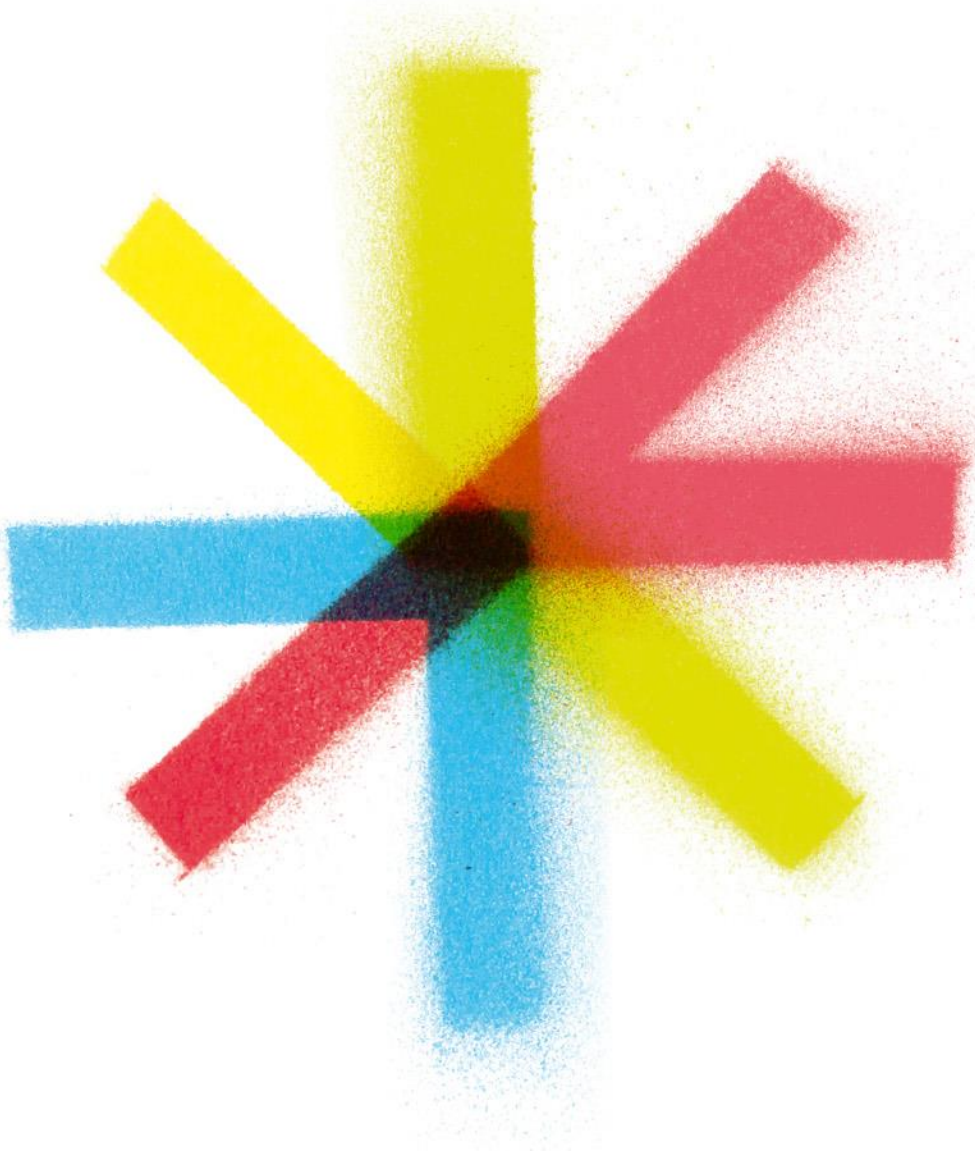

Manifesto

Today, at 4pm on the 10th of November 2018, 100 years after the end of World War I, which laid waste European civilization for decades, we are not only recalling history: we are taking our future into our own hands!

It is time to turn the promise inherent in Europe into a reality and to remind ourselves of the founding ideas behind the project of European integration.

We declare that everyone present at this moment in Europe is a citizen of the European Republic.
We acknowledge and accept our responsibility for the common heritage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and we pledge finally to make it a reality.

We recognize that Europe's wealth is based on the exploitation of other continents and the suppression of other cultures over centuries. For that reason, we are happy to share our territory with those whom we have driven from theirs. Anyone who wishes to can be a European. The European Republic is the first step on the path to a global democracy.

The Europe of nation states has failed.
The vision of European integration has been betrayed.
Without political underpinning, the Single Market and the euro fell easy prey to a neoliberal agenda which runs counter to the goal of social justice.
The powers of the European institutions must therefore be seized so that a common market and a common currency can be created within a common European democracy.
Because Europe means unifying people, not integrating states.

The sovereignty of states is hereby replaced by the sovereignty of citizens. The European Republic is founded upon the principle of universal political equality irrespective of nationality and social or ethnic background. The constituent elements of the European Republic are the European cities and regions. The time has come for Europe's cultural diversity to express itself within a framework of political unity.

The European Council is hereby decommissioned.
The European Parliament now has the power to make law.
It will appoint a government committed to the common welfare of all European citizens.

Long live the European Republic!

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