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Speak up, against the uprising darkness

**[Sign this Public Statement](#) against the rising far right, racism and
discrimination in Europe.**

More than 110 Organizations & Communities of the **Civil Society** in Greece and other European countries, co-sign a **Public Statement**, which **reflects our deep worry for the rise of racism, xenophobia and far right in the whole of Europe and demands a response** in the upcoming European Parliament - **EU elections 2019**.

We ask from the political forces in Europe to speak up and act against the uprising far-right, Racism and Discrimination. This **Public Statement** was created by the organizing committee of the annual **Walk Against Discrimination** on the 21st of March 2019, on the International Day Against Discrimination & Racism (find more about the Walk Against Discrimination 2019 [here](#)).

The **committee** consists of the: *Greek Forum of Migrants, Racist Violence Recording Network, Hellenic League for Human Rights, PRAKSIS, Migrant Integration Council of the City of Athens, Transgender Association in Greece and HumanRights360o.*

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The **Public Statement** will be sent to the **leaders of the EU's elections candidate lists of the political parties in Greece and the head of the EU Parliament parties**, and
- We will **invite them to inform the public** about their position and actions against the rise of far-right, racism and discrimination in Europe, **in a Press Conference** that will be held some days before the EU elections in Athens, Greece.

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PUBLIC STATEMENT

Against racism and discrimination

The co-signing of this Public Statement is a way to express **our deep worry for the rise of racism, xenophobia and far right in Europe**. The diffusion of nationalism, intolerance and xenophobia, although fostered by the financial and social conditions, cannot solve any of the cross-European problems. Such ideas may only generate worse problems.

Political powers of the far right, launch explosive rhetoric and systematically **implement in the public dialog reductive approaches** for tough identity issues. As an answer to insecurity and crisis representation, far-right parties promise hate.

Nowadays, theories of culture dominance, isolation, anti-Semitism, islamophobia, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, pervasive malignity and historical revisionism spread worldwide. For all the above reasons, **the up-coming European elections are of high importance**.

Facing such challenge several political powers succumb to this pressure, adopt a far-right agenda and solely focus on the issues of migration, law and order. However, in this way, they only expedite what they were supposed to control, **the rise of the nationalistic autarchy that under-mixes the foundations of democracy and united Europe**. We highlight the division in migration related issues in national and European level that is used as a base or lever for the promotion of far-right ideas.

More specifically, in Greece we highlight the phenomenon of racist violence that continues to threaten the rule of law. Moreover, we point that **the rhetoric of hate which poisons the sense of security and social coherence**, sometimes derives from people that hold a civil position and responsibility.

We follow the updates regarding the trial of neo-nazi organization “Golden Dawn”, hoping that justice will be attributed in the best possible way, sending a clear message to the families of the victims and whole European society. In any case, the presence of G.D. and its criminal actions under the veil of being a parliamentary party constitute **a continuous reminder of the consequences of the lack of a prompt, structured and decisive reaction** in institutional, political and social level against incidents of racism and intolerance.

This is why **rhetorical conviction of racism is not sufficient as a reaction. Several political actions are required** in order to restrict discriminations and take out of the margin the group of people facing such discriminations. It is essential that a loud voice of confrontation against

racism and intolerance will be presented in all levels. A brave approach of the youth is necessary as well as their integration and active participation together with the vulnerable social groups.

With the occasion of the European elections, **we ask from political forces to take position, defend, protect and inform** the citizens about **the specific actions they are willing to take against the rise of far-right in Europe and in every single country.**

The fight against discrimination and racism in Greece and Europe, is a fight that has to be victorious. A fight we have to win.

Athens, March 2019

*Co-signed by 110+ Organizations & Communities of the **Civil Society** in Greece and other European countries:*

European Networks:

ENAR- European Network Against Discrimination
European Grassroots Antiracist Movement – EGAM
UNITED for Intercultural Action

GREECE:

ΑΝΕΜΟΣ ΑΝΑΝΕΩΣΗΣ – Anemos Ananeosis
ΑΝΤΙΓΟΝΗ-ANTIGONE Information and Documentation Center on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence
ΑΡΣΙΣ - Arsis
ΒΑΒΕΛ Κέντρο Ημέρας - BABEL Day Center
Γιατροί του Κόσμου - Medecins du Monde
Δικηγόροι Χωρίς Σύνορα - Lawyers without borders
ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΓΙΑ ΤΑ ΔΙΚΑΙΩΜΑΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΙΔΙΟΥ - Network for Children's Rights
Δίκτυο καταγραφής περιστατικών Ρατσιστικής Βίας - Racist Violence Recording Network (RVRN)
Δίκτυο Ομότιμων Χρηστών Ψυχοδραστικών Ουσιών - ΔΟΧΨΟ, Drug Peers Net
ΔΥΥΑΔ Δίκτυο Υποστήριξης Υπερασπιστών Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων - Human Rights Defenders' Support Network DYYAD
Εθνική Συνομοσπονδία Ατόμων με Αναπηρία (ΕΣΑμεΑ) - National Confederation of Disabled People (NCDP)
Ελληνική Δράση για τα Ανθρώπινα Δικαιώματα – Πλειάδες, Hellenic Action for Human Rights Pleiades
Ελληνική Ένωση για τα Δικαιώματα του Ανθρώπου ΕΛΕΔΑΠ - Hellenic League for Human Rights
Ελληνική Πλατφόρμα για την Ανάπτυξη - Hellenic Platform for Development
Ελληνικό Παρατηρητήριο Συμφωνιών του Ελσίνκι - Greek Helsinki Monitor
Ελληνικό Φόρουμ Μεταναστών – Greek Forum of Migrants GFM (Association of Cameroonians of Greece, Congolese Community in Greece, Ethiopian Socio-Cultural Center "Aithiops", Ghanaian

Community in Greece, Union of Guinea of Greece, Kenyan Community in Greece (KCG), Union of Madagascar, Nigerian Women Organization of Greece, Nigerian Community of Greece, Association of Senegalese of Athens, Unione of Sierra Leonese, Tanzanian Community in Greece, Zanzibar Association in Greece, African Network in Greece, United African Women Organization Greece, Afghan Migrants & Refugees Community in Greece, Bangladeshi Community of Greece, Greek Indian Cultural Company, Greek Pakistan Association of Greece, Federation of Albanian Communities in Greece, Georgian Cultural Center "Caucasus", Greek Georgian Union "Dioskouria", Hellenic Moldovans Association «ΟΡΦΕΥ», Association of Russian speaker and friends of Russia of the Municipality of Trikala, Ukrainian Community `The land of stork`, United Ukraine Union, Egyptian Community in Greece "El Rapta", Association of Moroccans in Greece, Palestinian Workers Union in Greece, Somalian Community in Greece, Greek Sudanese Friendship League, Sudanese Community, Association of Free Expats of Syria, Syrian House in Greece, Arab Association in Ambelokipi - Athens, Migrant Women Network "Dimitra", Zagel Refugee Group, LGBT Refugee Group

Ελληνικό Φόρουμ Προσφύγων – Greek Forum of Refugees GFR

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Θετική Φωνή Σύλλογος Οροθετικών Ελλάδος – Positive Voice

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Οργάνωση ΓΗ - Organization EARTH

ΠΑΜΠΕΙΡΑΪΚΗ - Πρωτοβουλία Υποστήριξης Μεταναστών και Προσφύγων

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Πρωτοβουλία για τα Δικαιώματα των Κρατουμένων

ΣΥΔ Σωματείο Υποστήριξης Διεμφυλικών - Transgender Support Association

Συμβίωση-Σχολή πολιτικών σπουδών στην Ελλάδα, μέλος Δικτύου Σχολών Συμβουλίου της Ευρώπης

Συμβούλιο Ένταξης Μεταναστών Δήμου Αθηναίων - SEM, Integration Migrant's Council - City of Athens

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Σύλλογος Βοήθειας Παιδιών Lalibela - Children Support Organization

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Humanrights360o

HYP Hellenic Youth Participation

INTER ALIA

Melissa - Network of Migrant Women in Greece

PRAKSIS

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Velos Youth Center

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SOS Razzismo Italia

UNITED KINGDOM:

Runny Mede trust

CYPRUS:

KISA - Equality, Support, Antiracism

HOLLAND:

European Race and Imagery Foundation

IRELAND:

Africa Solidarity Centre Ireland (Africa Centre Ireland)

**If you are an Organization or Community that wants to co-sign the Public Statement, please send us an email to greekforumofmigrants@gmail.com*

***PLEASE SHARE & SIGN the #makethemact PUBLIC STATEMENT,
Let's UNITE OUR VOICES & SPEAK UP***

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