



YOUNG EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS

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Resolution on the International Human Rights Day

On the 10th December international community around the world celebrates International Human Rights Day. Unfortunately apart the official celebrations, the reality remains far from one to be celebrated.

In Europe, which according to all the reports, preserve high standard of human rights, it still seems to be far from the fulfilment of what we, as young socialists and social democrats would call human right order. There are still many cases of human trafficking in Europe, especially from neighbours and new member states to so call old ones significantly underlines still remaining division in Europe. Child labour persists in too many cases and weaken the social cohesion and damages the long-term perspectives of the countries. The immigration and security policies inside of EU allow many human rights violations to happen. We have to change it. All the European policies must take into consideration this issue.

From a socialist and a social-democratic perspective, the struggle for human rights is not only a moral guideline, but above all a fight for social rights and social standards for each and for all. Fighting for human rights is also fighting for a modern social Europe, Europe in which every person has a guarantee fair living and working conditions. Taking equality as an indicator, the convergence between different living standards inside of the EU must be a priority. The neo-liberal policies, attacking the working conditions are for us responsible for fundamental rights violations.

We call the PES to push for a European agenda for the improvement of the social and human rights and the socialist and social-democratic parties to push for it at the national level.