



## PRESS RELEASE

### The future passes through MERA25 – the time is now Yanis Varoufakis launches MERA25 in Italy

Saturday 12 November from 11.00 am  
Acquario Romano (Piazza Manfredo Fanti 47)

with Federico Dolce, together with members of our movement from all over Europe to launch MERA25 the diem25 party in Italy.

*At last, a radical, credible, rebellious, international opposition.*

The political situation in Italy after the vote is serious, but not surprising: populism, racism, hatred, are the poisoned fruits of decades of European economic and social policies, in Italy as in the rest of Europe. Now that Meloni has handed us the most right-wing government in Republican history, the first acts taken do not contradict expectations: a right-wing that is strong with the weak, docile with the strong, that wants to undermine civil and social rights with one hand, and with the other already pays its electoral bills to tax evaders and evaders. But it will not be able to solve the structural problems of our country.

The centre-left has been crushed by itself, by its own inability to present a political proposal that is up to the enormous challenges of our time: an electoral agglomeration that takes on the unrealistic Draghi Agenda, but does not give concrete answers to the millions of families in poverty, on how to guarantee peace, on how to implement an environmental turnaround starting with criticism of the current development model that is clearly at odds with life itself on the planet.

The 5 Star Movement seems to have regained strength after the election campaign, but an entire legislature in government and support for Salvini and Draghi has brought a real collapse in what was supposed to be their revolutionary drive.

After Greece and Germany, in Italy too Diem25 launches a challenge to all progressives, presenting innovative and radical proposals that are the result of a five-year listening exercise that has spanned the whole of Italy, from social and labour rights to environmental rights, because today it is more necessary than ever to implement an environmental turnaround starting from criticism of the current development process that is decidedly at odds with life itself on the planet.

MERA25 looks to a society that, instead of putting the market, profit (of the few), and insane and unbridled consumption at the centre, responds to the needs of its citizens, makes everyone's life worth living, and safeguards and respects the environment. Fighting inequality, poverty, Green New Deal, the Non-Aligned Movement, overcoming Dublin, European constitution are just some of the priorities of the MERA25 programme.

Another left-wing party? No, a new progressive formation with its head in Europe and legs in Italy because the challenge today is global.



The close connection with our DiEM25 movement, the European projection, the transnational reference structure, our democratic processes: these are the elements that make MERA25 an unprecedented party.

"Italy has a neo-fascist government because the Italian left has failed to present a radical, realist, humanist and Europeanist alternative to the oligarchic policies of Brussels and Frankfurt, to which the centrist parties and the Italian oligarchs have completely surrendered. The last thing Italy needs today is another useless little left-wing party. What Italy needs now is a left-wing party with a radically progressive pan-European agenda and a transnational organisation. MERA25 the new party that DiEM25 will present in Rome on 12 November aspires to be that party." Yanis Varoufakis Co-founder of Diem25 and leader of Mera25 Greece.

The aim is to create a mass and capillary political space that will allow the battles that DiEM25 conducts in society to be taken to the electoral level, and then to the institutional level, and that will offer a home to the hundreds of thousands of people who do not feel represented by politics and organisations that fight just battles, but find themselves without representation.

"Today more than ever, Italy needs to overcome the old and fallacious schemes with which politics and the media still try - failing - to read society. The vision of the future has remained anchored to an ideal worthy of the 1960s. The world has changed, our lives have changed, we can no longer offer our young people a perspective worth pursuing, we no longer care about our fellow citizens in difficulty, deluding ourselves that their problems do not involve us. A new era awaits us, whether we want it or not. It is our duty to offer a coherent, radical and credible proposal for the future. Not just for them but for all of us". Federico Dolce National Spokesperson Diem25 Italy.

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