

Working schedule of the European Left for 2006

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January 2006

- 12.01. **International conference and hearing on the services directive** and its implications on the European social system, organized by GUE/NGL, Brussels
[R.: EL MEP's in GUE/NGL] *realized*
- 14./15.01. EL ExB meeting, Berlin *realized*
- 24.-29.01. **6th World Social Forum**: Caracas, seminar of LA and European left parties (with participation of EL and GUE/NGL representatives) and Bamako with meeting of Left wing parliamentarians of GUE / NGL and EL parties
[R.: M. Ferre, St. Pappas]
political frame: participation
financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives, publicity work costs
publicity and press work *realized*

February

11. and 14.02. **EL support of the EU wide demonstrations against the Bolkestein-directive, Strasbourg** and at other places
[R.: EL MEP's + A. Tomas]
political frame: participation
financial frame: material costs, travel costs
publicity and press work: advertisements, leaflets, other means for getting of public awareness *realized*

March

- 02.-05.03. Preparatory Assembly of 4th ESF, Frankfurt/Main
[R.: N. Theodorakopoulou, Ch. Mendelsohn]

political frame: participation
financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives,
publicity and press work

realized

07./08.03.,

European Activities of EL on the International Women's Day

[R.: B. Berthousoz, el-fem c/o Ch.Reymann]

political frame: EL organized
financial frame: publicity work costs
publicity and press work

mid March,

6th World Social Forum: Karachi

[R.:M. Ferre, St. Pappas]

political frame: participation
financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives, publicity work costs
publicity and press work

18.-19.03.

Conference " Migrant Self Organisation and the European Left – Political anti-racism"

[R.: W. Baier, CPA]

political frame: participation

aim / agenda

- experiences with racist exclusion and social segmentation
- gender specific experiences of racist exclusion
- migrant self-organisation
- relationship between the Political Left and other organisations / structures with migrant background
- strategies against the "fortress Europe"

financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives, publicity work costs;
publicity and press work

24.-29.03.

UNITED Conference "Get active, be united: Youth sharing visions for equality, Sofia

[R.: A. Tomas,C. Valvason]

political frame: participation

financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives, eventually also
publicity work costs
publicity and press work

not realized

April

31.03.-02.04.

Preparatory assembly for the 4th ESF, Athens

[R.: N. Theodorakopoulou, Ch. Mendelsohn]

political frame: participation
financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives
publicity and press work

realized

end of March

meeting of el fem -prep group for campaigning "Against violence against women", Tallin

[R.: B. Berthousoz, el-fem c/o Ch.Reymann + HCWP/ EL - ExB-Members]

political frame: participation

	financial frame: publicity and press work	<i>realized</i>
29.04.	EL seminar on precarisation of labour and social dimension of left alternatives, Paris [R.: Ch. Mendelsohn, Organizing group PCF, EL working group "economy"]	<i>realized</i>
May		
04.- 07.05.	4th European Social Forum, Athens [R.: working group, Ch. Mendelsohn, St. Pappas + N. Theodorakopoulou (member of ESF international working committee + all)] political frame: participation, in seminars of the general programme	<i>realized</i>
11./13. 05.	participation of EL in the "Enlazando Alternativas 2" – Alternative EU-LA summit, Vienna [R.: Secretariat + EULA II- working group] political frame: hosting and organizing of EL seminars and workshops, (see please separate plan and information from hosting parties) participation financial frame: (accommodation + meals + transport + publicity work costs) publicity and press work	<i>realized</i>
13./14.05.	Joint working meeting of EL ExB and of Working Committee of Sao Paulo-Forum representatives, Vienna [R.: W. Fritz-Klackl, P. Marset] political frame: EL organized financial frame: co-financing publicity and press work	<i>realized</i>
20.-21.05.	2nd European-wide meeting of the EL Network of metropolises, Rome or Neapel [R.: G. Mascia] political frame: participation financial frame: co-financing of host organization and EL publicity and press work: announcement, invitation letters and leaflets, political programme	<i>realized</i>
20.-21.05.	Conference on working time and organisation of labour, Madrid [R.: M. Mola] , hosted by CP of Spain political frame: participation financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives, publicity and press work	<i>realized</i>

25.-28.05. International Congress of the FIR, Brussels
[R.: H. Wehenkel, P. Beauvois]
political frame: participation
financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives
publicity and press work: political statement, meeting of EL
representatives + invited guests with Brussels museum of resistance and
Belgian association of antifascist struggle at Brussels EL Office
R.: EL Office

realized

25.- 28.05. EL Conference: Local Authority and Young People in Europe, Athens
[R.: St. Pappas, P. Szekely (?), M. Karin]
political frame: EL organized
financial frame: co-financing of host organization and EL
publicity and press work

not realized

June

03. / 07.06. European-wide action day against social decrease and precarisation of
labour
supported by EL parties' militants and sympathizers

09.-11.06. participation of EL parties' representatives in the XXX. NELF,
Copenhagen
[R.: H. Scholz, RGA – representatives]
political frame: participation
financial frame: travel costs
publicity and press work

realized

17./18.06. EL seminar "Study-day on the strategies of multinationals on the occasion
of the Arcelor-group", Luxemburg
[R.: Dei Lenk, H. Wehenkel]
political frame: EL organized
financial frame: travel costs, accommodation, info-material
publicity and press work

realized

23.-24.06. activities and coordinating measures of the EL-GLQTG-Network - related
to the CSD actions in European countries
[R.: Secretariat]
political frame: EL organized
publicity and press work

29.06. - 03.07. **Mediterranean Summer Festival of EL**, Palermo
[R.: G. Migliore, Secretariat]
political frame: EL organized
financial frame: co-financing by host organization and EL
publicity and press work

realized

July

- begin of July alternative activities during the G-8 summit, St. Petersburg
political frame: participation
financial frame: travel costs
publicity and press work
- 08.07. EL ExB and EL-fem joint working session on establishing a wg “violence against women”, Paris
political frame: EL organized
financial frame: co-financing by host organization and EL
- 9.7. EL Executive Board meeting, Paris
- 10.07. **EL Council of Chairpersons meeting, Paris**
- 13.-16.07. **European Left Summer University: “*European Left: contents and practices of an alternative*”, Tavira, Portugal**
[R.: C. Hilario + all]
political frame: EL organized
- Aims:
- ★ To carry through a longer meeting of experts, activists from political parties and social movements outside the usual framework of the international meetings;
 - ★ To further the theoretical and political debate around the major issues regarding the construction of a political left alternative for the European Union;
 - ★ To promote a broad exchange of experiences and to develop a common terminology on some national and transnational political and social practices.
- Participants: It aims at gathering about 160 people, organized on specific workshops.
For all further details of preparatory work responsible: BE, ACP
- financial frame: co-financing by host organization and EL
financial budget, publicity and press work

August

- 16.-18.08. **Joint seminar Sao Paulo Forum and Party of the European Left (EL)**
Left wing parties and progressive parties in governmental responsibility (continental, national, regional and local levels), **Montevideo**
[R.: EL ExB working group – Latinamerican cooperation]
political frame: participation
financial frame: travel-costs and accommodation

September

- 08.-10.09. **EL Conference, "Basic Income as alternative living and working concept, Vienna**
 [R.:W. Fritz-Klackl, L. Blaha, A. Barbara]
 political frame: EL organized
Agenda of the conference:
- basic income as alternative working and living concept
 - debate on reproductive labour in the framework of a basic income concept
 - debate on flanking measures such as provision of a social communal infrastructure such as health facilities or child-care facilities
- Participants/speakers:
- representatives of EL member parties who could contribute to the debate through their experiences and their position in the debate.
 - representatives from social movements, feminist networks, migrant organisation
 - representatives from the Unions
 - representatives from the Austrian and German network on basis income
- financial frame: co-financing by host organization and EL, travel- and accommodation costs, infrastructure and public relation costs publicity and press work
- [EL-ExB Secretariat notices that CPA has canceled for 2006 – recommends to **realize in another frame in 2007**]*
03. - 04.09. Volksstimme - Festival, Vienna
 participation of EL representatives:
 EL Financial support for different panel discussions and the EL stand
15. - 17.09. "L`Humanité" - Festival, Paris
 participation of EL representatives
15. - 17.09. "Mundo Obrero" - Festival, Madrid
 participation of EL representatives
 EL Financial support
16. - 17.09. "Halo Noviny" - Festival, Praha
 participation of EL representatives
 EL Financial support: - not requested
23. - 24.09. Festival of the Youth organisation of Synaspismos, Athens - including a **EL meeting** (representatives from invited EL parties) **about the current situation in Lebanon and Middle East** after starting to incorporate the UN-resolution 1701
 participation of EL representatives
 EL Financial support
- 28.09. meeting of EL working group of treasurers and responsible persons for finances of EL parties, Brussels
 EL Financial support

October

- 06.-07.10. **EL / EL-fem international seminar on violence against women, Trieste**
[R.: EL-fem / Ch. Reymann and EL preparatory working group/ I. Barbarossa]
political frame: official starting of contribution to international campaigning
financial frame: co-financing by host organizations, EL-fem + EL

budget planning: travelling- and accommodation costs, infrastructure and public relation etc.
publicity and press work
- 13.-15.10. **EL Conference “Neutrality as peace and security-political alternative to EU-militarisation”, Salzburg**
[R.: G. Hopfgartner, W. Fritz-Klack]
political frame: EL organized
financial frame: co-financing by host organization and EL for travelling- and accommodation costs, infrastructure and public relation costs
publicity and press work

[EL secretariat and CP of Austria have decided to cancel for 2006 and to include into the working schedule for 2007]
- 21.-22.10. **EL activities for a new EU migration and asylum policy – Migrants and labour – with representatives from the Sao Paulo Forum, Madrid**
R.: M. Ferre, working group – EL- FSP]
political frame: participation
financial frame: co-financing by host organization and EL
EL Financial support
publicity and press work
- 28.-29.10. **EL Executive Board meeting, Brussels**
R.: EL ExB Secretariat
financial frame: translation, technical equipment, accommodation, lunch, travel costs
- 28.-29.10. **International Congress of the municipal collectives (AGCS) for the protection of the public services, Geneva**
R.: EL ExB Secretariat EL wg of the metropolises
financial frame: financing travel and accommodation costs for participants of EL Member / Observer parties

November

- 03.-05.11. Middle East Conference of rIs and LP.PDS Parliamentary group, Berlin
political frame: participation of invited EL parties’ representatives
financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives
publicity and press work: webpage
- 03.-05.11. ESA, Frankfurt/M. – preparation of ESF 2007/2008
political frame: participation of invited EL parties’ representatives

financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives
publicity and press work: webpage

10.-12.11.

2nd EL-ParlaCon Conference, Rome

Proposed themes:

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- (1) “**Left parties** in governing responsibility from the municipalities to the nation state and the relationship to parliamentary and outer-parliamentary forms of political struggle on **defending public services and common goods**”
- (2) Municipal policy – what can the EL contribute to get more cooperation and exchange of common attitudes... for example citizens budgeting, local agenda 21 and the today’s situation,...?”

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- (3) Municipal policy – what can the EL contribute to get more cooperation and exchange of common attitudes... for example citizens budgeting, local agenda 21 and the today’s situation,...?”

Participants: parliamentarians of all various levels of representation-ship of EL parties as well as specially invited international guests (like 2005)

political frame: EL organized

Financial frame: co-financing by EL and host organization

Budget-planning – (for about estimated 100 participants)

publicity and press work: host party + EL Office (to be checked out must be opportunities for live stream covering via internet / EL webpage)

09.-11.11.

international seminar "right-extreme and populist parties in Europe: challenges for democratic forces"; organized and hosted by rls-foundation and Left Party.PDS working group of antifascism/ anti-semitism, Hamburg [R.: E. Gauthier, Ch. Reymann]

political frame: participation

financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives, publicity work costs
publicity and press work

10.-11.11.

International Action Conference – preparatory conference-meeting for Heiligendamm G8 summit 2007, Rostock

political frame: participation

financial frame: financing travel and accommodation costs for participants of EL Member / Observer parties

11.11.

Initiative meeting for establishing an **EL- Trade-Unionist Network**, Berlin

[R.: Left Party.PDS wg “labour and enterprise” + EL ExB Secretariat / Office]

political frame: participation of EL

aim: contributing to the building up of an EL trade unionists network

financial frame: travel costs and accommodation, translation for participants

18.-19.11.

Seminar of representatives (corporation workforces and trade union officials) from the EU automobile industry on “**developments in the**

European automobile industries as example and expression for neo-liberal dominated “reconstruction” of European industries – challenges and tasks for the political Left “, Frankfurt/Main

[R.: B. Wagner, L. Mayer, GCP + Secretariat]

political frame: participation of representatives within these industrial-structures from EL parties in Spain, France, Portugal, Czech Republic, Italy
financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives, publicity work costs , translation
publicity and press work

24.11. Meeting of the **EL Statutes Commission**, Brussels

[R.: EL Secretariat

financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives

publicity and press work: web-page

25.11. **European action day of EL against gender violence**

[EL preparatory I working group + el-fem, c/o Ch.Reymann]

political frame: EL organized

financial frame: costs have to be covered by member parties

publicity and press work: EL material

25.-26.11. EL participation in the International Conference “The Communists and democratic forces for human rights and democracy in Europe and the world – actively against anti-communism”, Prague

[hosted by CPBM]

political frame: participation

financial frame: travel costs for EL representatives

publicity and press work: web-page

December

01.12. **EL Executive Board – call conference**

08./09.12. **EL Council of Chairpersons meeting**, Brussels

R.: EL ExB Secretariat

financial frame: translation, technical equipment, accommodation, lunch, travel costs)

15.-17.12. International **EL-Conference “Austro-Marxism and left wing programmes** - on occasion of the 70th anniversary of Otto Bauers work: “Between 2 world wars“ – movements – parties – hegemony”

political frame: EL organized

financial frame: co-financing by host organization and EL

requested EL budget , travelling- and accommodation, infrastructure and public relation costs all together

publicity and press work

15.-17.12. Participation of EL representatives in the **13th meeting of the Sao Paulo Forum**, El Salvador

political frame: participation

financial frame: travel and accommodation costs for EL representatives

publicity and press work

- ★ Mutual steps for deepening the cooperation within different parties
 - Romania - SAP (proposed 2nd half of October /first half of November)
 - Great Britain - Respect, (annual Conference of Respect in 15 –16 October 2006)
 - Moldova - PC of Moldova (November 2006)
 - Norway and Sweden (IV. Quarter 2006)
 - Slovakia - CP of Slovakia (IV. Quarter 2006)
 - Cyprus (talks with various political partners)
 - Turkey
 - Starting approach to eventually to other Balkan countries (Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia) (IV. Quarter 2006/ I. Quarter 2007)
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- financial frame: travel and accommodation costs for EL representatives

perspectives for **2007**

- ★ political topics and themes the EL is striving for in 2007
 - see the special **draft paper of EL working schedule 2007** distributed later towards the EL ExB meeting
- ★ to consider the from 2006 postponed activities of 2006
 - 🕒 EL Conference “Neutrality as peace and security-political alternative to EU-militarisation”, Salzburg
political frame: EL co-financed and organized
 - 🕒 EL Conference, "Basic Income as alternative living and working concept, Vienna
political frame: EL organized
 - 🕒 EL Conference on peace, cooperation and ecological protection of the Balkan region in relation with EU enlargement, Thessaloniki (originally planned November 2006),
political frame: EL organized
- ★ Important **national data** and **data of the EL Member/Observer-parties** to be considered for the EL working schedule
 - 23.-25.03.2007 2nd session of the 10th Party Congress of Left Party.PDS and parallel Party Congress of WASG to decide on party construction of new Left party in Germany, Dortmund
 - April/May presidential elections in France
 - May 2007 Parliamentarian elections in France
 - 15-16 June 2007 3rd session of the 10th Party Congress of Left Party.PDS and in parallel Party Congress of WASG – Founding Congress of the new German Left, Berlin
 - 18.-21.10.2007 2nd Social-Forum in Germany, Cottbus

please forward or add important events from your national parties working schedule / agenda

★ Important national data or international events to be considered for the long-time EL working schedule

- 01.01. – 30.06.2007 German EU presidency
- 25.03.2007 50th anniversary of the Rome treaties – EU conference
- 06./07.06. 2007 G-8 summit Heiligendamm, Heiligendamm (Germany)
- 01.07. – 31.12.2007 Portuguese EU presidency
- 01.01.-30.06.2008 Slovenian EU presidency
- 01.07. –31.12.2008 French EU presidency
- June 2009 Elections to the European Parliament