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Twenty countries participated with the aim of creating a forum for activists, social movements and organizations in Europe and the Middle East to share experiences, create links and form collective strategies.

Lisa Ariemma of the Presidio Europa Committee represented Italy's No TAV movement at this meeting.

Presidio Europa

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Day 1



Opening & Exchange:

Left - Lina Ben Mhenni, Tunisia, cyber-activist, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2011

Below - Esraa Abdel Fattah, Egypt, activist, blogger and journalist nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2011, with Claude Frisoni, Director General of the Cultural Centre



Voices from the Square:

Left - Maria Kanellopoulou, Greece, journalist and activist in the Water Movement

Right - Zaineb Mohammad Manita, Libya, Rights Without Borders





Open Space:
 First session with the theme: “What did we raise our voices for?”

Different issues are presented at different meeting places and you can choose to participate in a discussion with the freedom to change group as often as you want



Projection of short videos:

The video of June 27, 2011, when the eviction took place at the Maddalena, was shown



Film Projection:
 “Catastroika” was watched followed by a discussion with the Greek Director Aris Xatzistefanou

Day 2



Exchanges:

Discussions on governance, the evolution of democracy and rethinking development in the crisis.

Left - Jean-Sébastien Zippert, Coordinator of Etika (an alternative bank in Luxembourg).

The participation of experts from the European Commission were in the programme but no participant attended



Discovering Luxembourg:

Above – Mihnea Ghinita-Blidariu, Rumania, Save Rosia Montana Campaign and Georgia Bekridaki, Greece, Syntagma Square Movement



Welcome centre for refugee claimants in Luxembourg



Voices from the Square:

Left – Mohamed Beshir “Gemy Hood”, Egypt, blogger and author of: “The Ultras Book”
Below – participants



Below – Posters from the presentation of Francisco Verdes, Spain, Juventud Sin Futuro



Debate:

A debate which included the general public with the theme: “The Euro-Mediterranean after the people’s awakening: An answer to the crisis?”

Left – Lilian Thurman, ex-Juventus footballer participated. After retirement he founded “Education Against Racism” in France



Day 3

Voices from the Square:

Left – Part of the presentation of Abdallah Abu Rahmah, Bil'in, Palestinian Territory, Coordinator, Popular Committee Against the Wall and Settlements



Group Photo from left: Hozan Ibrahim, Syrian National Council, Syria, Abdulkarim Rihai, Syrian League for the Defence of Human Rights, Esraa Abdel Fattah, Egypt, Samira Ibrahim, activist, women's rights, Egypt, Mohammad Amin Tolba, Salafyo Costa, Egypt, Lisa Ariemma, No TAV movement, Italy/Canada, Xavier Renou, Les désobéissants, France, Mihnea Blidariu, Save Rosia Montana Campaign, Rumania, Inana Othman, activist, Syria



Open Space:

Second session: "What can we do together: Future Actions"

Right: Solidarity with the Palestinian people to stop the occupation





Voices from the Networks:

Left – Jeff Halper, Poland, “People Yes! Network”

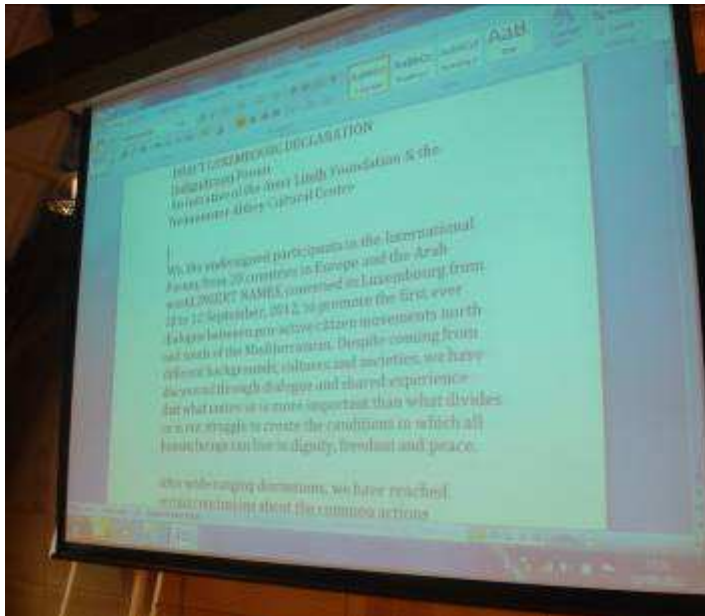


Presentation of the No TAV movement and the Turin-Lyon project



Demonstration:
In front of the
Euro-Group office
of the European
Union in
downtown
Luxembourg





Declaration:
Looking at the
draft declaration
and finalizing the
text





Reading:

Antoine Cassar presents his pamphlet on migration: "Passport"

After a Tunisian dinner:

Right: From left, Jamal B. Al-Awadhi, National Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Editor-in-chief Yemen Online Daily News, Lisa Ariemma, Italy/Canada, Zaineb Manita, Libya, Faiza Benchalel, Association for the Fight Against STI/Aids and for Health Promotion, Algeria, Ibrahim Elhoudaiby, journalist & researcher, Egypt



Right: From left, Abdulhafid Sidoun, Human rights lawyer, Libya, Esraa Abdel Fattah, Egypt, Lisa Ariemma, Italy/Canada





Photo above
from left: Zaineb
Manita, Libya,
Gianluca Solera,
Anna Lindh
Foundation,
Alexandria,
Egypt,
Mohammad
Tolba, Egypt
Esraa Abdel
Fattah, Egypt,
Abdulkarim
Rihawi, Syria

Concert:

From left: Charlotte Ricco, Anna Lindh Foundation, France,
Ibrahim Elhoudaiby, Egypt, Sylvia De Fanti, Occupied Valle
Theatre, Italy



Group photo

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Text from the Luxembourg Declaration ~ IndignaCtion



Friday, September 21, 2012
Bil'in, Palestinian Territory

Indignation!

عيش، حرية، عدالة اجتماعية LUXEMBOURG DECLARATION September 12, 2012

We, the activists from 20 countries in Europe and the Arab world, participating in the International Forum convened in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 September 2012, to promote dialogue between pro-active citizen movements north and south of the Mediterranean declare as follows:

Despite coming from different backgrounds, cultures and societies, we have discovered through dialogue and shared experience that what unites us is more important than what divides us in our struggle to create the conditions in which all human beings can live in dignity, freedom and peace.

After wide-ranging discussions, we have reached certain conclusions about the common actions necessary to invent a society, which respects our fundamental rights and legitimate desires.

We, therefore, condemn neo-liberal policies, such as privatization or confiscation of public resources, military occupation or dispossession of land, and all regimes that repress the people's will, which violate the basic rights of citizens, including access to natural resources and public services, thus making the basic conditions for true democracy impossible.

We support all actions in favor of the fundamental right of free movement of persons and policies respecting individual freedom, dignity and equality. We support all those engaged in the struggle for self-determination, freedom and social justice.

We have, therefore, committed ourselves to creating a transnational network of citizen movements as a means of building bridges between cultures, promoting non-violent participatory action and all other initiatives protecting the common good (Commons), and the sharing of experiences and information, to strengthen solidarity between peoples and enhance all citizens' ability to control decisions concerning their vital interests.

In order to further these aims, we commit to meeting again at related events, preferring the option of meeting on an ad hoc basis in a place south of the Mediterranean. Meanwhile, we will continue to communicate with each other online, to share best practices and information. We invite all like-minded individuals and organizations to associate themselves with our action.

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Appendix: We support the Euro-Mediterranean meeting on Debt, Rights and Democracy which will take place in Madrid 1 to 4 November 2012.

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