



Resolution of the European Regional Partnership on the current crisis, taken at the Seminar in Poznan (Poland) on June 5, 2009

The Union Organizations that comprise the Regional Syndical Partnership, below outlined, assembled in Poznan on the 4th and 5th of June, 2009, in the frame of the European Project " ARIADNA: THE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITIES AND THE EUROPEAN REGIONS ", we have analyzed the economic, financial and political crisis that crosses the world and especially the EU, reflected in our respective regions, and we have adopted the following Resolution, which we will publicize in each of the Regions that make up the Partnership.

We express a great concern for the strong increase of unemployment, which comes explained by the neoliberal economic domination in the course of last 30 years, which has caused the greatest economic catastrophe both of the world and of the EU. The previous situation to the financial collapse, was a rapid increase in the inequalities, an increase of precarious employments and a strong pressure to cut away the influence of the welfare states, the rights of the workers (women and men) and the collective bargaining. Nowadays is added a major unemployment, cuts in the public expenditure and an important collapse of the demand in many of our countries and regions.

The citizens of our region goes to the Governments calling for action in the public sector and to the Trade Unions in order that we are to be able to balance democracy in relation to the markets. We must not allow nevermore that the financial capitalism damage so much the real economies of working people and it could not return to happen that the social inequalities generate indifference of the institutions or negligence of democratic governments, overcoming definitively the current inequities.

We remain convinced that Europe has an important and concrete role that must be capable of playing in this context. It must be a leader and with own position, as great economic entity in the world that we are. Our social European model must be reinforced, improved and be our distinctive aim, so much inside of the EU as in our economic and political foreign relations. If the EU is not capable of acting in a compound way, their principal achievements that are the social European model and the enlargement, it may be submitted to a strong pressure, because the member states could choose for developing their own approaches in trade and monetary policies and international relations.



The EU must adopt in a definitive way a real position of joint intervention on the unemployment, some measures announced by the European Commission can go in this direction, we will see it in the next European Council of 18th and 19th of June. A new Social Agreement is necessary in the EU that serves to stimulate the social justice, the generation of more employments and of better quality and that allows to go out of the current crisis with:

1. Stronger social protection systems to provide more security and equality and to avoid the social exclusion. The social policy across Europe must be preserved, strengthened and must not attend to any demands of debilitating it, for considering it to be not necessary for the economic recovery. It must not be weakened by a too rigid application of the Stability Pact.
2. Stronger rights for workers and to finish with the dominance of the unique principles of the markets. We demand a social progress protocol that prioritizes these rights. It is more necessary than ever a stronger Directive on displacement of workers, based on equal treatment. It is necessary to improve the effective participation of workers (men and women) in the labour democracy of the companies .
3. To improve the salary, to reinforce and to strengthen the collective bargaining in our countries. We reject the salary freezing as an alibi of exit to the crisis. It is necessary to protect the purchasing power in a moment where the demand is declining in a major way.
4. We need better working conditions, ensuring greater safety and health, while encouraging a reconciliation of work and family life. Equality and non-discrimination between men and women can not be regarded as secondary to the removal of the crisis, on the contrary should be one of the main objectives. To the Union Organizations, the equality of gender is a strategic aim so much in access to employment, and wages as in the labour conditions and labour rights in the society. People's welfare should be the main objective of governments and of economic, political and financial institutions.

The Union Organizations we want to attack the crisis to gain a different future. The Declaration of Paris of the CES is an opportunity to be in the centre of the debate and in the solutions adopted by the Government of the EU and by the governments of our respective countries. Our Union Regional Organizations together with the Union National Organizations we will defend strongly and with determination these positions and will continue summoning mobilizations to defend our proposals and to demand commitments to the different Governments and Employer Organizations.