



Constant Forum of the European Left – of the Regions

General Agreement 3 -1 - SFEL-R

Preamble

We, the members of Socialist and Communist parties, leftist alliances, organizations, and institutions from the most various regions of Europe affirm our will for political and organizational cooperation.

Proceeding from experience previously made in our regional cooperation, we endeavour to further deepen our relations, enhance joint activities and structures, and in this way build up the European Left as an effective political force.

Notwithstanding our different historical, national, and political experience we strive to actively put into practice the measures adopted in this General Agreement in a developing network of the EL.

As observers, sympathizers, or members of the Party of the European Left, we feel committed to advancing the process of united action for the interests of the people in our countries through cooperation in mutual solidarity in our regions and beyond at national and European levels.

The fields of work specified in the agreement will provide the scope for political bodies and regional structures to freely establish contacts across national borders and to work out and implement joint political and cultural projects.

A major focus will be placed on the common struggle for peace and anti-Fascism, against capitalist globalization trends which is a precondition for any democratic development in our countries.

The activity of the SFEL-R serves to deepen the solidarity-based cooperation of regional structures of Leftists in the European Union. Existing bilateral relations shall remain unaffected by this General Agreement.

I. Organizational measures

1. This agreement shall be open to all left, democratic parties, their inner-party structures as well as to associations and institutions. The central body of the network for implementing skeleton accords shall be the coordinating council formed by one elected or appointed member each of the signatories to this General Agreement. Practical cooperation shall be organized through working groups.
2. The forum shall be the central event of the SFEL-R for working out joint projects and discussing political and theoretical issues.
3. The rules of procedure agreed on at the Round Table of April 29/30, 2000, shall serve as the basis of functioning.

4. The activity of the network and the joint working groups will be supported by the contracting parties politically, organizationally, and financially. The forming of new working groups is subject to unanimous decision by the Coordinating Council.

II. Tasks

1. The planning of joint political and solidarity work according to the principle of unanimity or through invitations to the contracting parties. Great significance will be attached to the coordination of parliamentary and extra-parliamentary activities.
2. The EUROPACAMP shall be the joint central event of the signatories to this General Agreement. Its organization shall rest with the respective national organizations and the SFEL-R. As political and cultural highlight of cross-border cooperation, the Camp is open to all left, democratic forces. It serves publicity work and the political debate of questions pertaining to the development of a strong European Left.
3. Cooperation in and support and solidarity to the participation in events of the European Left parties (such as press festivals etc.)
4. Education and information events on questions concerning the European policies and the social charter of the European Union. In this, particular significance is assigned to cooperation with the GUE/NGL group in the European Parliament and the EL contact offices.
5. Arrangement of information events on European politics with support by left GUE/NGL members.

III. Publicity Work

1. Publication of joint statement on current political subjects with consideration to unanimity (rules of procedure); publication online, on a website in the respective national languages under the responsibility of the contracting parties.
2. Elaboration and circulation of a political calendar of central and regional events and activities of the contracting parties for use by friendly parties, associations, and institutions, and to facilitate cooperation across borders.
3. Promotion of comrade-to-comrade grassroots contacts, structural partnerships, and bilateral accords serving concrete political cooperation.

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DIE LINKE	Saxony/Bautzen
DIE LINKE	Bremen/North-West
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DKP	Brandenburg
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