

Resolution passed at the party convention of the regional association of DIE LINKE in Hamburg on 21.03.2015:

International solidarity with the fighting comrades in Greece

The electoral success of the leftist coalition SYRIZA in the Greek parliamentary elections in January is an expression of the rise of social movements against austerity in Europe. In particular in Greece, the austerity is challenged by the massive commitment to a social perspective. With the very positive results of the election for SYRIZA the propagated lack of alternatives to the 'Troika' and the brake on debt has been extendedly ruptured. The regional association of the Left Party in Hamburg stands in solidarity with the fighting comrades in Greece and throughout Europe. The SYRIZA government practices oppositional policy to the prevailing conditions with

- a stop of the privatization of the Athens port and the Greek gold mines,
- the immediate reconstruction of the welfare state through the redemption of neoliberal 'deforms' in the public sector,
- a poverty reduction program with free power supply and food distribution as well as rent assistance,
- a policy of de-escalation towards Russia,
- the sale of the official state-limousines of the ministers,
- the granting of Greek citizenship to 200,000 refugee children and the plan to tear down the fence at the border to Turkey; the closure of inhumane refugee camps as well as the immediate termination of the 18-month detention,
- the resumption of state television,
- the intended expansion of anti-corruption policies and taxation of the rich.

Against that, politicians and the media in the EU constantly propagate the "demise of the West" to put further pressure on the Greek government and to eliminate all hopes of good social conditions, even beyond Greece. Meanwhile tens of thousands of people stream onto Athens Syntagma Square to support the policy stance of the SYRIZA government. Inviolable humanism, international solidarity and the bold vouch for justice enforce humane improvements and finish with the dirty business of power politics.

The destructive austerity and the brake on debt don't have to be applied, neither in Greece nor in Hamburg, nor in the whole EU. Given the huge privately appropriated wealth, the population does not have to tighten their belts. Instead, the assets and companies have to be heavily taxed so that public facilities for the humane development can be financed opulently. The power politics have to be challenged by rational discussion. Internal and external warfare is to be finished by humanitarian action. As an evident social alternative to the right-wing response to the crisis, the Greek Left has succeeded in minimizing the neo-fascist party Chrysi Avgi (Golden Dawn) from 9.3% in the EU elections in January 2014 to 6.3%. TTIP can be shipwrecked with a left parliamentary majority in Athens. Yet, the humanitarian crisis and the social polarization will not have been solved by that. In particular for the organized left-wing forces in Germany, the lion's den, this is linked to a high responsibility for solidarity.

The regional association of the Left Party in Hamburg will express solidarity with the fighting comrades in Greece by organizing lectures, protests on the streets, discussions and publications.

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