



## Draft Resolution on Euroscepticism and anti-European Movements

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Euroscepticism is on the rise throughout Europe. The economic crisis has caused many voters to look towards alternative plans, and this has, in part, hastened the rise of extremist or anti-European parties in the polls.

The European Movement International is worried by and firmly condemns the formation of anti-European alliances that spread a false message on the European project, and believes that, in the face of this, a pro-European response is needed.

We need to reassert, firmly and clearly, the indivisible and universal values - *respect for human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity* - on which Europe is based and the key principles - *democracy, the rule of law and human rights* - which made them a reality.

### **EMI demands**

We have asked our Members to join a communications taskforce on the European elections that will concentrate its efforts over the coming months on creating a pro-European message which will be delivered through its pan-European networks.

We further ask that:

- The pro-European parties work together to use the upcoming European elections as a catalyst for a real debate on Europe. The campaigns of pro-European political parties should be focused on European rather than on nationalist concerns or more starkly the in/out Europe debate, and show how the European model enriches the lives of European citizens.
- Other civil society organisations use the opportunity of the European elections to reach out to citizens and share pro-European messages on how the EU works for the benefit of its citizens, and invite them to join our own campaign

- Voters turn out to the polls to show their support for the European project, which has brought 70 years of peace and development to our continent.
- The EU institutions play their part by supporting campaigns led by others that demonstrate the benefits of European integration, and use their own resources to reach out to citizens in the lead up to the elections.