

## PRESS RELEASE

German, Greek and Italian MERA25 political parties launch the European Elections campaign on Nakba Day, May 15, in Athens, at the event "European Nakba: How the EU is covering up the genocide"

with Irish MEP Clare Daly, MeRA25 Greece leader Yanis Varoufakis, MeRA25 Greece candidate Faizal Zacharia El Masr, Jewish peace activist Iris Hefets and candidates of the MERA25 political parties in Germany (Karin De Rigo and Johannes Fehr) and Italy (Elettra Stamboulis and Federico Dolce)

Title: European Nakba: How the EU is covering up the genocide

Date and time: May 15 at 8:30 pm

Location: Trianon (Kodrigktonos 21, Athens)

This Nakba Day, May 15, join DiEM25 in Athens for the official launch of the European Elections campaign of MERA25 Germany, MERA25 Italy, and MeRA25 Greece. Ahead of the event, all speakers will gather at Eleutheria Square at 7 pm, for a demonstration against the ongoing genocide of Palestinians by the Israeli regime.

Since October 7th, DiEM25 and its MERA25 political parties have been staunch advocates for Palestinian rights. Two petitions launched attracted over 175,000 supporters globally and members have actively participated in protests and events calling for an end to the genocide in Gaza. Notably, MeRA25 Greece leader Yanis Varoufakis was recently also barred by German authorities from participating in a livestream at the Palestine Congress, as well as banned from entering the country.

MERA25 parties from Germany, Italy and Greece are running in the European elections with a firm commitment to peace and an end to Europe's involvement in Israel's war crimes. They share the conviction that Gaza's suffering echoes our own—its struggle is our struggle, its hope is our hope. May 15 serves as a rallying cry for those who dream of an independent, peaceful, just, and sustainable Europe, where every citizen can lead a dignified life.

The event will feature key speeches from MERA25 Greece by Yanis Varoufakis and Faizal Zacharia El Masr, Irish MEP Clare Daly, Jewish peace activist Iris Hefets, and candidates



from the MERA25 parties in Germany (Karin de Rigo and Johannes Fehr), Italy (Elettra Stamboulis and Federico Dolce).

We warmly invite all activists, supporters, and media to join us for this crucial event. For attendance details or further information, please reach out to:

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