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LAVORO SE: DiEM25 presents radical new campaign to reclaim labour rights in Italy
(June 21, Milan)

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MILANO 18:30

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OUR PROPOSAL TO RADICALLY CHANGE THE JOB MARKETPLACE

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After launching Lavoro Se, a radical new campaign to reclaim labour rights in Italy, DiEM25 is heading to Milan to host a series of debates around the four main proposals of the campaign.

The event, taking place on Tuesday, June 21 at 18:30 in Milan, Arci Bellezza, with the participation of Yanis Varoufakis, Daniela Padovan, Martina Comparelli and Federico Dolce, will address the deteriorating labour conditions in Italy.

Italy is the only European country where the average wage has decreased over the last 30 years. Thirty years of neoliberal policies have destroyed workers' rights, instead of turning Italy into a prosperous country. The dominant narrative pushed entrepreneurs to invest in sectors with low added value and low productivity, following business models that are based solely on the underpaid exploitation of workers.

The result is **more than 4 million people who despite working remain below the poverty line, skyrocketing youth unemployment, widespread undeclared work and an asphyxiated labour market.**



This is why we're presenting four policy proposals to end this exploitation once and for all and reclaim labour rights in Italy, through:

1) Right to Disconnect and Reduce Working Time

We work too long and we are always reachable, reduction of working time to 36 hours and right to disconnection to have more free time and more attention to the needs of the individual

2) Wage increases

Wages must rise again, wage increases decided at contract renewals must be tax-free

3) Universal Basic Income

A basic income that allows the freedom to choose one's work, no longer forced to accept any job under any conditions.

4) Citizenship Work

Everyone has the right to have a job where they live so there is a need for a comprehensive public plan linked to the needs of the community

"Even Europe's actions can change little as long as we are not able to influence the public debate in an effective and constant manner; the population knows that the situation is dramatic, but we must first of all create the conditions for this problem to have a due and serious representation in the public discourse, and relative representation among the legislators, otherwise there will be no European directive that holds. We must be able to counter this effectively, but this costs money and resources. We have to do this quickly, because within a few months the European minimum wage directive will be debated in Parliament and risks being neutralised without adequate public pressure. We have to do this because on the other side the neo-liberals are organising to collect signatures and wipe out what little is left of the welfare state to protect the last, the elderly, the sick. It is not acceptable to be forced to choose between the right to work and the right to health," says Federico Dolce, spokesperson for DiEM25 in Italy, promising to fight and not waste a single precious day until the four proposals of the campaign enter the public debate in the country.

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