were requested:

- Emphasize effectively gender, particularly in the chapter Social Rights
- Add the question of the struggle against racism and right-wing
- Strengthen the application of a real democracy at all levels without locked in discussions on institutions, and emphasizing that our collective action is constitutive of this democracy
- Expand the concept of "job climate" to "invest in jobs for the natural commons and social"

Many other suggestions on the text.

Conclusions:

1. The meeting mandated the Coordinating Committee to work a small drafting group before Christmas

2. We must keep a short and focused text: an enhanced introduction, 4 actual chapters and conclusion

3. Translations of very good quality

4. The text will appear in a final version of mobilization in January, that does not prevent:

¬ What debates that have not found a place in this text will be discussed again between us
¬ What organizations activists will be invited in debates between January and June,

continue to suggest improvements and enhancements
¬ That there are national variations, not on the text of mobilization, but by examples and illustrations about related news

5. There must be a language "for" more than "against" , say what we want

6. The demand for real democracy must be clear

7. See how to integrate external trade relations of the EU.

**8. Common Action Day in March?**
Information: The CES provides a day of action in March, against the "Spring Summit" of the EU, the date is under discussion (13 or 14?) and the exact forms. This could be the result of November 14.

Kenneth Haar presents its proposal, based on the choices made in the Alter Summit and the conclusions of Florence. It indicates that an additional meeting was held on December 15 with other interested organizations. It raises the question of our time, and the involvement of the Alter Summit as such.

Report of the discussion to follow.

Conclusions:

1. Get involved as Alter Summit in action in March, but necessarily the date proposed by the ETUC and good articulation. No problem for decentralized actions and / or additional, but not of Appeal Alter Summit for parallel actions on another day
2. That M14 (or M13?) Is an important step between N14 and "J8"
3. Kenneth and several colleagues attended the meeting with other movements on 15 December.

**9. Introducing Euro PEN**

Bruno Bauraind presents the new network of economists Euro PEN. The main proposals are:

- Development of an alternative economic program before the Spring Summit in March (during February to discussion with organizations Alter Summit)
- Europe Tour of economists prepare a common format of lectures would be given in x European cities between February and June (before Italian and German elections)
- A conference in Brussels in March with economists trade unions and movements
- The Euro-Pen website will be launched shortly.

**10. Third JSC in May 2013 in Zagreb**

Confirmed. Check dates with Subversive Forum. It must be an "internal" conference between our organizations representatives to take stock of our analyzes and strategies.

 **11. Court instigators of crisis**

Proposed methodology of popular education outlined by Attac France. This is a possible tool for making local debates on European issues. The tool will be developed by the French coordination and shared with other countries.

 **12. Links between Alter Summit and monitoring F10+10**

Jason Nardi describes the tool developed for Firenze 10+10. This is a beautiful shared workspace and cooperative. But the committee F10+10 completes its work in January, we have to see which suites can we give to this work.

The Alter Summit assembly expressed much interest in such a tool, while stressing the need to adapt our operation much more "structured" and less "open" than F10+10. Contacts will follow.

**13. Funding**

The importance of the project for Alter Summit sinds Florence ask that we be able to finance

- The June event (Athens or elsewhere)
- A coordination team, one or two full-time staff by then.

To do this, we must raise revenue and means

- Means working in organizations (time, skills)
- Contributions from member organizations
- Contributions from foundations or other organizations
- Crowd funding

The decision is to check very quickly that we can hire a coordinator for a few months, which could advance all folders.

 **14. Translation**

Proposal sent by Marie-Dominique Vernhes, Coorditrad. Warmly welcomed by the congregation. The emphasis is on short deadlines.

We must implement the tool translation management. It is necessary that we find one of two persons in our organizations who will be responsible for reviewing policy for each language.

**15. Next network meeting**

A work day (or 1 ½ day) will be scheduled in Brussels just before or after the action of 13 or 14 March. Confirmation very quickly, thank you to have to consider the 14-15 or 15-16 of March.