

PES 2025 Congress Resolution

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Over the past three days, inspiring voices from across Europe and around the world have come together in Amsterdam. Activists, politicians, trade unionists, journalists, artists, athletes, scholars, and philosophers.

We are here because our societies are facing profound and urgent challenges – challenges that threaten the everyday lives of our citizens and the progress that we've fought so hard to achieve.

We know what happens when dangerous extremist ideas spread. Even now, we can see how they threaten our rights and democracies. This is why we cannot afford to stand by. We cannot leave the future in the hands of right-wing regressive and reactionary forces. We cannot let them derail the urgent action needed – for justice, equality, freedom, democracy, and for the survival of our planet. We cannot let them divide us.

This mobilisation is a call to action: for Progress and the Future of our Societies. It is a stance taken by those who believe that progress must be protected and advanced.

## Because we are at a crossroads:

War has returned to our continent and beyond. The horrors unfolding in Ukraine and the eradication of the people of Gaza constitute a deliberate assault on the rules-based international order and inaction to defend it risks eroding the foundation of our common humanity.

**A new world order is emerging.** Power is shifting and militarisation is on the rise. Old alliances are being put to the test. A retreat into nationalism is undermining international cooperation and multilateralism.

**The far-right** is an integral part of the political landscape. It is fuelling fear, preying on insecurity and dividing our societies while chipping away at the foundations of democracy.

**Climate disasters** are happening across Europe and the world highlighting the urgent need for climate action. The impact of climate change has already cost thousands of lives. Climate change can no longer be denied. We need a fair transition.

**The gap in social equality is increasing.** High inflation and the cost of living have significantly affected our citizens. Women and minorities being the most affected. Young people need equal opportunities and our seniors require fair pensions and care.

**Women's rights are being eroded.** Hard-won freedoms, ranging from access to sexual and reproductive healthcare to protection from violence, are under renewed threat.

**LGBTIQ+ communities** are also facing a coordinated backlash. Their rights, safety, and identities are being challenged, censored, and politicised by the far-right.

**Migrants are increasingly criminalised** and used as a scapegoat for social and economic hardships and to justify discriminatory policies.

As we gather at this extraordinary event in Amsterdam, we are calling for robust and rapid solutions.



## We are standing for:

- Upholding the rule of law at all levels and safeguarding our democratic institutions and fundamental rights.
- ☼ Defending civil liberties and a free, pluralistic media environment to ensure that public debate remains open, informed, and democratic.
- Protecting and investing in public services especially healthcare, education, and care so that they remain universal, accessible, and high-quality.
- **Guaranteeing good fair working conditions, wages**, and strong **labour rights** for all workers, reinforcing democracy in the workplace.
- **Guaranteeing peace through a strong commitment to multilateralism**, to non-proliferation and preventive diplomacy, and respecting international law.
- **Building a strategically autonomous Europe** that anticipates and responds to crises, protects its citizens, upholds its values, and acts as a reliable partner in collective security.
- **Enhancing our economic competitiveness** to foster **innovation** and create **quality jobs** across all regions in Europe.
- \* Addressing social inequalities by ensuring access to affordable and sustainable housing for all, and designing cities and villages with people not profit in mind.
- **Ending poverty** across Europe and in the world by addressing its root causes.
- **Ensuring a green and digital transition that is just, fair, inclusive, and human-centred** making our societies more sustainable, boosting our competitiveness, and generating new employment opportunities.
- **Promoting women's rights and gender equality** by ensuring equal pay, combating gender-based violence, and guaranteeing full representation of women in political, economic, and social life.
- **Advancing the rights of LGBTIQ+ people** by promoting dignity, protection, and full equality under the law.
- **Fighting racism and protecting civic space**, especially where civil society is under threat.
- **Strengthening youth participation**, ensuring intergenerational solidarity and justice, and giving older and future generations the tools and opportunities that they deserve.

We believe that this **Progressive Mobilisation** provides exactly **the momentum needed for our times**. It is the impulse that our democracies need. The strength required to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and to defend the rules-based international order. It is the urgent voice of workers' dignity and rights, calling for quality jobs and decent wages. It is the vital call for peace, international solidarity, global cooperation, and multilateralism. It is the voice that can champion women's rights and true gender equality. It is the spearhead that fights against racism, hatred, and all forms of discrimination. A voice that defends our planet, that insists on ethical AI, and a fair digital transition.

We cannot face these challenges alone. As socialists and social-democrats, we must join forces with like-minded progressive partners in Europe and across the globe. That is why **we call for the launch of a Global Progressive Mobilisation**, bringing together progressive parties, movements, organizations, and foundations committed to build a better world. Only by standing united can we have the critical mass needed to fight back for a future of peace, democracy, equality and progress

This Progressive Mobilisation must be the start of such a movement that ensures equal rights and real opportunities for all in our continent and in the world. It must be the force that can shape the future of our societies, a future grounded on equality, sustainability, and solidarity.

**Progressive Mobilisation 2025** 



This progressive mobilisation is the voice our times demand: for dignity, equality, peace, and a healthy planet.

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