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Roger Waters comes out in support for German political party MERA25

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Pink Floyd founding member Roger Waters, who in recent years has faced backlash for his criticism of Israel's human rights violations and staunch defence of the rights of Palestinians, has publicly expressed his support for German political party MERA25—which is part of DiEM25, the pan-European political movement—in the upcoming EU elections.

In a video published on social media, Rogers emphasised that MERA25 is the only political party in Germany “speaking out on the Palestinian plight, when all others are keeping quiet”. Rogers calls on people in Germany to support MERA25’s effort to collect 5,000 signatures by the end of February, which would make the party eligible for the upcoming June elections.

Rogers’ statement comes days ahead of a tour in Germany by DiEM25 co-founder Yanis Varoufakis, which begins on 16 February. [Varoufakis will take part in events in Berlin, Munich and Frankfurt.](#)

Roger Waters:

There is a political party in Germany that is speaking out on the Palestinian plight when all others are keeping quiet, MERA25 (...) MERA25 need 5000 signatures to be eligible to run in the European elections next June. Just as has happened to me, they are also being targeted by the German establishment. Don't let the establishment win. Please, help them get there by the end of this month and join them as they bring a German voice for reason, peace, and universal human rights to the European Parliament. Let's do the 5000 names for MERA25, there's lots and lots of us. Let's do it today (...).

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Karin De Rigo joined DiEM25 more than a year ago, working as coordinator of the local group in Berlin. She is a buyer and has worked for years in the world of retail online and offline. Born and raised in Italy, she studied languages and economy in Milan and has then lived in Switzerland and now in Germany. Her areas of interest are philosophy, sustainability with focus on fashion and politics.

Yanis Varoufakis is a Greek economist, author and politician. He served as the Greek Minister of Finance from January to July 2015, where he led negotiations with Greece's creditors. He tendered his resignation when he found out that the government intended to sign the EU memorandum, despite a countrywide referendum in which the Greeks voted overwhelmingly against it. In 2016 he co-founded DiEM25 and is the Secretary General of MeRA25, DiEM25's political party in Greece. Yanis Varoufakis just released the book "Technofeudalism, What Killed Capitalism" (Ed. Penguin Books, interviews available at The Guardian and The Times UK).

DiEM25

<https://diem25.org>

DiEM25 is a pan-European movement of democrats, united under the conviction that the EU will only survive if it is radically transformed. The environmental, economic and coronavirus crisis have shown that real solutions for the majority and not the minority can only come about if we join forces across borders. This is the mission of DiEM25: through a coordinated effort, across Europe, to unite citizens and create enough energy to save the EU from itself.

