



As DiEM25 enters a critical stage ahead of the 2019 European Parliament elections, the creation of a Provisional National Collective (PNC) in Spain has gained more and more traction. Towards the end of 2017, DiEMers from various Spanish regions travelled to Madrid to meet and explore the idea, which they followed up with a videoconference call.

Essentially, the need to strengthen our movement in the Eurozone's fourth-largest economy has become more evident than ever. While the Spanish membership growth has been impressive (after the United Kingdom and Germany, Spain and Greece represent the countries with the biggest number of DiEM25 members - 6,100 and 6,181 respectively), seizing the opportunity to turn Spain into a major contributor to our pan-European goals requires a significant coordination effort.

Considering that Spain will also hold regional and municipal elections in 2019 – and that the odds for snap general elections in the same year are rising due to the government's ongoing decay (Rajoy's administration is engulfed in corruption scandals and sees itself threatened by the meteoric rise of the Macron-inspired Ciudadanos party) – the time seems ripe for a PNC to help organise DiEM25's presence in Spain and boost our activists' work.

Across DiEM25, the process of PNC appointment and NC election varies widely, adapting to DiEM25's local presence and needs. A general call to all DiEM25 members in Spain to participate in the PNC process seems in order. The aim in making such a general call is two-fold:

- To entice those members in Spain who have been following the movement to step up and take on a more active role – even if they are not able to volunteer as PNC members themselves, they may wish to assist this new coordinating organ as ex-officio, take the plunge to create new DSCs, etc.

- To avoid placing the entire burden of the PNC's tasks and coordination efforts solely on our currently active Spanish DSCs, as they must also seize all the human resources available to organise local events, awareness campaigns, etc. ahead of 2019. Thus, in this case, it seems sensible to invite some of the skilled volunteers identified during the assemblies, as well as recruit others by way of a general call to all DiEM25 members in Spain.

Your endorsement of this new step in the organisation of DiEM25 in Spain would truly be appreciated – it would most certainly boost our growing Spanish membership's desire to making an even greater contribution, serving the movement and creating an organisation worthy of DiEM25's fourth biggest country.