

# Invitation to a PUBLIC HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE



## OUR ALTERNATIVES TO THE GLOBAL CRISIS ASSESSING THE EU GOVERNMENTS SOLUTIONS TO THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

The financial crash is now haunting the planet for more than one year and has fully spilled over to the real economy, with the worst impacts for people still to come. Unemployment is soaring everywhere, insolvencies are reaching unprecedented levels, and social systems are even more put under pressure. This urgency however has not led the **EU governments** and the **European Commission** to truly change course. Instead of engaging in financial reforms which tackle the root causes of the crisis, the EU proposals so far are limited and short of what is needed to shape a sound financial system. The rescue and stimulus measures undertaken until now are – in principle – a step in the right direction to avoid the total collapse of the economies.

The European Attac Network, the Seattle to Brussels Network, Eurodad, Friends of the Earth Europe, Corporate Europe Observatory, SOMO Netherlands, WEED Germany, Transnational Institute, CBRM, 11.11.11., CNCD and the Belgian Social Forum invite to a High Level conference

- To critically discuss the positions and proposal the EU is putting forwarding in the G20 meeting as regards the reform of the financial architecture and solutions to the economic crisis and
- To present our proposals and solutions to solve the financial, social and ecological crisis and what kind of democratic process and public participation is required.

**Date: 25 September 2009**

**Venue: Mundo-B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Brussels - Belgium**

**Metro: Porte namur**

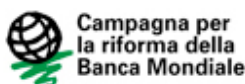
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## Brussels 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009

11.00 - 11.30	Registration and Welcome
11.30 - 13.00	<p><b>Putting Finance into its place – a critical assessment of the EU governments responses so far and proposal of civil society organisations</b></p> <p><b>Pedro Paez</b>, <i>Member of Stiglitz Commission, Ecuador</i> <b>Pervenche Berès</b>, <i>Member of the European Parliament, Former Chair of the Committee on Economics and Monetary Affairs (ECON) (tbc)</i> <b>Maria Helena Andre</b>, <i>Deputy General Secretary, ETUC (tbc)</i> <b>Yiorgos Vassalos</b>, <i>Corporate Europe Observatory</i> <b>Dominique Plihon</b>, <i>President of the Scientific Council Attac France</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Marta Ruiz</b>, <i>Eurodad</i></p>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch (Sandwiches served at the venue)
14.00 - 15.30	<p><b>Addressing the social and ecological crisis – a critical assessment of EU governments responses so far and proposal of civil society organisations</b></p> <p><b>Ronald Janssen</b>, <i>Economic Adviser, ETUC</i> <b>Keti Medarova-Bergstrom</b>, <i>Friends of the Earth Europe and Bankwatch</i> <b>Myriam Vander Stichele</b>, <i>Seattle to Brussels Network (tbc)</i> <b>Alexandra Strickner</b>, <i>European Attac Network</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Brid Brennan</b>, <i>Transnational Institute</i></p>
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.30	<p><b>Closing Session – Challenges in advancing alternatives in Europe</b></p> <p><b>Thomas Wallgren</b>, <i>Coalition for comprehensive democracy, Finland (tbc)</i> <b>Brid Brennan</b>, <i>Transnational Institute (tbc)</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Peter Wahl</b>, <i>Weed</i></p>

The conference languages are English and French.

To register for the Conference: <http://www.time-for-change.net/registration.php>

