

PRESS RELEASE

# DiEM25 and MERA25 engage in Palestine Congress for Solidarity, Justice and Peace

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DiEM25 and its German political party MERA25 are proud to announce their participation in the upcoming Palestine Congress, taking place in Berlin from April 12th to 14th, 2024.



In a joint initiative between the Berlin-based organisation Jüdische Stimme für Gerechten Frieden in Nahost (Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in the Middle East) and DiEM25, the necessary funding has been successfully secured through donations to ensure that the Palestine Congress can move forward. Karin de Rigo, MERA25's top candidate for the European Elections in Germany, will be moderating a panel discussion with Yanis Varoufakis and delivering the closing intervention.

"We stand in solidarity with all those seeking justice and are committed to the principles of democracy and human rights. This Congress represents a significant moment for those of us advocating for Palestinian rights, offering a platform for solidarity against repression and a pathway to engage the German government on issues of accountability. Joining forces with other organisations at the Palestine Congress, we aim to contribute to the global



dialogue on justice for Palestine. We're committed to calling out and confronting Germany's involvement in the atrocities against Palestinians in Gaza," Karin de Rigo shared.

The congress will also be livestreamed for public viewing - link to the livestream will be posted on the <u>homepage</u> of the Palestine Congress.

Timings of the Livestream:

Friday (12.4) from 2 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Saturday (13.4) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday (14.4) from 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

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#### Note to editors

#### Karin De Rigo



Karin De Rigo was born and raised in Italy, she studied languages and economics in Milan and lived in Switzerland before moving to Germany. She coordinates the MERA25 group in Berlin and was elected MERA25's lead candidate in Germany for the 2024 European elections in November 2023. As a candidate, she is committed to sustainability and global justice, in particular the realisation of a just peace in the Middle East.

## MERA25: A new party for radical change

For years, the number of people whose everyday lives are characterised by fears of decline and a bleak future has been on the rise. Wages are stagnating and many people are affected by exploitation and discrimination. At the same time, our planet continues to warm up and floods, droughts and forest fires are on the rise. The powerful in politics and business are jeopardising our livelihoods. Radically different policies are needed to change this. That's what we're doing - with MERA25. Our goals are:



Realistic - realisable, concrete and science-based.

Rebellious - We are not satisfied with the status quo and consistently stand up for the interests of the many.

Radical - We want real system change that gets to the root of the problems. Economically and socially.

### 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 what 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.