



Europe needs to fight back awaking Neo-Fascist/Neo-Nazis movements

Europe should be a role model for anti-fascism, freedom, democracy and human rights, however strengthened neo-fascist movements now threaten these principles. The events in Greece, Italy or France with the rising of neo-fascist groups are examples, to remind us that fascism is an actual threat. All European institutions and every single European country, as well as every person, should immediately stand up against new risings of fascist acts. Fascist violence and the defense of fascism by conservative political parties cannot be accepted by a democratic and diverse society.

The economic dictatorship of austerity is now killing Europe's cohesion: no more cooperation between countries and people, no more ideas, no more sharing - money rules the political agenda. The fear and the disadvantages caused by the crisis as well as the mislead management executed by Europe's political leadership, are increasingly providing a basis for hate, division and violence. This is the perfect moment for neo-fascist parties to rise again. People are scared of losing everything and it is too easy to turn these feelings into hatred against the assumed enemy and to erase all human rights one by one.

We the students unions from Austria (ÖH), France (UNEF), Germany (fzs), Italy (UDU), Luxembourg (UNEL) and Switzerland (VSS-UNES-USU) call all European institutions, all countries and all individuals to take immediate action to defend freedom and democracy.

The first step is to convert all schools and universities across Europe into institutions where all people can achieve a democratic culture and learn about anti-fascism, cultural diversity, freedom, respect, equality, justice and solidarity in reality and not just as a window dressing activity.

Neo-fascism must still be defeated. We all have to fight for our rights and remember that all rights need to be valid for everyone and cannot be created just for certain (ethnic, national, etc.) groups. Fascism and Nazism are aiming to erase one human right after the other. It is not possible to wait any longer to counteract the dynamics of an arising fascist and nationalistic movement